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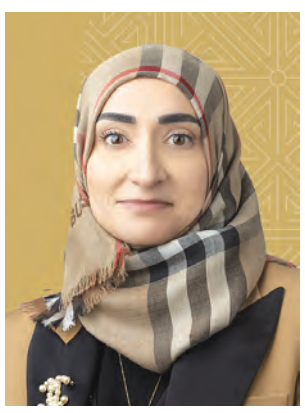
Capital Governor Meets US Ambassador

Capital Governor Shaikh Khalid bin Hamoud Al Khalifa received US Ambassador to Bahrain Stephanie Hallett at the governorate headquarters.

During the meeting, he reviewed key community initiatives and development programmes implemented by the Capital Governorate, including projects focused on youth empowerment, volunteerism and partnerships with public and private sector organisations.

Impact of Youth City 2030



Shura Council Services Committee Chairwoman Dr. Jamila Mohammed Redha Al Salman praised the programmes and activities of Youth City 2030, highlighting their role in developing young Bahrainis' skills and supporting national development.

She said the initiative provides a platform for training, creativity and innovation while preparing youth to meet future labour market requirements.

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Bapco Energies Launches NextGen Power Camp as Part of the NBH Future Energy Leaders Program

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Bapco Energies, the integrated energy company dedicated to powering the next generation and securing Bahrain's long-term energy, has launched the NextGen Power Camp, an immersive development experience for 100 high school students who qualified to participate in the Camp as part of the selection process for the undergraduate track of the NBH Future Energy Leaders Scholarship and Career Development Program.

The Camp brings together academic readiness activities, leadership development sessions, interactive workshops, and hands-on learning experiences designed to strengthen participants' personal, professional, and academic capabilities. Throughout the Camp, which is being held at INJAZ Bahrain, participants will engage with Bapco Energies professionals and gain insights into innovation, sustainability, emerging energy trends, and career pathways across the sector.

Commenting on the launch of the NextGen Power Camp, Mark Thomas, Group Chief Executive Officer of Bapco Energies, said: "Future-proofing our talent pipeline starts with investing in young Bahrainis today. Through the NextGen Power Camp, we are helping develop the next generation of leaders who will support the Kingdom of Bahrain's long-term energy ambitions."

The NBH Future Energy Leaders – Scholarship and Career Development Program is a flagship Bapco Energies initiative that supports high-achieving Bahrainis pursuing higher education at leading international universities. In addition to academic sponsorship, the Program provides mentorship, professional development opportunities, and industry exposure to help prepare participants for future careers.

Gears Up for Safe School Return

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The Southern Governorate Security Committee reviewed security requirements across the governorate and reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening community partnership, improving response times to public reports, and enhancing safety measures during its eighth meeting of 2026.

The meeting was chaired by Southern Governor HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, in the presence of Deputy Governor Brigadier Hamad Mohammed Al Khayat, Deputy Director-General of the Southern Governorate Police Directorate Colonel Shaikh Salman bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, and representatives of the Ministry of Interior's security agencies.

Opening the meeting, HH Shaikh Khalifa highlighted the committee's role in implementing the directives of Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa and addressing residents' security needs to reinforce safety and stability across the Southern Governorate.

He praised the close coordination between the governorate and various security authorities, noting that continued cooperation has contributed to faster responses to reports and improved services for residents.

The committee reviewed efforts by the General Directorate of Traffic and the Southern Governorate Police Directorate to prepare for the upcoming academic year. Discussions focused on ensuring smooth traffic flow around schools, increasing traffic patrols, and implementing measures to safeguard students.

HH Shaikh Khalifa stressed the importance of maintaining traffic movement on both main and secondary roads, while intensifying patrols and public awareness campaigns to enhance road safety throughout the governorate.

The Governor also reviewed a visual presentation by the Southern Governorate Police Directorate outlining security arrangements for upcoming events and activities, as well as operational statistics highlighting joint efforts to serve residents.

The General Directorate of Civil Defence presented a report on its key emergency responses during July. HH Shaikh Khalifa emphasised the importance of continued cooperation with Civil Defence to raise safety standards and promote greater public awareness of security and safety practices.

The committee also reviewed security observations and requests received from residents. HH Shaikh Khalifa commended the swift response by security agencies in monitoring and analysing reports and implementing solutions that contribute to community safety and wellbeing.

New Judicial Appointments Announced

Royal Order Names 33 Judges, Prosecutors to Key Judicial Posts

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has issued a Royal Order appointing 33 judges and public prosecutors to various courts and the Public Prosecution in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The appointments include 31 men and two women—Noor Abdullah Shehab Ahmed and Noora Jamal Al Sayed Mohammed Al Mualla—who have been appointed as Heads of Public Prosecution (Category B).

Under the Royal Order, Judge Wajeeh Al Sayed Ahmed Al Shaikh was appointed as a judge at the Court of Cassation, while Judge Maamoun Al Sayed Abdulhadi Mohammed and Judge Hatem Mostafa Mohammed Al Sayed were appointed as Presidents of the High Civil Court of Appeal. The order also included the appointment of several officials to senior judicial positions, including Heads of Public Prosecution (Category A) and Presidents of the High Civil Court.

Among those appointed as Heads of Public Prosecution (Category A) are Khalid Ahmed Abdullah Al Tamimi, Judge Mohammed Abdullah Mohammed Saleh, Judge Dr. Ali Mohammed Ahmed Al Jazzaf, Ahmed Kamel Mohammed Al Qurashi, Mohammed Ali Mohammed Al Nuaimi, Hassan Ahmed Hassan Al Muhaiza, Ahmed Jamal Saif Al Qallaf, Judge Isa Sami Ahmed Al Manaei, Ibrahim Isa Ali Al Banjasim, Judge Amer Abdulwahab Al Amer Al Hazani, Judge Nasser Ibrahim Mohammed Al Buainain and Abdullah Salah Salem Al Dhowadi.

The Royal Order also appointed several Deputy Judges at the High Civil Court and Heads of Public Prosecution (Category B) with the rank of Deputy Judge at the High Court. The appointments further included Judge Mohammed Shaheen Isa Al Hiyi Al Nuaimi as a Judge of the High Civil Court (Category B). In addition, Shaikh Juma Tawfiq Juma Al Dosari was appointed Deputy Judge at the High Sharia Court of Appeal (Sunni Circuit).

Shaikh Dr. Mohammed Fouad Mohammed Al Kuwari and Shaikh Dr. Yasser Mohammed Ibrahim Sayadi were appointed as judges at the High Sharia Court (Sunni Circuit), Category A, while Shaikh Hassan Mohammed Jafar Al Saeed and Shaikh Mohammed Ali Hussein Al Oraibi were appointed as judges at the High Sharia Court (Jaafari Circuit), Category A.

The Royal Order forms part of Bahrain's continued efforts to strengthen the judicial system and enhance the efficiency of courts and prosecution services.

Royal Call Focuses on Regional Security

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa held a telephone conversation with His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein of Jordan, during which they discussed bilateral relations and efforts to reduce regional tensions.

The two leaders reaffirmed their rejection and condemnation of attacks targeting Bahrain, Jordan and other countries in the region, stressing the importance of strengthening efforts to achieve peace, security and stability.

Labour Cooperation Discussed

Nibras Mohammed Taleb, Chief Executive Officer of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) and Chairman of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons, received Bangladesh Ambassador to Bahrain H.E. Mohammad Rais Hassan Sarower.

The LMRA chief welcomed the ambassador and stressed the importance of further enhancing cooperation between the two countries in areas of mutual interest.

Public Prosecution Reviews Equal Opportunity Initiatives

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Historic Bahrain Fort Tops Visitor Charts

July figures highlight growing interest in the Kingdom's cultural landmarks

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Bahrain Fort has strengthened its position as the Kingdom's leading cultural attraction, welcoming 9,142 visitors in July, the highest among all heritage and cultural sites, according to figures released on Bahrain's national open data platform.

The UNESCO-listed archaeological landmark attracted a broad mix of visitors, reflecting growing interest in Bahrain's rich history and cultural heritage. International tourists made up the largest group with 4,282 visitors, followed closely by 4,202 Bahrainis. The site also welcomed 455 GCC nationals, 120 visitors from other Arab countries, and 83 organised group visitors.

The strong turnout highlights Bahrain Fort's continued appeal as the country's flagship heritage destination and underscores ongoing efforts to promote cultural tourism.

The Bahrain National Museum ranked second with 2,432 visitors, attracting 1,201 foreign visitors, 472 Bahrainis, and 393 GCC nationals, in addition to visitors from Arab countries, schools, nurseries, travel agencies and organised groups.

The Tree of Life and Visitors Centre secured third place with 1,644 visitors, reaffirming its popularity as one of Bahrain's most iconic natural and cultural attractions.

Several other heritage destinations also recorded healthy visitor numbers during the month. The Al Jasra Handicrafts Centre welcomed 526 visitors, followed by the Arts Centre with 493, and the Pearl Trail with 454.

The Khalifa Library received 225 visitors, while the Sports Hall welcomed 190. The Bahrain Fort Museum recorded 124 visitors, followed by Sheikh Salman bin Ahmed Al Fateh Fort with 82 and Beit Al Jasra with 63.

The July figures reflect sustained public and tourist interest in Bahrain's archaeological sites, museums and traditional heritage, reinforcing the Kingdom's growing reputation as a destination where history, culture and tourism intersect.

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Historic landmark attracts more than 9,000 visitors as museums and cultural sites continue to draw crowds.

Al Sawari Theatre Wins Five Awards in Jordan

Bahraini theatre group earns top honours, showcasing its growing regional and international presence

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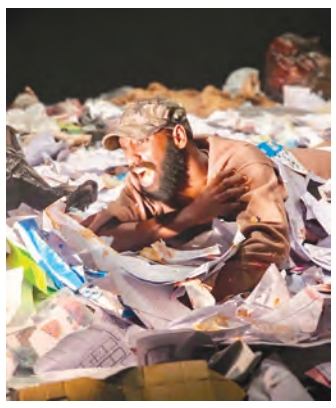

Bahrain's Al Sawari Theatre achieved a major cultural milestone after winning five awards at the closing ceremony of the Jerash Monodrama Festival in Jordan, reaffirming Bahraini theatre's ability to compete at Arab and international levels.

Members of Al Sawari Theatre said the achievement reflects the advanced position of Bahraini theatre and highlights the creative talents and artistic capabilities within the Kingdom's theatre scene.

The artists described the achievement as a new milestone in Bahrain's theatrical journey, especially since it was achieved amid strong competition from productions representing various Arab countries.

The Bahraini theatre group secured five awards during the festival's closing ceremony.

The play "The One Invited by Chance" won four awards: Best Integrated Performance, the Jury Special Award presented to actor Kamel Al Busaidi, the Best Director Award received by Ibrahim Al Mansi, and the Best Scenography Award awarded to artist Abdullah Al Bakri.

Meanwhile, Bahraini playwright Yousif Al Hamdan won the Best Theatre Script Award for his play "Mr Khashaba."

A Roof Over Every Family

Municipal schemes and donors restore dozens of homes in Northern Area

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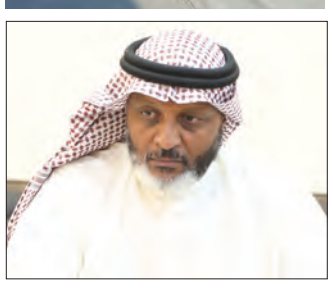

Abdullah Al Qubaisi

More than 50 families in the Northern Governorate have seen their homes repaired or protected against harsh weather conditions as part of ongoing efforts to improve housing for low-income households.

Councillor Abdulla Mubarak Belal Al Qubaisi said 52 homes in the ninth constituency benefited from repair and rain-insulation projects since December 2022, while a further 10 houses were restored through contributions from private donors.

The projects were carried out under the Towns and Villages Development programme by the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, with the aim of creating safer and more sustainable homes for eligible families.

According to municipal work records, 16 homes underwent maintenance and restoration works, including repairs following fire damage, while 36 properties received rain insulation to protect them from weather-related damage.

The housing improvement drive remains ongoing, with additional requests being processed. One project is currently under implementation, another is nearing the tender award stage, and three rain-insulation requests are undergoing technical and administrative procedures before work begins.

Al Qubaisi highlighted the role of community support in expanding the impact of these efforts, noting that private donors helped restore 10 additional homes for families in need.

He praised the cooperation between government authorities and community members, describing it as an example of Bahrain's culture of social responsibility and solidarity.

Visitor Spending Rebounds to BD86m

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Mohammed Darwish

Visitor spending in Bahrain roared back in May, wiping out much of the slump caused by the war and the shutdown of air travel. Payments made with bank cards issued outside the kingdom hit BD86.1 million, up 204 pc from March and close to the level seen before the crisis, Central Bank of Bahrain figures show.

The rebound followed a steep fall in March, when the US-Iran war, Iranian attacks on Bahrain and the closure of airspace hit travel and trade. Spending on foreign cards sank 63 pc from BD76.5m in February to BD28.3m in March. It then rose through April and May.

The May total was equal to about 98 pc of the BD87.9m spent through foreign cards in the same month last year.

Transaction numbers told the same story. They rose from 1.82m in March to 2.63m in April, then to 4.71m in May. That was a rise of 159.3 pc in two months and only 2.9 pc below the 4.85m transactions logged in May 2025. Spending on Bahrain-issued cards held up far better during the war.

It fell 9.5 pc from BD343.6m in February to BD311m in March, before climbing to BD333.5m in April and BD370.4m in May.

May spending was 11.1 pc higher than in April and 3.2 pc above the BD359m recorded a year earlier. A rush to buy goods in the first days of the war is thought to have softened the March fall.

Total point-of-sale and online payments reached BD596.2m in May. Point-of-sale spending stood at BD510m, against BD509.3m in May last year, a rise of 0.14 pc. Online spending was hit harder during the crisis. It fell 22.7 pc from BD148.2m in February to BD114.5m in March.

The drop came as imports plunged 57.7 pc, from BD523.1m in February to BD221.1m in March, showing how the disruption slowed trade at the height of the crisis and cut the flow of goods bought by households.

Foreign Card Transactions
March : 1.82 million
April : 2.63 million
May : 4.71 million
Two-month increase: +159.3%
Compared with May 2025 : 2.9% lower

Total Card Spending (May)
Total POS & online payments: BD596.2 million
Point-of-sale spending : BD510 million (+0.14% YoY)
Online spending :

Online payments rose to BD127.7m in April, up 11.5 pc, then climbed by 9.3 pc to BD139.6m in May. They were still 7.1 pc below the BD150.3m recorded in May 2025.

The figures show a sharp return in visitor spending once flights resumed, while card spending by Bahrain residents stayed above last year's level.

Court Acquits Gulf National in Enforcement Obstruction Case

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Rehab Mohammad

The court acquitted a Gulf national accused of obstructing enforcement proceedings after authorities could not seize vehicles linked to the execution of a civil judgment.

The Lower Criminal Court ruled that the prosecution failed to provide sufficient evidence proving the defendant intentionally prevented the enforcement of a court order.

The case stemmed from a previous civil ruling requiring the defendant to pay money in a financial dispute. During enforcement proceedings, authorities found no bank accounts registered in his name in Bahrain. Consequently, an enforcement officer obtained a court order to seize vehicles believed to belong to him.

When the officer attempted to carry out the seizure, the defendant stated that the vehicles had been sold as scrap years earlier. A criminal complaint was subsequently filed, alleging that he deliberately obstructed the enforcement process.

During the trial, the defendant argued that the outstanding debt had already been settled and submitted documents to support his claim. He also maintained that the vehicles had been disposed of well before the civil dispute arose.

In its ruling, the court found that the prosecution had not established that the defendant took any deliberate action to obstruct or prevent enforcement proceedings.

The court further noted that the case file did not specify when the vehicles were sold, making it impossible to determine whether the sale occurred before or after the civil lawsuit was filed or if it related to the enforcement process.

KPMG in Bahrain and Cygnet. One Host Seminar on e-Invoicing Readiness for Bahrain Businesses

KPMG in Bahrain, in collaboration with Cygnet. One, hosted an exclusive breakfast seminar titled "Bahrain e-invoicing Readiness: Practical Lessons from Market-Leading Practices". The seminar encouraged Finance, Tax, Technology and Operations leaders to explore the evolving landscape of digital tax transformation across the GCC region. With more than 220 business leaders in attendance, the event provided an open and interactive forum to discuss implementation considerations, address key concerns and clarify the overall e-invoicing readiness process.

As e-invoicing frameworks across the region move towards activation - with Saudi Arabia's FATOORA system already in effect and developments underway in the UAE and Oman - Bahrain businesses have a unique window of opportunity to learn from regional implementation experiences and begin preparing for future requirements. The seminar provided practical insights into the implementation process of e-invoicing that will impact business, tax and technology related policies and processes. The session drew on the lessons learned from the phased implementation in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Mubeen Khadir – Quote – "Digital tax transformation is one of the most significant shifts finance, tax and IT functions will navigate in the years ahead. With Saudi Arabia's e-invoicing regime well established and the UAE and Oman moving to mandatory phases from 2027, Bahrain businesses have a rich set of regional lessons to draw on - and many already have first-hand exposure. Preparing early is no longer optional - e-invoicing will fundamentally change how businesses deal with their suppliers, customers and the tax authority."

Niraj Hutheesing – Quote – "As Bahrain continues its digital transformation, e-Invoicing presents businesses with an opportunity to modernize the way they operate. The real value lies in bringing together high-quality data, secure technology, connected business systems and effective reconciliation between VAT returns and e-Invoicing data. This strengthens confidence in reporting, reduces compliance risks and enables better business decisions. At Cygnet. One, we are committed to helping organizations achieve 100% Tax Assurance by building the right foundations for successful e-Invoicing adoption. Beyond regulatory compliance, these capabilities enhance operational resilience, strengthen trust in financial data and support Bahrain's vision of a more transparent, efficient and digitally connected economy."

The seminar featured experts from KPMG in Bahrain and Cygnet.One, covering topics including an overview of the FATOORA framework, implementation challenges, technology integration, leading practices, and actions pertaining to practical readiness for business leaders in the Kingdom of Bahrain. It was an interactive seminar with attendees gaining a better understanding of how e-invoicing is evolving across the GCC, the practical challenges, key capabilities that may be impacted, and the steps businesses can take today to enhance their readiness.

Designed for CFOs, Finance and Tax leaders, CIOs, ERP and Data owners, Procurement professionals and Compliance leaders, the seminar's aim was to help organizations prepare for the next phase of Digital Tax Transformation by emphasizing the importance of early planning, strong data governance and technology readiness.

Bahrain Airport Company Announces Appointment of Ahmed Mohamed Janahi as Chief Executive Officer

Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), the operator and managing body of Bahrain International Airport, has announced the appointment of Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Janahi as Chief Executive Officer, effective 2nd of August 2026.

Ahmed Mohamed Janahi as Chief Executive Officer

Khalid Hussain Taqi, Chairman of Bahrain Airport Company

On this occasion, Mr. Khalid Hussain Taqi, Chairman of Bahrain Airport Company, affirmed that Mr. Ahmed Janahi possesses extensive experience and a deep understanding of the aviation sector and airport operations. He expressed confidence in Mr. Janahi's ability to continue advancing the company's performance, enhancing its operational efficiency, further improving the passenger experience, and supporting the delivery of its strategic priorities.

For his part, Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Janahi expressed his appreciation for the confidence placed in him, affirming his commitment to working closely with the Board of Directors, the company's team and its partners to build on the achievements made to date, further strengthen safety and operational efficiency, enhance the passenger experience, reinforce the position of Bahrain International Airport, and support the implementation of the Kingdom's National Aviation Strategy.

Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Janahi has more than 20 years of experience in the aviation sector, spanning airport operations, airline operations, safety, crisis management, compliance and corporate transformation. Prior to his appointment, he served as Acting Chief Executive Officer and Chief Airport Operations Officer at Bahrain Airport Company, where he oversaw airport operations, safety and crisis management, while coordinating with strategic partners at Bahrain International Airport. He also previously held senior leadership positions at Oman Air and Gulf Air, contributing to corporate transformation initiatives and operational development, in addition to serving on the Boards of Bahrain Airport Services (BAS) and Sabre Travel Network Middle East.

This appointment reflects Bahrain Airport Company's continued commitment to empowering national talent to lead the next phase of the airport's development, enhance its operational efficiency, and further strengthen Bahrain International Airport's position as a leading regional aviation hub.

Bahrain Clear Introduces Comprehensive Framework to Advance Bahrain's Capital Market Infrastructure

Bahrain Clear, a fully owned subsidiary of Bahrain Bourse, announced the adoption of enhanced Bahrain Clear Rules following approval by its Board of Directors and the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB). The enhanced rules establish a comprehensive framework governing clearing, settlement, depository, custody, pre-trade and post-trade services across Bahrain's capital market ecosystem.

The enhanced rules mark a significant milestone in the ongoing development of Bahrain's capital market infrastructure and strongly align with the recently unveiled comprehensive Capital Market Development Plan 2026-2028 "Elevate" aimed at elevating the market and forms an integral part of Bahrain Bourse's key strategic pillars which focuses on enhancing issuer and investor engagement.

By modernizing its environment and infrastructure, Bahrain Clear aims to improve operational efficiency, strengthen investor protection, and align local market standards with global best practices. The enhanced rules provide an integrated operational framework covering areas including but not limited to the membership requirements, risk management mechanisms, corporate actions processing, dispute resolution, and Guarantee Fund.

At the core of the rules is the introduction of a strengthened risk management structure that enhances Bahrain Clear's ability to support the orderly settlement of securities transactions and safeguard market integrity. This includes liquidity reserve arrangements, trading cap. controls, and clearly defined default management procedures designed to mitigate settlement risk and promote the continuity and resilience of post-trade operations.

"The implementation of Bahrain Clear Rules represents a defining milestone in the evolution of Bahrain's capital market infrastructure. The rules provide a modern and resilient foundation by strengthening risk management, enhancing investor protection, and increasing operational efficiency across the market."

- SHAIKH KHALIFA BIN EBRAHIM AL KHALIFA, CHAIRMAN OF BAHRAIN CLEAR

The rules also enhance operational efficiency through clearly defined clearing and settlement processes under a T+2 settlement cycle, standardized settlement bank arrangements, robust netting mechanisms, and a centralized securities registry structure that supports the secure maintenance and transfer of securities ownership.

In addition, the rules introduce enhanced requirements relating to governance, capital adequacy, client asset segregation, transparency, regulatory reporting, business continuity, anti-money laundering controls, and operational risk management, further strengthening the protection of investors and market participants.

The enhanced rules reinforce Bahrain Clear's role as a trusted financial market infrastructure institution by establishing a clear operating environment for clearing members, custodians, issuers, and investors, while supporting greater confidence, efficiency, and transparency across the pre-trade and post-trade value chain.

Commenting on the development, Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, Chairman of Bahrain Clear: "The implementation of Bahrain Clear Rules represents a defining milestone in the evolution of Bahrain's capital market infrastructure. The rules provide a modern and resilient foundation by strengthening risk management, enhancing investor protection, and increasing operational efficiency across the market."

"As Bahrain's post-trade infrastructure provider, our role extends beyond securities settlement and safekeeping to fostering a trusted, efficient marketplace for sustainable capital formation. These rules position Bahrain Clear to meet the evolving needs of market participants while supporting Bahrain's long-term vision of maintaining a competitive, innovative and internationally connected financial sector," Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa added.

The rules additionally introduce enhanced depository provisions governing securities ownership records, securities transfers, corporate actions administration, shareholder services, and dividend distributions, contributing to a more efficient and transparent experience for issuers and investors alike.

Furthermore, these rules establish comprehensive disciplinary, complaints management, dispute resolution, and arbitration mechanisms aimed at maintaining high standards of market conduct and reinforcing confidence in Bahrain's regulatory environment.

Bahrain Clear will continue to collaborate closely with market participants, regulators, issuers, custodians, and clearing members to ensure effective implementation of the enhanced rules while supporting future market development initiatives and the continued advancement of Bahrain's capital market infrastructure.

Bahrain Clear is a fully owned subsidiary of Bahrain Bourse with a disclosed capital of 5 million Bahraini Dinars, and a paid-up capital of 1 million Bahraini Dinars. Bahrain Clear is licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain as a 'Clearing, Settlement, and Depository House' offering pre- and post-trade services to investors. Bahrain Clear's service offering includes related services of securities transactions depository, clearing, settlement, central registry and registration.

New ICAI Bahrain Chapter Executive Committee Takes Office

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The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Bahrain Chapter has announced its new Executive Committee for the 2026–27 term.

Focusing on professional excellence, continuous learning, and community engagement, the new committee expressed gratitude to past leaders, volunteers, sponsors, and members for building a strong foundation over the years.

CA Viinod Rathi has taken charge as the Chairperson for the new term, supported by CA Abhishek Gupta as Vice-Chairperson. CA Pankaj Jain will serve as the Secretary, while CA Vivek Trivedi has been named Treasurer. CA Ankit Ajmera and CA Kaushalendra Manglunia have assumed the roles of Joint Secretary and Joint Treasurer, respectively.

The Executive Committee team includes CA Anima Jagadeesh, CA Kartik Khandelwal, CA Nikitha Mohan, CA Vamsi Krishna, and CA Najla Mubeen.

The committee aims to strengthen professional excellence, promote continuous learning, and enhance community engagement across the accounting fraternity. It has also reaffirmed its commitment to delivering greater value to members while encouraging professional growth and active participation throughout the year.

Speaking on the occasion, the newly elected committee reaffirmed its commitment to delivering value to every member of the fraternity and looks forward to an impactful year driven by active community participation and professional growth.

Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Information

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Six Months Ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

	Three months ended 30 June		*Six months ended 30 June*	
	2026	*2025*	***2026***	*2025*
	US$'000	*US$'000*	***US$'000***	*US$'000*
Net financing income	**190,142**	179,510	**377,706**	357,238
Fees and other income	**71,288**	111,915	**128,834**	167,831
OPERATING INCOME	**261,430**	291,425	**506,540**	525,069
Operating expenses	**87,685**	74,177	**174,456**	150,837
NET OPERATING INCOME BEFORE ALLOWANCE FOR IMPAIRMENT, CREDIT LOSSES AND OTHERS	**173,745**	217,248	**332,084**	374,232
(Reversal) / allowance for impairment, credit losses and others	**(4,394)**	19,795	**12,657**	6,016
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	**178,139**	197,453	**319,427**	368,216
Tax expense	**34,141**	28,160	**55,076**	59,690
NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	**143,998**	169,293	**264,351**	308,526
Attributable to:				
The owner of the Bank	**142,748**	167,940	**261,230**	305,884
Non-controlling interests	**1,250**	1,353	**3,121**	2,642
	143,998	169,293	**264,351**	308,526
EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE OWNER OF THE BANK				
Basic and diluted earnings per ordinary share (US cents)	**1.2**	1.4	**2.2**	2.6

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Three months ended 30 June		*Six months ended 30 June*	
	2026	*2025*	***2026***	*2025*
	US$'000	*US$'000*	***US$'000***	*US$'000*
Net profit for the period	**143,998**	169,293	**264,351**	308,526
Other Comprehensive Income (OCI)				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	**51,422**	(31,159)	**(21,132)**	(28,727)
Net fair value movements during the period	**28,225**	146,844	**(100,230)**	252,150
Total comprehensive income for the period	**223,645**	284,978	**142,989**	531,949
Total comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	**2,966**	1,593	**1,973**	3,268
Total comprehensive income attributable to the owner of the Bank	**220,679**	283,385	**141,016**	528,681

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2026	*2025*
	US$ '000	*US$ '000*
Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities	**(978,475)**	248,569
Net cash generated from investing activities	**491,601**	444,673
Net cash generated from / (used in) financing activities	**286,582**	(597,241)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**(200,292)**	96,001
Net foreign exchange difference	**(6,735)**	7,804
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	**2,261,394**	2,144,838
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 JUNE	**2,054,367**	2,248,643

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	(Reviewed) 30 June	*(Audited) 31 December*
	2026	*2025*
	US$ '000	*US$ ' 000*
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with central banks	**934,970**	1,064,208
Due from central banks and sukuk	**1,137,945**	1,056,365
Due from banks	**1,815,463**	2,539,392
Financing contracts	**12,963,092**	11,624,056
Investments	**9,634,991**	10,205,228
Investment in associates and joint ventures	**680,974**	685,401
Investment properties	**729,573**	675,537
Profit receivable and other assets	**825,081**	861,286
Premises and equipments	**192,672**	187,331
Goodwill and other intangible assets	**108,246**	109,098
TOTAL ASSETS	**29,023,007**	29,007,902
LIABILITIES, QUASI-EQUITY AND OWNER EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Due to banks	**1,392,122**	1,053,695
Term financing against sukuk	**3,939,656**	4,685,246
Customers' accounts	**2,130,966**	2,138,365
Term financing	**1,538,974**	1,238,294
Profit payable and other liabilities	**1,230,154**	861,829
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**10,231,872**	9,977,429
QUASI-EQUITY		
Banks	**2,044,589**	2,215,733
Non-banks and individuals	**10,796,775**	10,599,565
Sukuk payable	**596,348**	587,997
TOTAL QUASI-EQUITY	**13,437,712**	13,403,295
OWNER EQUITY		
Ordinary share capital	**2,786,983**	2,786,983
Share premium and reserves	**2,102,196**	2,377,924
Equity attributable to the shareholder of the Bank	**4,889,179**	5,164,907
Perpetual Tier 1 Sukuk	**400,000**	400,000
Total equity attributable to owner	**5,289,179**	5,564,907
Non-controlling interests	**64,244**	62,271
TOTAL OWNER EQUITY	**5,353,423**	5,627,178
TOTAL LIABILITIES, QUASI-EQUITY AND OWNER EQUITY	**29,023,007**	29,007,902
OFF-BALANCE SHEET		
Assets under management	**1,697,971**	1,773,183
Contingencies and commitments	**2,795,539**	2,617,824

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNER EQUITY

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2026	*2025*
	US$'000	*US$'000*
BALANCE AT 1 JANUARY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE OWNER OF THE BANK	**5,164,907**	4,994,819
Donations	**(2,000)**	(2,000)
Ordinary share dividend	**(401,326)**	(585,266)
Distribution on Perpetual Tier 1 Sukuk / Capital Securities	**(13,418)**	(11,678)
Expense related to Perpetual Tier 1 Sukuk issued	**-**	(297)
Total comprehensive income for the period	**141,016**	528,681
Movement in subsidiaries	**-**	(149)
BALANCE AT 30 JUNE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE OWNER OF THE BANK	**4,889,179**	4,924,110
Perpetual Tier 1 Sukuk / Capital Securities	**400,000**	400,000
Non-controlling interests	**64,244**	56,668
TOTAL EQUITY AT 30 JUNE	**5,353,423**	5,380,778

Hamad Abdulmohsen Almarzouq
Chairman

Adel A. El-Labban
Deputy Chairman

Shadi A. Zahran
Group Chief Executive Officer

The above Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and Consolidated Statements of Income, Comprehensive Income, Cash Flows and Changes in Owner Equity have been extracted from the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Information of Kuwait Finance House B.S.C. (c) for the six months ended 30 June 2026, which were approved by the Board of Directors and on which an unqualified review conclusion was issued by KPMG on 02 August 2026. For further information please visit www.bh.kfh.com.
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Alba Sets New Benchmark for Safety Excellence as First Aluminium Smelter in the Middle East to Join LEEA's Accredited Training Scheme

TDT | Manama

Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba), the world's largest aluminium smelter on one site, has achieved another significant safety milestone by becoming the first aluminium smelter in the Middle East to join the Lifting Equipment Engineers Association (LEEA) Accredited Training Scheme (ATS), cementing its position as an industry leader in workplace safety, operational excellence and workforce development.

The achievement places Alba among the region's pioneering organisations authorised to deliver LEEA-approved training programmes and issue internationally recognised certifications to employees who successfully complete the training. The programmes are designed to strengthen the competencies of crane operators and personnel involved in lifting operations while ensuring alignment with globally recognised safety standards and best practices.

Commenting on the achievement, Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Ali Al Baqali, said:

"Safety is more than just a priority at Alba; it is a core value that underpins every aspect of our operations.

Becoming the first aluminium smelter in the Middle East to join LEEA's Accredited Training Scheme reflects our commitment to developing highly skilled personnel, adopting international best practices and setting new benchmarks for safety excellence across the industry. This achievement further strengthens our capability to provide world-class training while ensuring the highest standards of safety for our employees and contractors."

The Chief Executive Officer of LEEA Dr. Ross Moloney also commented:

"Competence is at the heart of safe lifting operations, and Alba's achievement of approval under LEEA's Accredited Training Scheme demonstrates its commitment to developing the knowledge and capability of its workforce. Alba is the first aluminium smelter in the Middle East to receive this specific ATS approval, which permits the delivery of specified LEEA-approved training exclusively to its own employees and within the scope agreed with LEEA. We are pleased to support Alba's investment in internal workforce development and its commitment to safety, competence, professionalism and continuous improvement in lifting operations."

This accreditation supports Alba's vision of embedding a proactive safety culture across its operations by enhancing workforce capability, reducing operational risks and elevating standards in critical lifting activities.

Recognised as Bahrain's Best Islamic Bank for ESG Practices and Corporate Responsibility

KFH-Bahrain Wins Two Prestigious Euromoney Awards for 2026

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Kuwait Finance House – Bahrain (KFH-Bahrain) has recently won the Best Islamic Bank in Bahrain for ESG Practices award at the Euromoney Islamic Finance Awards 2026, as well as the Best Bank for Corporate Responsibility in Bahrain award. This latest achievement reflects the Bank's success in integrating sustainability and corporate responsibility principles across its business activities and banking operations.

These accolades build on the extensive record of regional and international awards received by KFH-Bahrain in recent years, reflecting the success of its strategy in developing an integrated banking model that combines financial innovation, a commitment to sustainability and the creation of a positive impact on society and the economy. This further strengthens its position as a leading Islamic financial institution in the Kingdom and across the region.

The Bank received the Best Islamic Bank in Bahrain for ESG award in recognition of its continued efforts to direct financing towards projects with a sustainable development impact. Its financing commitments in this area exceeded USD400 million during 2025, covering green finance and social housing projects that support national development priorities, including water desalination, energy security and expanded access to home ownership. The Bank's social housing finance portfolio also reached approximately USD300 million by the end of 2025, reflecting its commitment to providing financing solutions that broaden access to home ownership across different segments of society.

The Bank further strengthened its efforts in this area by implementing an integrated environmental and social risk management system aligned with the standards adopted by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the World Bank. It also established a robust sustainability governance framework comprising dedicated corporate policies and Board-level oversight, while making environmental and social considerations a mandatory component of financing decisions.

In addition, the Bank implemented several operational initiatives aimed at reducing its environmental impact, including improving energy efficiency, adopting energy-saving lighting solutions, expanding the use of solar energy and providing electric vehicle charging facilities at a number of key locations.

KFH-Bahrain was also named Best Bank for Corporate Responsibility in Bahrain in recognition of its active role and development-focused initiatives. During 2025, the Bank continued to expand its community contributions by allocating approximately USD1.2 million to support more than 40 charity and development organisations across the Kingdom. Its initiatives benefited senior citizens, people with disabilities and children receiving healthcare support, in addition to supporting educational programmes, youth empowerment projects and financial literacy initiatives. The Bank also successfully reduced paper consumption by 42% through the adoption of more efficient and sustainable working practices based on digital solutions and technologies.

The Bank also placed particular emphasis on strengthening financial inclusion and expanding access to banking services by offering savings products with accessible requirements, financing solutions designed to meet the needs of diverse customer segments and more convenient and accessible service channels. It also continued to support social housing finance programmes, which recorded growth of 10% compared with the previous year, while offering attractive financing benefits and extended repayment periods to improve access to home ownership for low- and middle-income families. These efforts were complemented by the active participation of the Bank's employees through volunteering and community partnerships with civil society organisations.

On this occasion, Dr Shadi Zahran, Group Chief Executive Officer of KFH-Bahrain, stated: "Winning these two prestigious Euromoney awards reflects the success of our institutional approach to aligning growth objectives with the principles of sustainability and corporate responsibility. It also reaffirms our commitment to building a banking model that generates a positive and sustainable economic and social impact extending beyond the scope of traditional financial services."

He continued: "We view sustainability as an integral part of decision-making and business development. This drives us to continue investing in initiatives that support economic development, enhance quality of life and advance financial inclusion, in line with the Kingdom's aspirations and development objectives."

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DR SHADI ZAHRAN, GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF KFH-BAHRAIN

Dr Zahran added: "We will continue to develop our institutional practices and strengthen our partnerships with various stakeholders to create sustainable value for our customers and communities, while reinforcing KFH-Bahrain's position as a leading Islamic financial institution that embraces the highest international standards in sustainability, governance and corporate responsibility."

This latest achievement reaffirms KFH-Bahrain's unwavering commitment to further embedding sustainability principles across its activities and strengthening its contribution to comprehensive development in the Kingdom of Bahrain, while maintaining a balance between institutional growth and responsibility towards society, the environment and the economy.

NBB Unveils Multi-Currency Debit Card Feature, Enabling Seamless Global Transactions

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has officially launched its Multi-Currency Debit Card feature, a seamless, convenient, and accessible solution that empowers customers to manage and spend in multiple currencies directly through the NBB App. Available on Express Saver savings account debit cards, the feature enables account holders to link up to eight foreign currencies to a single card, providing a smarter, more flexible, and hassle-free way to spend abroad and shop online while enjoying greater control over their finances.

Tailored for frequent travellers and students studying abroad, the Multi-Currency Debit Card feature enables seamless spending in local currencies of different countries, such as the US Dollar, British Pound, Euro, and major GCC currencies such as the Saudi Riyal, Qatari Riyal, Omani Riyal, Kuwaiti Dinar, and UAE Dirham. This feature has been designed through the app to provide a smoother and more convenient digital financial experience wherever they are. Customers can instantly fund in local currency, link it to their Debit Card, enabling travelers or students abroad to pay directly without the need for currency conversion or incurring local exchange fees.

Commenting on the occasion, Subah Abdullatif Al Zayani, Chief Executive – Retail Banking at NBB, said, "Today's travellers and students studying abroad need banking solutions that move with them across borders and currencies. With our Multi-Currency feature, clients can manage and spend in multiple currencies through a single debit card, allowing them to pay like a local abroad, enjoy greater convenience and maintain better control over their finances all through the App."

This launch reflects NBB's ongoing focus on enhancing customer convenience, driving digital adoption, and reinforcing its position as a leading innovator in retail banking. The Multi-Currency feature is available now through the NBB App for Express Saver savings account debit cardholders, with no need for a card replacement.

INOVEST Announces Financial Results for the Second Quarter and First Half of 2026

- H1 profit reaches US$602K, reversing last year's loss.
- Q2 net profit rises to US$271K on stronger operations.Suffering, and radical visual language
- Operating income jumps 90% to US$4.09M in H1 2026.

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Yaqoub Yousef Bander, Chairman

Talal A.Aziz AlMulla, Chief Executive Officer

INOVEST announced its financial results for the three months ended June 30th, 2026 (the second quarter), showing a consolidated net profit attributable to the parent shareholders of US$ 271 thousand in comparison to a net profit attributable to the parent shareholders of US$ 200 thousand for the same period of last year. Accordingly, the Basic Earnings Per Share for the second quarter of 2026 increased to US cent 0.09 as compared to a profit of US cent 0.07 per share for the same period in 2025. This is attributable to the improvement in the Group's operational and investment efficiency and re-focusing activities on core sectors. The net operating profit stood at US$ 461 thousand in the second quarter of this year in comparison to a net operating profit of US$ 45 thousand for the second quarter of 2025. The consolidated operating income increased by 40% to reach US$ 2.099 million in comparison to US$ 1.503 million; whilst the Group's operating expenses increased by 12%, standing at US$ 1.638 million in the second quarter of 2026 in comparison to US$ 1.458 million for the same period of 2025.

INOVEST's financial results for the first half of 2026 show a consolidated net profit attributable to parent shareholders of US$ 602 thousand, as compared to a consolidated net loss attributable to parent shareholders of US$ 1.064 million for the same period last year. The Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Share of the parent company in the first six months of 2026 amounted to US cent 0.20 as compared to a Loss Per Share of US cent 0.35 in 2025. This improvement is attributable to the increase in income from real estate investments, and the re-focusing of activities on core sectors. The consolidated net operating income increased, reaching an amount of US$ 935 thousand in comparison to a loss of US$ 1.486 million for the same period of 2025 due to the reasons above. Furthermore, the consolidated operating income for the first six months of 2026 increased by 90% to reach US$ 4.092 million in comparison to US$ 2.155 million for the same period last year.

Regarding the Group's key balance sheet indicators, the net equity attributable to parent shareholders stood at US$ 118.325 million, in comparison to US$ 117.500 million at the end of 2025. Within the same period, INOVEST reported a slight increase in consolidated total assets, which stood at US$ 215.218 million in comparison to US$ 215.002 million at the end of 2025. On the liquidity front, INOVEST's cash and bank balances stood at 4% of the total consolidated assets, in comparison to 5% last year. To that end, the cash and bank balances stood at US$ 9.120 million, in comparison to US$ 10.468 million at the end of the year, representing a 13% decrease as a result of normal working capital requirements.

It is noted that this press release and the full financial statements are available on Bahrain Bourse and Boursa Kuwait's websites, and that INOVEST is listed under the respective ticker/trading codes "INOVEST$" for Bahrain Bourse and "INOVEST/817" for Boursa Kuwait.

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CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months period ended 30 June 2026

(Amounts are expressed in thousands of US dollars)

CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	Reviewed 30 June 2026	Audited 31 December 2025
ASSETS		
Cash and bank balances	**9,120**	10,468
Accounts receivable	**12,443**	11,531
Investments	**10,731**	10,353
Investments in joint ventures and associates	**91,601**	91,407
Investments in real estate	**87,166**	83,937
Property, plant and equipment	**3,701**	6,930
Other assets	**359**	227
Right of use asset	**97**	149
TOTAL ASSETS	**215,218**	215,002
LIABILITIES AND OWNERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Other liabilities and accounts payable	**70,942**	71,654
Ijarah liability	**72**	120
Total liabilities	**71,014**	71,774
Owners' equity		
Share capital	**122,741**	122,741
Less: Treasury shares	**(1,338)**	(1,338)
	121,403	121,403
Reserves	**7,222**	6,999
Accumulated losses	**(10,300)**	(10,902)
Equity attributable to Parent`s equity shareholders	**118,325**	117,500
Non-controlling interests	**25,879**	25,728
Total owners' equity	**144,204**	143,228
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWNERS' EQUITY	**215,218**	215,002

CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2026 (reviewed)	2025 (reviewed)	2026 (reviewed)	2025 (reviewed)
OPERATING INCOME				
Income from investments in real estate	**1,227**	689	**2,366**	1,617
Income from investments	**30**	30	**99**	99
Fee from management and other services	**490**	442	**877**	869
Share of income / (loss) from joint ventures and associates	**93**	32	**194**	(1,807)
Other income	**259**	310	**556**	1,377
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	**2,099**	1,503	**4,092**	2,155
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Staff costs	**523**	364	**1,152**	1,180
General and administrative expenses	**464**	436	**835**	1,102
Property related expenses	**560**	513	**1,008**	1,040
Depreciation	**62**	113	**103**	255
Net Ijarah cost	**29**	32	**59**	64
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	**1,638**	1,458	**3,157**	3,641
NET OPERATING PROFIT / (LOSS)	**462**	45	**935**	(1,486)
(Impairment) / Reversal of impairment losses on financial assets	**(100)**	158	**(182)**	439
PROFIT / (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD	**361**	203	**753**	(1,047)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to statement of income				
Change in fair value on investments	**(144)**	-	**223**	-
Total other comprehensive income for the period	**(144)**	-	**223**	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	**217**	203	**976**	(1,047)
Profit / (Loss) for the period attributable to :				
Equity shareholders of the Parent	**271**	200	**602**	(1,064)
Non-controlling interests	**90**	3	**151**	17
	362	203	**753**	(1,047)
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS / (LOSS) PER SHARE (US$ cents)	**0.09**	0.07	**0.20**	(0.35)

CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	Six months ended 30 June	
	2026 (reviewed)	2025 (reviewed)
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net profit / (loss) for the period	**753**	(1,047)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	**103**	255
Impairment / (Reversal) losses on financial assets	**182**	(439)
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	**(177)**	(1,048)
Loss on sale of investments in real estate	**-**	355
Share of (income) / loss from joint ventures and associates	**(194)**	1,807
Net ijarah cost	**59**	64
	726	(53)
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Short-term deposits (with an original maturity of more than 90 days)	**(4)**	3,835
Accounts receivable	**(1,113)**	2,359
Other assets	**(132)**	18
Other liabilities and accounts payable	**(712)**	(5,808)
Ijarah payments	**(55)**	(66)
Net cash (used in)/ from operating activities	**(1,290)**	285
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Additions to investments in real estate	**(189)**	(69)
Proceeds from disposal of investments in real estate	**-**	1,609
Additions to investments	**(155)**	-
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	**266**	1,098
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	**(3)**	-
Proceeds from disposals of investments in joint venture and associates	**-**	1,007
Net cash (used in)/ from investing activities	**(81)**	3,645
NET MOVEMENT IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**(1,371)**	3,930
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	**9,772**	5,720
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD	**8,401**	9,650

CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS EQUITY	Equity attributable to Parent's shareholders							
			Reserves					
	Share capital	Treasury shares	Statutory reserve	Fair value through equity reserve	Retained earnings	Total equity	Non-controlling interest	Total owners' equity
At 1 January 2025	**122,741**	**(1,338)**	**5,206**	**1,758**	**7,732**	**136,099**	**25,692**	**161,791**
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(1,064)	(1,064)	17	(1,047)
Other comprehensive income								
Change in fair value of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(1,064)	(1,064)	17	(1,047)
As at 30 June 2025 (reviewed)	122,741	(1,338)	5,206	1,758	6,668	135,035	25,709	160,744
At 1 January 2026	**122,741**	**(1,338)**	**5,206**	**1,793**	**(10,902)**	**117,500**	**25,728**	**143,228**
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	602	602	151	753
Other comprehensive income								
Change in fair value of investments	-	-	-	223	-	223	-	223
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	223	602	825	151	976
As at 30 June 2026 (reviewed)	**122,741**	**(1,338)**	**5,206**	**2,016**	**(10,300)**	**118,325**	**25,879**	**144,204**

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

LOGIC WILL GET YOU FROM A TO Z; IMAGINATION WILL GET YOU EVERYWHERE.
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Trump says US, Israel to hold off on Iran strikes

- The US leader appeared to have changed course after speaking with Saudi Arabia's crown prince
- Iranian state media said the Saudi and Iranian foreign ministers held a call

AFP | Washington, United States

President Donald Trump said Saturday that the United States and Israel had agreed to hold off on new strikes on Iran -- provided that a deal to end the months-long conflict is reached rapidly.

The US leader appeared to have changed course after speaking with Saudi Arabia's crown prince and after Tehran also spoke to Riyadh, and to mediators Pakistan and Turkey.

Trump insisted the US was "locked and loaded and ready to go against the Islamic Republic of Iran," but added that "we have just been asked by Iran, and other Middle Eastern Countries, to hold off any attack".

"Based on this request, I have agreed, for the future benefit of the WORLD and, likewise, the survival of a successful and prosperous Iran, to cancel the attack, subject to being able to rapidly make a DEAL," Trump posted on his Truth Social platform.

Iranian state media said the Saudi and Iranian foreign ministers held a call and that Tehran also spoke with Pakistan and Turkey, which have acted as mediators in the talks, about "the risk of escalating tensions and insecurity in the region".

Saudi Arabia's official SPA press agency said Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman had a call with Trump where he "emphasised the necessity of prioritising dialogue to reduce tensions and the importance of exerting all possible efforts to achieve a truce that paves the way for diplomatic solutions".

The US president said the deal would have to include the "Immediate, Complete and Total OPENING OF THE HORMUZ STRAIT, and an end to Iran's nuclear threat."

"The Country of Israel joins me in this commitment," he added.

Efforts underway to revive June US-Iran deal: Iranian MP

AFP | Tehran, Iran

An Iranian lawmaker said yesterday that mediators were seeking to revive a deal that briefly halted the war between Iran and the United States in June.

Hassan Ghashghavi, spokesman for parliament's national security commission, said in a video interview that "there is an effort underway to revive the 14-point Islamabad agreement, particularly by the mediators".

"They know that the main issue and, in fact, the key to the matter right now is the issue of the Strait of Hormuz, so yes, there is an exchange of views," he said.

The agreement, known as the Islamabad memorandum of understanding, was reached with the involvement of Iran's Gulf neighbour Qatar and eastern neighbour Pakistan, with negotiating sessions held in Islamabad.

The deal included arrangements concerning the Strait of Hormuz and a resumption of diplomacy between Tehran and Washington for a broader deal.

It also called for an end to the hostilities in Lebanon where Israel has been fighting the Iran-backed Hezbollah militant group.

Saudi crown prince, Trump hold call

AFP | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman and US President Donald Trump held a call aimed at reducing regional tensions, the kingdom's official SPA press agency reported Sunday.

"His Royal Highness emphasised the necessity of prioritising dialogue to reduce tensions and the importance of exerting all possible efforts to achieve a truce that paves the way for diplomatic solutions," SPA reported after Trump said he had decided to hold off on renewed attacks on Iran after requests from Gulf countries.

Rescuers recover climber Nirmal Purja's body after avalanche disaster

Nepali mountaineer Nirmal Purja (R) talks to the media along with his team at the Tribhuvan International airport after becoming the first to summit Pakistan's K2 mountain in winter, in Kathmandu on January 26, 2021.

AFP | Skardu, Pakistan

Rescuers recovered the body of renowned climber Nirmal Purja on Sunday after an avalanche killed him and nine team members on one of the world's highest peaks in northern Pakistan, the Alpine Club of Pakistan said.

The avalanche struck on Thursday, cutting off contact with the international expedition led by Purja, a 43-year-old British-Nepali climber, on Broad Peak.

"The ground rescue team has reached Nims Dai (Purja) at approximately 5,700m on Broad Peak -- a mountain he loved, and a mountain that has now taken him from us," the club posted on social media.

The club's general secretary Ayaz Shigri said a ground rescue team was transporting four bodies -- including those of Purja, two other Nepali nationals and a Chinese citizen -- down from the mountain.

"Rescuers have also confirmed the presence of one additional body at a significantly higher elevation," he said in a statement.

"Due to the extremely hazardous terrain and prevailing conditions, it is unlikely that a recovery attempt will be made at this stage," he added.

Purja's expedition company confirmed on Saturday that no team members had survived.

Regional authorities said the remains of three climbers -- an Omani woman, a Nepali man and an American woman -- had been recovered and flown to the city of Skardu on Friday.

The avalanche has sparked an outpouring of shock in the mountaineering community, especially in Nepal, and leaders including Britain's Prince William have expressed condolences to the families of the climbers.

The dam buried it.

The drought uncovered it.

An aerial view shows a mosque and surrounding buildings in Somang village in Lebak in Indonesia's western Banten province, which was deliberately flooded to make way for the construction and filling of the Karian Dam that opened in 2023 and has now re-emerged due to the El Nino-driven drought. Somang village in the western Banten province of Indonesia's Java island has re-emerged from the water years after it was deliberately flooded to make way for the construction and filling of the Karian Dam, opened in 2023. As drought has taken hold of parts of Indonesia, the long-abandoned village has turned up years after its last residents were relocated, revealing the ruins of houses and a mosque. The Southeast Asian country is bracing for months of severe drought worsened by a particularly harsh El Nino, threatening water scarcity and food insecurity.

China flash flood death toll rises to 25

AFP | Beijing, China

The toll from a flash flood in northwest China has risen to 25 dead, with 23 injured, state media reported yesterday a week after the disaster.

The flood ripped through the Shuangshimen Scenic Area, a tourist spot popular with day campers, on July 26, with state media initially reporting 10 deaths and 23 injured.

The updated toll came as the country's national commission for disaster prevention said it would oversee an investigation into the event, Xinhua said.

Shuangshimen -- in mountainous southern Gansu -- is known for its natural stone arches, alpine meadows and mountain streams.

Videos of the flooding showed torrents of water surging through a valley where several tents and cars were parked.

China has been hit hard by extreme weather this summer, with large swathes of the country experiencing flooding.

Greek police arrest suspect over British woman's body found in suitcase

AFP | Athens, Greece

Greek police yesterday said they had arrested a suspect in their investigation into the death of a British woman whose body was found in a suitcase in Athens this month.

The police in a statement said they had arrested a 26-year-old man, identified in media reports as an Afghan national, adding that he had "confessed his actions".

"Officers of the Directorate for Combating Organized Crime have solved the homicide of a 38-year-old UK national, whose body was found inside a suitcase in an abandoned building in the Kypseli area on July 18," they said.

Elisabeth-Jane Ross is believed to have died between five and seven days before she was found on 18 July.

They had opened a criminal file against him for "intentional homicide, robbery and violation of firearms legislation", they said.

The woman, identified in media reports as Elisabeth-Jane Ross from Scotland, had come to Greece on June 26 and resided at a friend's home in the Piraeus area until July 10, at which point she departed for an unknown destination within the greater Athens area, they said.

"It emerged that the 26-year-old placed the body in a suitcase and transported it to the abandoned premises. Furthermore, in the days that followed, the 26-year-old used the victim's bank cards to withdraw sums of money," the police said.

According to reports, the suspect said the victim was already dead when he found her.

Interpol authorities in the US helped identify the victim's fingerprints, and liaison officers of the United Kingdom National Crime Agency and Scotland police cooperated in the investigation.

"Despite advanced decomposition and adverse environmental conditions (investigators) managed to identify usable fingerprints belonging to the victim," the police said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1492 Christopher Columbus, with Juan de la Cosa as second-in-command, sets sail on his first voyage with three ships: Santa María, Pinta, and Niña from Palos de la Frontera, Spain, for the "Indies"

1596 German astronomer and priest David Fabricius discovers the light variation of Mira, the first variable star

1914 Germany invades Belgium and declares war on France, beginning World War I

1934 Adolf Hitler merges the offices of German Chancellor and President, declaring himself "Führer" (leader)

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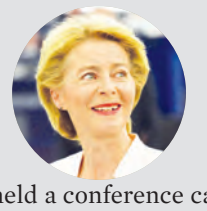

I held a conference call with Commissioners @magnusbrunner and@ dubravkasuica for an update on the situation in Ceuta. The good news is that the vast majority of those who arrived illegally have returned to Morocco, due to the effective work of Spanish and Moroccan law enforcement. Not a single person reached mainland Spain or the rest of the EU.

@vonderleyen

02

What's happening with Spain, with tens of thousands of Illegal Immigrants invading it, happened in the United States during the Sleepy Joe Biden Administration, and it will happen again, only worse, if the Dumocrats ever again gain power. DON'T LET OUR COUNTRY BE DESTROYED. VOTE REPUBLICAN, AND BE PROUD OF THE U.S.A."

@WhiteHouse

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Let us continue to pray for peace, so that wars throughout the world may cease and diplomatic solutions to conflicts may be found.

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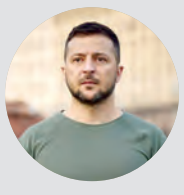

We continue applying our long-range sanctions against Russian facilities that serve the war effort and finance the aggression.

@ZelenskyyUa

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Vicious wildfires burn in US NW city of Spokane

- Houses and trees exploded with loud bangs in some areas of the city
- As of yesterday morning the three fires had charred a total of 5,390 acres

AFP | Los Angeles, United States

People watch Old Trails Fire from W. Northwest Blvd

Fast-moving walls of flame roared through Spokane in Washington state early Sunday, destroying homes and prompting mass evacuations in one of the city's worst natural disasters on record.

Video of the wildfire shot by people driving through the city of some 230,000 on Saturday showed house after house engulfed by flames or reduced to ash as wind-fueled blazes burned out of control in hot, bone-dry weather.

Houses and trees exploded with loud bangs in some areas of the city, The Spokesman-Review, a Spokane newspaper, reported.Thick smoke billowed over the city. Cars lined up on highways as people fled their homes seeking safety.

"I was sitting near an elementary school and saw a wall of flames east of the school and just a cascade of black smoke and a wall of flames coming toward me," said Alexandra Duggan, a public safety reporter for The Spokesman-Review.

Washington Governor Bob Ferguson declared a state of emergency and noted that the Pacific Northwest state is enduring a fourth consecutive year of drought as climate change creates conditions propitious for destructive wildfires. Blazes are burning around the region.As night fell Saturday in Spokane, local TV station KREM aired footage of what appeared to be a hillside off in the distance, with glowing orange dots or jagged lines showing structures on fire.

Officials said they are bracing for the worst when the sun comes up on the US West Coast.

"When the sun sets and the sun rises, we are going to be in shock," said Major General Gent Welsh, who oversees national guard forces in Washington state.

Thousands of Washington state residents have seen power knocked out because of the fires.Three are burning in and near Spokane. The biggest, called the Old Trails fire, jumped the Spokane River on Saturday afternoon and crossed into the city.

Authorities issued the highest-level evacuation alert, "Go Now", for swathes of northern Spokane affecting thousands of people within city limits, according to the government's evacuation map.

As of Sunday morning the three fires had charred a total of 5,390 acres, CNN reported.

Emergency authorities set up a fire evacuation shelter at the Spokane Convention Center.

Earlier Saturday the National Weather Service declared a "particularly dangerous situation" Red Flag Alert, which called the weather risk "extreme" across Eastern Washington.

The Washington National Guard said on X it was "rapidly mobilizing units" to assist Spokane.

Smoke from France industrial waste fire confines 30,000 indoors

AFP | Strasbourg, France

French firefighters work with a truck to extinguish a fire at a 500-square-meter warehouse at the Safe company site in the Gandrange industrial zone in the Moselle department, northeastern France

An industrial waste warehouse caught fire yesterday in France, authorities said, spewing foul smoke that gave residents headaches and caused authorities to briefly urge some 30,000 people to remain indoors.

The fire broke out in the northeastern village of Gandrange on Sunday morning, but was under control by the afternoon, local civil defence spokeswoman Geraldine Chambeaudie said. The cause of the fire was not immediately clear.

Local media reported the smoke was visible some 15 kilometres (nine miles) away in the city of Metz.

Amandine Vecchio, 34, said she was taken aback by the smoke when she left a cinema in the nearby town of Amneville.

"It smelled terrible, and gave me a headache straight away," she said.

She said she told her eight-year-old daughter to place her stuffed toy in front of her mouth and nose, and rang her teenage son at home to tell him to bring their dog and cats inside and close the windows.

The mayor of the nearby village of Clouange, Clement Deriu, said the smoke was causing headaches.

"From what I have been told, it's making people nauseous," he added.

France has been rocked by a summer of wildfires, including the country's largest blaze since 1949 that has ravaged some 42,000 hectares (104,000 acres) of land.

That fire in a pine forest near the winemaking capital of Bordeaux was under control on Sunday more than a week after it erupted, but firefighters continued to douse flames that were still active in several areas.

Last year, the World Meteorological Organization said wildfires can send a toxic mix of pollutants thousands of kilometres away.

It noted that, in 2024, smoke from wildfires in Canada caused air pollution even as far away as Europe.

Helicopters collide in Greece as fires spread

A firefighting helicopter drops water over a wildfire in the area of Porto Germeno, some 70 kilometres (45 miles) northwest of Athens in the region of Viotia

AFP | Porto Germeno, Greece

Two fire helicopters collided in Greece yesterday as forces battled multiple wildfires that have devastated swathes of land, with Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis warning of "extremely difficult" days ahead.

The hired Bell helicopters collided while battling a wildfire in the Psatha area west of Athens, the fire service said on Sunday.

"Search and rescue teams were immediately mobilised to locate and assist the crews," it said.

State broadcaster ERT reported that one crewmember had been found safe, while rescuers were searching for the second.

Television footage showed one of the helicopters explode and plunge to the ground in flames after an apparent rotor collision.

Mitsotakis earlier said Greece was experiencing "extreme weather conditions" with winds that had reached 100 kilometres (60 miles) an hour.

"When the winds blow with such force, even the dozens of aircraft we have at our disposal cannot operate safely," he wrote on Facebook.

Nearly 500 firefighters were battling blazes around the popular coastal village of Porto Germeno, 70 kilometres northwest of Athens, the fire department said.

They were attempting to keep the fire from approaching the western outskirts of Athens after it scaled a mountain overnight.

Some 100 firefighters were fighting another blaze in Aigialia in the northern Peloponnese.

A new fire broke out late Saturday on the Ionian Sea island of Cephalonia, Greece's popular holiday destination.

A 44-year-old man was arrested Sunday in Cephalonia on suspicion of deliberately starting the fire, according to the Greek news agency ANA.

The National Observatory's climate tracker meteo.gr said early estimates indicated that over 6,500 hectares (16,000 acres) had been burned in separate fires on the Gulf of Corinth which also swept Porto Germeno.

It added that meteorological conditions remained adverse "mainly due to strong northerly winds, which, however, have partially weakened compared to previous days".

A Greek firefighter holds hoses during a wildfire in the area of Porto Germeno, some 70 kilometres (45 miles) northwest of Athens in the region of Viotia

Trump slams prosecutor over Reflecting Pool case withdrawal

Trump lashed out at federal prosecutor Jeanine Pirro after she sought to dismiss the charges

Trump is spending the weekend at his New Jersey golf club outside New York City.

AFP | Washington, United States

President Donald Trump's extraordinary campaign to blame an apparently botched renovation of Washington's Reflecting Pool on vandals took another twist Saturday when he attacked his handpicked prosecutor for dropping charges against an ex-Olympian arrested in the controversy.

Trump lashed out at federal prosecutor Jeanine Pirro -- a former Fox News host who has been a longtime supporter of the Republican president -- after she sought to dismiss the charges, acknowledging in court documents that poor installation, not vandalism, apparently wrecked the multimillion dollar renovation on the National Mall.

"I disagree 100% with Jeanine Pirro, the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, on the Reflecting Pool. I don't know what she was thinking?" Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform.

"To me, it was a pure case of VANDALISM."

Trump then appeared to tacitly acknowledge what had long been suspected by politicians and the press: that a botched and hurried process had led a new "American Flag blue" sealant to both peel from the pool's bottom and promote rapid algae growth.

"There may have been some contractor difficulty, but the major damage was caused by VANDALS!" Trump said.

He also shared security camera footage he claimed showed vandalism.

In the video individuals are seen from afar putting their hands into the water while workers undertook cleaning work, but it did not clearly show people damaging the pool or depositing anything into it.

Trump is spending the weekend at his New Jersey golf club outside New York City.

The attack on his long-time ally came amid other posts of a war plane, gold-plated statues and what appeared to be a campaign poster of himself running for a third term, which would be illegal under the US Constitution.

Trump had made the renovation a national drama by repeatedly discussing plans and providing regular updates of the expedited work ahead of America's 250th anniversary celebrations earlier this summer.

When the pool liner began peeling off and algae grew quickly despite the application of chemicals, Trump blamed vandalism for the damage while providing no meaningful evidence.Former Olympian David Hearn, 67, was arrested and charged with felony vandalism, which could have seen him jailed for a decade. He pleaded not guilty.

On Friday, Pirro filed documents seeking dismissal of the case, saying new revelations "undermine the evidentiary basis for the indictment."

OPEC+ boosts September production by 188,000 barrels/day

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Saudi Arabia, Russia and five other key members of OPEC+ agreed in an online meeting yesterday to boost oil production by 188,000 barrels a day from September, against a backdrop of disruption caused by the Mideast war."The seven participating countries decided to implement a production adjustment of 188 thousand barrels per day," they said in a joint statement.

YOU KNOW WHAT

OPEC was founded in 1960 by five countries: Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

The increase, decided by the key countries in the enlarged Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, was widely expected by analysts.

"OPEC+ has finished unwinding its voluntary cuts. The next challenge is managing the surplus that could emerge as export flows normalise," said Jorge Leon, analyst at Rystad Energy. He warned, however, that "today's decision changes little in the near term because (the Strait of) Hormuz remains constrained. The real market impact will come when normal export flows resume." The September increase, agreed by OPEC+ countries Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria, and Oman, completes the unwinding of the second of the three production-cut packages introduced by organisation.

Venezuela, Dominican Republic agree to restore ties after dispute over Maduro

Caracas, Venezuela

Venezuela and the Dominican Republic agreed yesterday to work toward restoring relations severed two years ago when the latter joined an international chorus of complaints that Nicolas Maduro's claimed presidential reelection was fraudulent.

The two countries have now agreed on a road map for talks on "gradual normalization" of their diplomatic ties, the Venezuelan foreign ministry said in a statement.

Maduro, a leftist criticized as a harsh autocrat who oversaw the collapse of oil-rich Venezuela's economy, was toppled and arrested by US forces in early January and whisked off to New York with his wife for trial on drug trafficking charges.

The former bus driver hand picked by Hugo Chavez to succeed him claimed victory in presidential elections in 2024 and a mandate for third term, even though the then US-backed opposition released voting tally sheets showing its candidate Edmundo Gonzalez had scored a landslide victory.

The Dominican Republic joined many other countries in questioning the results and Venezuela reacted angrily by severing ties between the two countries.

AI keeps consumer prices high in 'RAMaggedon' chip crunch

The crunch has been nicknamed "RAMaggedon" after the components called RAM, or "random-access memory".

AFP | Hong Kong, China

Print-outs of articles about the global memory chip shortage are pinned beside a price list at a Hong Kong computer shop, offering an explanation to confused customers feeling the pinch.

Price rises for goods such as laptops and smartphones, with cars potentially next, have been an unwelcome side-effect of the artificial intelligence gold rush -- and the squeeze is far from over.

Samsung Electronics' chief financial officer said this week shortages of microchips that store digital data will likely deepen in 2027 and stay tight through 2028.

The crunch has been nicknamed "RAMaggedon" after the components called RAM, or "random-access memory".

It is caused as profit-hungry chipmakers pivot to producing high-bandwidth memory (HBM) -- a more advanced type of computer memory in huge demand to help train and run AI tools.

The articles on display at In-Technology Services -- one of many compact vendors crammed into Hong Kong's Wan Chai Computer Centre -- are to inform customers who "don't know what happened," manager Wade Lam told AFP.

RAM (Random Access Memory) chips are seen for sale in a computer centre in Hong Kong

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The centre's shops sell tech equipment of all sorts, from computer parts to gadgets and games consoles.

Ken Tam, manager of Videocom Computer, which specialises in custom-built PCs, said business has halved since price rises began in September.

Sixteen gigabytes of RAM used to cost HK$300-400 ($40-50) but the price has now hit HK$1,500, he said.

"When it suddenly gets so expensive, customers have a psychological barrier," Tam told AFP.

"If they need it, they will buy it," but otherwise they will wait, or "lower their standards" and buy a less high-performing memory chip, he said.

Chinese competition

Analyst Ellie Wang at the Taiwan-based market research firm TrendForce said memory prices for PCs and smartphones were up around five to six times compared to a year ago.

The AI boom has brought humungous profits and share price jumps to the world's top three memory chip makers: South Korea's Samsung Electronics and SK hynix, along with US giant Micron.

In fourth place is ChangXin Memory Technologies (CXMT), which became mainland China's most valuable company on Monday when it made its market debut in Shanghai -- another sign of how red-hot the sector has become.

CXMT, as a relative newcomer, "remains in a follower position regarding leading-edge technologies", James Zhao, senior principal analyst at Omdia, told AFP.

HBM is used in data centre servers to support other powerful chips -- such as those made by US titan Nvidia -- that execute the dizzyingly complex calculations of AI systems.

But when it comes to conventional RAM, and a type for computers called DRAM, "the current supply-constrained market environment" could bring CXMT "late-mover advantages", he said.

At a shopping centre in a different part of Hong Kong, customer Henry Wong, an investment banker, said he had chosen to upgrade the RAM in an older laptop instead of buying a new one with even better specs.

"After upgrading the memory, I found it ran really smoothly, and I stopped wanting to buy a new computer," he told AFP.

'Bubble'

Automakers say they are facing rising costs for in-vehicle computer systems, which could also soon push up the price of new vehicles.

In Tokyo's tech hub of Akihabara, Charles Brousse, a 30-year-old graphic designer and custom PC builder from Belgium, said prices for RAM, graphics cards and motherboards have hit "ridiculous levels".

For his "PC & Chill" service, Brousse does not buy parts to pre-build machines -- as it is too expensive -- but he requires clients to purchase their own that he assembles.

The chip shortage is pushing people to buy cheaper laptops than desktops, which can last up to a decade, said Brousse, in Tokyo on his honeymoon.

"I'm not sure that's a good thing; people end up buying products with shorter lifespans, which fuels a cycle of consumption."

Brousse added that the fact it is driven by the "speculative bubble" of AI is also frustrating, "because I'm a graphic designer by trade, so AI has a real impact on my profession."

At least 72 died in Spain's Ceuta migrant rush

AFP | Ceuta, Spain

At least 72 people died during the mass influx in recent days of migrants into Spain's Ceuta enclave, when tens of thousands of people mostly swam around the border post from Morocco, local officials said yesterday.

Most of the estimated 60,000 people who rushed into Spain's north African territory have returned to Morocco since the territory's largest mass migrant crossing.

"The latest figure that we have is 72," the government's delegate to Ceuta, Miguel Angel Perez Triano, told reporters, when asked about the number of fatalities.

The previous toll was 67 deaths.

Spanish police and troops patrolled the streets of Ceuta on Sunday as the enclave largely returned to normal after the sudden mass influx of migrants from Morocco that had occurred between Wednesday and Friday.

Only small groups of migrants were still walking around after most who crossed the small border barrier returned voluntarily to Morocco in 48 hours.

AFP on Saturday saw migrant minors milling around in a disused industrial park in Ceuta. Others were seen dozing on the pavements outside.

"All the children here want to go to (mainland) Spain," said one of the few adults at the site, Moroccan man Aziz Dabch, 41.

A group of migrants make their way back to Morocco from the short-stay centre CETI towards the border post, escorted by Spanish infantry soldiers, in the Spain's north African enclave of Ceuta

The largest migrant rush into the enclave has caused an international crisis for Spain with European partners criticising Madrid for its immigration policies.

Outside a housing project near Ceuta port, Spanish soldiers detained a group of nine tired-looking migrants who were sitting on the pavement, guarded by troops with an armoured car, an AFP reporter said.

Small inflatable boats from a rescue unit scoured the waters around the border barrier that extends into the Mediterranean Sea, where a new 500-metre (1,640-feet) floating boom reinforced security.

Civil Guard were also taking migrants off a bus to escort them back to the border post to return to Morocco.

The border crossing was calm, with groups of workers picking up trash, clothes and rubbish left behind during the mass crossing.

Rumours

Spain has blamed criminal gangs for spreading rumours that a recent Spanish Supreme Court ruling on immigration would allow migrants easier passage.

Some analysts suggested Morocco could allow migrants to cross the border to put diplomatic pressure on Spain, which has recently improved ties with Rabat's arch-enemy neighbouring Algeria.

In 2021, around 10,000 migrants crossed into Ceuta, taking advantage of Morocco easing border controls as a way to pressure Spain.

Moroccan officials have so far not offered any statement on the crisis.

But some of those who crossed the border said they had heard the border was open -- a rumour quickly amplified on social media.

The EU said it would hold a video call on Tuesday after 22 bloc members issued a joint open letter calling for an urgent meeting to agree a speedy coordinated response, and to prevent further uncontrolled crossings.

Italy on Saturday implemented a one-month suspension of its Schengen agreement with Spain allowing for visa-free movement between borders.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, in a letter to EU leaders, blasted the "selfish" reaction by some EU countries.

Pope Leo XIV on Sunday spoke to the situation in Ceuta in his daily prayers on Sunday, saying he was following it "with concern" and hoping for a solution of "peace, stability and justice".

BETTER YOU KNOW

Ceuta is part of Spain—but it's in Africa. It's one of only two Spanish cities located on the African continent.

Ukraine hits multiple Russian regions, killing 8: officials

People walk away in front of heavy smoke rising at the site of a Russian airstrike in Zaporizhzhia

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Ukraine attacked multiple regions of Russia on Sunday, killing at least eight people, Russian officials said.

Some of the strikes hit hundreds of kilometres from the front line, according to authorities.

Both Moscow and Kyiv have upped attacks on each other in recent months, as US-led talks aimed at ending the conflict remain largely frozen.

Kyiv, which denies targeting civilians, says the strikes are fair retaliation for deadly Russian bombardment of its own territory and are aimed at pressuring Moscow into negotiations.

Ukrainian shelling of Russia's Belgorod region bordering Ukraine left three dead, while a separate drone attack on the Saratov region bordering Kazakhstan killed two others, regional authorities said.

Three were killed in a drone strike on a car in Russia's Udmurtia region, more than 1,000 kilometres (600 miles) from the front line, the region's acting governor Olga Abramova said on Telegram.

"This act is monstrous in its senselessness. These people were definitely not a military target," she said.

Russian air defence systems intercepted 635 Ukrainian drones overnight, the Russian defence ministry said.

South Korea records its highest-ever temperature of 42.5C

AFP | Seoul, South Korea

South Korea registered its highest temperature since records began more than a century ago yesterday, as authorities warned people to "immediately" stop all outdoor activities in affected areas.

The southeastern city of Yangsan saw the temperature reach 42.5C at 1:26 pm (0426 GMT), the Korea Meteorological Administration said on its website.

Yangsan has been the epicentre of the ongoing heatwave, where temperatures exceeded 40C for a fifth consecutive day on Sunday, while many other cities including Daegu and Busan are seeing temperatures climb into the high 30s.

People flocked to air-conditioned shopping malls or cafes to escape the blistering temperatures, an AFP reporter saw.

More than 20 localities were under emergency heatwave alerts yesterday -- a new warning category introduced this year to better address rising temperatures.

Five dead, 41 missing in Indonesia ferry fire

AFP | Surabaya, Indonesia

An Indonesian ferry caught fire at sea yesterday, killing five people and leaving another 41 missing after some jumped overboard, search and rescue officials said.

A total of 225 people on the vessel were rescued, said the regional Surabaya Search and Rescue Agency, which provided the latest figures in an afternoon update.Some passengers jumped into the sea and were picked up by a nearby ship, according to Basarnas, Indonesia's National Search and Rescue Agency.

Four other vessels were on standby near the ferry but could not approach because of the risk posed by flammable material on the ferry, it said.

The captain had called the ferry company to report the fire as the vessel sailed from Surabaya in East Java to Makassar in South Sulawesi, Basarnas said.

The passenger ship Mutiara Sentosa 2 catching fire in the waters off Madura island, East Java.

The captain had not been in contact since then, it said.

A larger rescue operation was heading to the site from Surabaya, a six-hour journey from the site of the disaster, Basarnas said. "Based on preliminary reports from the field, passengers are waiting to be evacuated by the vessels in the vicinity of the incident site," said Muhammad Masyhud, a senior official at the Ministry of Transportation.

"The safety of passengers and crew is our top priority. We are continuously coordinating with all relevant parties to ensure that the evacuation process can proceed quickly, safely, and effectively," he said in a statement.

Marine accidents are a regular occurrence in Indonesia, an archipelago of more than 17,000 islands, partly due to lax safety standards and unpredictable weather. A ferry transporting more than 70 people sank last month while sailing near Selayar, a small tropical island south of the much larger Sulawesi.

At least four people were found dead, and 14 others remained missing until the end of the search operation.

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Saudi Crown Prince, Trump Discuss Regional Security and Diplomacy

Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman held a phone conversation with US President Donald Trump to discuss the latest developments in the Middle East and ongoing efforts to ease regional tensions.

According to the Saudi Press Agency (SPA), the two leaders reviewed the current regional situation and reaffirmed the importance of resolving conflicts through dialogue and diplomatic engagement. They also discussed the need to support international efforts aimed at preserving peace and preventing further instability.

During the call, the Crown Prince emphasised the importance of prioritising dialogue over confrontation and called for intensified efforts to de-escalate tensions. He stressed that diplomatic solutions remain the most effective path to safeguarding regional and global security while avoiding a broader conflict that could have serious humanitarian, political and economic consequences.

The Crown Prince also highlighted Saudi Arabia's continued support for initiatives that promote stability, encourage constructive dialogue and strengthen international cooperation in addressing regional challenges.

The conversation comes amid heightened tensions across the Middle East, with global powers and regional stakeholders working to prevent further escalation and encourage diplomatic engagement. The latest exchange reflects ongoing consultations between Saudi Arabia and the United States on regional security and shared efforts to maintain peace and stability.

Jordan, US Discuss Regional Security and Defense Cooperation

Jordan's Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Maj. Gen. Yousef Huneiti, held talks with US Sen. Joni Ernst, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, on Sunday to discuss the latest security developments in the Middle East.

The meeting, held at the General Command headquarters in Amman, focused on enhancing military and defense cooperation between Jordan and the United States, including expanding joint training programs and strengthening the exchange of military expertise, according to the Jordan News Agency.

The discussions come as Jordan continues to play a key role in regional security. Since the escalation of tensions involving Iran, the US and Israel, the Jordanian Armed Forces have intercepted numerous drones and missiles that entered the Kingdom's airspace. Last month, Jordan also intercepted several Iranian missiles reportedly targeting US forces stationed at Muwaffaq Salti Airbase in Azraq.

US Ambassador Jim Holtsnider, the US defense attaché in Amman, and senior Jordanian Armed Forces officials also attended the meeting.

Global ICC honour for Bahrain cricket

Shukla earns ICC Long Service Award and a place among only four Lead Master Coach Educators

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For more than two decades, Prachur Kumar Shukla has quietly worked behind the scenes to shape Bahrain's cricketing future. Today, that dedication has earned global recognition.

The High Performance Director of Bahrain Cricket received the prestigious ICC Long Service Award from ICC Chairman Jay Shah at the ICC Annual Conference 2026 in Edinburgh, Scotland, honouring 21 years of service to the sport.

The recognition comes alongside another landmark achievement. Shukla has also become one of only four ICC Lead Master Coach Educators in the world, placing Bahrain at the centre of international coach education.

"This gives Bahrain cricket a direct line into ICC's global coaching standards," Shukla told The Daily Tribune. "The pathway we build for our players - from grassroots to the national team will now be shaped by the same frameworks used at the highest level of world cricket."

ICC Chairman Jay Shah presents the ICC Long Service Award to Bahrain Cricket High Performance Director Prachur Shukla during the ICC Annual Conference 2026 in Edinburgh, Scotland

The appointment means Bahrain can increasingly deliver internationally recognised ICC coaching courses locally, reducing the need for coaches to travel overseas for certification. The Kingdom has already hosted the ICC Global Level 3 Coaching Programme, attracting participants from 21 countries, while dozens of Bahraini coaches and national team players have earned Level 2 qualifications at home.

As an ICC Lead Master Coach Educator, Shukla's role extends beyond coaching players. He is responsible for training the next generation of coach educators, maintaining global coaching standards and leading programmes across different countries. His next assignment will take him to Malaysia later this month to conduct another ICC Global Level 3 course.

Looking back, Shukla said Bahrain's cricket landscape has been transformed over the past two decades.

"When I started, structured coaching pathways barely existed. Today, Bahrain produces ICC-certified coaches locally, has reached 25th in the ICC T20I rankings and operates five high-performance squads. We are also preparing for a new international cricket ground with turf wickets and floodlights."

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> PRACHUR KUMAR SHUKLA

Shukla attributed much of that progress to the continued support of Bahrain Cricket's leadership. He thanked His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Patron of Bahrain Cricket, and Bahrain Cricket Federation Board and Advisory Board Chairman Mohammed Mansoor for consistently backing the federation's high-performance and coach education programmes, helping them grow over the years.

He also acknowledged his employer, Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), for supporting his voluntary work alongside his full-time role for more than two decades. From launching the Alba Cricket Tournament in 2007 to establishing the Alba Club Cricket Academy, Shukla said Alba's management, led by CEO Ali Al Baqali, encouraged his commitment to developing cricket. He dedicated the honour to the players, coaches, volunteers and administrators who have contributed to Bahrain cricket's journey.

For Shukla, however, the award is not the finish line.

"My ambition is to make Bahrain a regional hub for coach education," he said. "More importantly, I want to build a system that develops more local coaches, umpires and administrators so the game continues to grow long after any one individual."

15 players selected for Arab U17 volleyball challenge

Bahrain's U17 players train at the Isa bin Rashid Volleyball Arena

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Bahrain have announced their squad for the second edition of the Arab U17 Men's Volleyball Championship, with head coach Yusuf Khalifa selecting a 15-player roster for the regional tournament hosted by the kingdom.

The Bahrain Volleyball Association (BVA) unveiled the squad yesterday as the national team continues preparations for the competition, which will be held at the Isa bin Rashid Volleyball Arena at Isa Sports City in Riffa from August 9 to 17.

Khalifa will be assisted by coach Mohammed Salman as Bahrain aim to challenge for honours on home soil against five other participating nations: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, Algeria and Egypt.

The selected squad features Sayed Hasan Alabbar, Ebrahim Alhammar, Hadi Mahmood, Abdulla Aljaboori, Karrar Ahmed, Ahmed AlKhabbaz, Abbas Fadhel, Ammar Yousif, Nasrallah Tah, Mustafa Fadhel, Mohammed Haram, Hussain Albalooshi, Mohammed Abdulaziz, Hadi Hussain and Ali Hassan.

Bahrain enter the tournament after gaining valuable international experience at the AVC Boys' U18 Volleyball Championship 2026 in Haikou, China, last month, where they finished 12th among 16 participating teams.

The nationals will be looking to improve on their performance from the inaugural Arab youth championship in 2024, where they claimed the silver medal in Amman, Jordan. Saudi Arabia won the gold medal on that occasion.

The Arab U17 Men's Volleyball Championship will feature a single round-robin format, with each team facing the other five participating nations. Bahrain will begin their campaign against Algeria on August 9 at 7pm before meeting Jordan at the same time the following day.

They will then face Kuwait on August 12, Saudi Arabia on August 14, and Egypt on August 16, with all of Bahrain's matches scheduled for 7pm.

Seef, Alba continue winning run in Bahrain Summer 3x3 Tour

Seef celebrate after winning the third stop of the Bahrain Summer Tour 2026

Alba's quartet pose with the winners' plaque after claiming the title

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Seef and Alba continued their dominance of Bahrain's summer 3x3 basketball competitions after claiming the men's and women's titles in their respective tournaments at Sports City, held as part of Youth City 2030 at Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB).

Seef captured the third stop of the Bahrain Summer Tour 2026 after defeating Team ATBB 22-12 in the men's final.

The champions were represented by Uroš Ilic, Austin Ajukwa, Elyas Younes and Isa Jasim, while ATBB featured Mohammed Kowayed, Nasser Almosawi, Ali Shukrallah and Sadeq Shukrallah.

The tournament featured 20 teams from Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, with Seef continuing their impressive run after also winning the Fiba-sanctioned Bahrain Summer Quest 2026, which secured them qualification for the Debrecen Masters in Hungary on August 29 and 30.

Seef reached the final with a commanding 22-6 victory over NY in the semi-finals, while ATBB defeated Bahrain Under-23 A 21-10. In the quarter-finals, Seef beat Bahrain Under-23 B 22-8, while ATBB overcame Makhariqa 19-6.

The winners' awards were presented by Bahrain Basketball Association deputy secretary general Mohammed Ahmed and competitions committee member Mohammed Albastaki.

Attention now turns to the Bahrain Summer Tour grand finale on Friday at EWB, where the champions will earn a place at the Go Too! Group Aichi 2026 Challenger in Japan, scheduled for October 10 and 11. The event serves as a qualifier for the Manama Masters on November 20 and 21, one of the premier tournaments on the Fiba 3x3 World Tour.

In the women's competition, Alba continued their unbeaten run by winning the second round of the Bahrain Summer Women's 3x3 Basketball Championship at Sports City.

The victory marked Alba's second consecutive title after also triumphing in the opening round of the series.

The winning squad featured Maryam Sameer, Aya Murtada, Mariam Jalal and Shireen Abdulrahman.

Ahmed Elias and Samana Haidari, members of the Bahrain Basketball Association's competitions committee, presented Alba with their awards following the final.

Alsameea shines with BRAVE CF 107 victory

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Mohamed Alsameea lands a strike against Miran Ramani

Bahraini fighter Mohamed Alsameea delivered a statement performance at BRAVE CF 107 in Bulgaria, securing a unanimous decision victory over Switzerland's Miran Ramani in a 59-kilogram catchweight bout.

The event took place on Saturday, August 1, at Burgas Arena, as BRAVE Combat Federation continued its international expansion with another major card held in partnership with the Bulgarian Fight Agency.

Alsameea was originally scheduled to face Bulgaria's Aleksandar Hristov, but a late injury forced a change of opponent, with Ramani stepping in on short notice.

The adjustment did not disrupt the Bahraini's approach, as Alsameea controlled the fight from the opening bell through his wrestling and grappling. He repeatedly worked his way into dominant positions and kept Ramani under constant pressure on the mat throughout the three rounds.

His control and effectiveness were recognised by the judges, who all scored the contest in his favour with scores of 30-27, 30-27 and 30-26.

The victory marked another important step for Alsameea on BRAVE CF's global platform, with the promotion continuing to showcase fighters from around the world across major international events.

Bahrain was also scheduled to have Muhammad Idrisov compete on the card against Colombia's Alinson Ochoa, but the bout was cancelled after Ochoa exceeded the contracted weight limit during official weigh-ins. Discussions between both camps regarding revised terms did not result in an agreement.

The night's headline attraction saw France's Salim "Bizon" El Ouassaidi overcome Bulgarian light heavyweight contender Kaloyan Kolev in dramatic fashion, recovering from a difficult opening round before securing a third-round TKO victory.

Georgia's Bidzina Gavasheishvili also strengthened his position as a potential flyweight title contender after earning a unanimous decision win over South Africa's Luthando "Shorty" Biko.

The Burgas crowd was treated to several memorable finishes, including Pavel "The Werewolf" Vladev's 52-second knockout of Greece's Muhammed "The Thracian Gladiator" Kir Ahmet and Deyan Galinov's second-round stoppage of Brazil's Alexander "Pantera Negra" Mikael.

Samqa Qualifies for Paris Grand Prix

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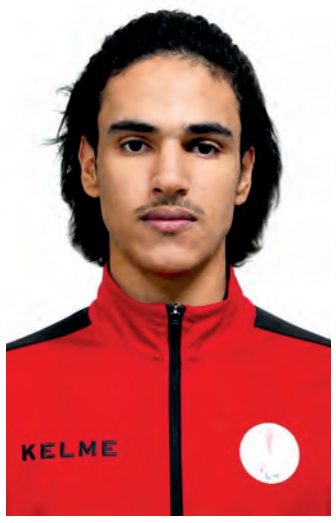
Ibrahim Samqa

Ibrahim Samqa has become the first Bahraini athlete ever to qualify for the World Para Taekwondo Grand Prix, earning a place at the prestigious Paris 2026 edition after the World Taekwondo Federation confirmed the official participant list.

It is a historic first for the Kingdom — and a moment that signals how far Bahrain's para taekwondo programme has come.

A Stage Reserved for the World's Best

The Grand Prix series sits among the highest-ranked events on the World Taekwondo calendar. Qualification is not open to all — only athletes holding top positions in the world rankings and meeting strict criteria earn a place on the start list.

Samqa met every standard.

National taekwondo coach Tawfiq Nwaiser called the selection a landmark for Bahrain, saying it reflects the real progress made by the Kingdom's para taekwondo programme in recent years.

Para taekwondo coach Fajr Al Binali echoed that view, pointing to a series of strong international performances that steadily built Samqa's standing among the world's elite in his weight category.

More Than a Competition

For Samqa, Paris is not just a destination — it is an opportunity.

Al Binali said competing at Grand Prix level will sharpen his international ranking, test him against the very best, and strengthen his preparation for the major competitions ahead.

The achievement also carries wider significance. The Bahrain Paralympic Committee has made developing athletes capable of competing at the highest global level a central part of its strategy — and Samqa's qualification is evidence that the approach is working.

Bahrain's flag has been raised on many sporting stages. In Paris, it will fly in para sport for the first time at this level.

Riffa begin Dubai camp ahead of new season

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Jassim Al Shaikh

Riffa have begun preparations for the new football season after the first-team squad departed for Dubai yesterday to stage an overseas training camp.

The camp is part of the club's build-up towards the start of the Nasser bin Hamad Premier League, where they will begin their campaign against newly promoted Al Ittifaq.

Guided by Kuwaiti head coach Mohamed Al Mashaan, Riffa are aiming to mount a stronger league challenge after finishing third last season with 49 points from 22 matches. The Blues recorded 17 victories, four draws and three defeats during the campaign.

They did, however, finish the season with silverware, lifting the Khalid bin Hamad Cup after defeating Muharraq on penalties in the final. They also reached the King's Cup final, where they suffered defeat against the same opponents.

The Dubai camp will feature a series of friendly matches as Riffa prepare for a campaign that will see them compete across multiple fronts, including the Nasser bin Hamad Premier League, King's Cup and the defence of their Khalid bin Hamad Cup title.

Al Mashaan will be assisted by Mohamed Abdo as the squad continues its preparations ahead of the new season.

The travelling squad includes Mehdi Abduljabbar, Mehdi Abdullah, Hamad Bader, Hamad Shamsan, Abdulkarim Al Fardan, Abdullah Al Eker, Komail Al Adham, Sayed Mahmoud Al Moosawi, Yacoub Diarra, Mahmood Al Bannai, Sayed Redha Isa, Hussain Al Akar, Abbas Al Asfoor, Jassim Al Shaikh, Komail Al Aswad, Ali Hasan, Taib Meziani, Ali Madan, Ahmed Abdulhameed, Vinicius Vargas, Rodrigo, Clayton Silva, Samuel Tuskas, Bartikus and Wellington Moreira.

Eala stuns Osaka to book Washington final against Pegula

Alexandra Eala of the Philippines celebrates after defeating Japan's Naomi Osaka

AFP | Washington

Alexandra Eala stunned former world number one Naomi Osaka 6-4, 6-2 to reach the women's final of the WTA and ATP Washington Open, where she will face third-ranked Jessica Pegula.

The 21-year-old Philippines left-hander delivered an impressive victory over the four-time Grand Slam winner from Japan to reach her second WTA final, having lost her first last year at Eastbourne.

"I'm super proud of my performance," Eala said.

"I played really well and I had a great mentality and I stayed locked in until the end."

Eala, set to jump to a career-best 24th in the world rankings, had previously ousted second seed Elina Svitolina for her sixth top-10 victory of the year after dethroning 2025 Washington champion Leylah Fernandez.

It was the first meeting of the Asian stars, Eala facing one of the idols of her youth.

"She definitely has an aura and she definitely has power," Eala said of Osaka.

"I remember watching her finals in the Australian Open and US Open, so really a great experience to share the court with her.

"I'm really happy I was able to produce that level against her."

Osaka, ranked 13th, was thwarted in her bid for an eighth WTA title and first since taking the 2021 Australian Open.

Messi returns as Inter Miami draw 2-2 against Columbus Crew

AFP | Miami

Lionel Messi in action

Lionel Messi returned to Major League Soccer action after World Cup duty, coming on in the second half as his Inter Miami side drew 2-2 with Columbus Crew.

Two weeks after Argentina's loss to Spain in the World Cup final, Messi was back on the pitch, entering in the 53rd minute to the delight of fans at Miami's Nu Stadium. But Messi could not mark his return with a goal, twice shooting wide.

Uruguayan Luis Suarez scored his seventh goal in his last four games to put Miami 1-0 up in the 16th minute.

Miami's former Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder Casemiro scored an own goal in the 34th minute which drew Columbus level at 1-1.

Suarez provided the assist for Noah Allen to head Miami into a 2-1 half-time lead

But midfielder Brais Mendez, making his Columbus debut after arriving from Real Sociedad in Spain, curled in a second equalizer from an 84th-minute free-kick.

The result ended Miami's six-match winning streak and kept them in second place in the Eastern Conference behind Nashville, who drew 2-2 at DC United.

Los Angeles FC and Vancouver Whitecaps remain level at the top of the Western Conference after they drew 1-1 at Vancouver's BC Place.

Son Heung-min extended his scoring streak since the MLS resumed after the World Cup to four goals in four matches as he put Los Angeles ahead in the 37th minute.

Infantino struggling to survive, says former IOC marketing chief

AFP | Paris

FIFA president Gianni Infantino's leadership has become "radioactive" and his 10-year reign as head of world football "is over", a former head of IOC marketing told AFP.

A FIFA plan to raise up to $4.2 billion, based on a valuation of $20 billion, through private investment leaked to media on Tuesday.

The scheme proposed a new commercial subsidiary, called the FIFA Forward Enterprise (FFE), to run events such as the World Cup and Club World Cup and one-off payments of $20 million to all 211 member associations, who each have one FIFA vote.

Following a furious global reaction, Infantino on Saturday shelved the scheme.

"I do not think we have ever seen such a fast fall from grace by a sports leader," Michael Payne, former head of marketing at the International Olympic Committee, told AFP.

"One week ago, Infantino was riding high from delivering a very successful World Cup, and expected to run unopposed for election next year to continue his mandate as president of FIFA.

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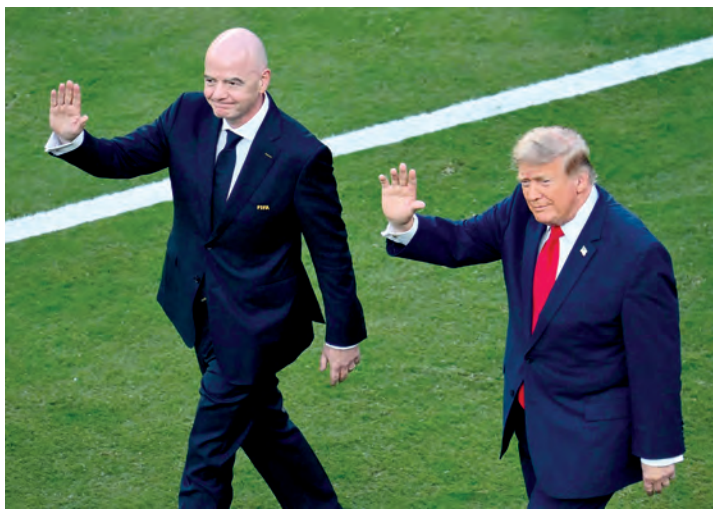
"Now Infantino will struggle to survive the month.

"How does he find himself in this mess -- gross hubris!"

The signs are not good for the 56-year-old Swiss, with European football's governing body UEFA and CONCACAF -- which includes the three recent co-hosts of the World Cup, the US, Canada and Mexico -- among those expressing their discontent over his leadership.



US President Donald Trump (R) and FIFA President Gianni Infantino (L) wave during the award ceremony of 2026 World Cup final (file photo)

UEFA said he had lost their "confidence" with his "shabby deal". CONCACAF called for "a comprehensive reckoning with this presidency".

Payne, who in nearly two decades at the IOC helped modernise the organisation's brand and improve its finances, said he feared the fall-out if Infantino stayed.

"I learnt long ago to never say never in this world, but this is going to take more than a miracle for Infantino to survive," said the 68-year-old Irishman.

"I don't see how any amount of lobbying or 'persuasion' of the smaller countries can save him.

"His leadership has become radioactive, and if he stays there will be total civil war in global football, with breakaways by leading nations and boycotts.

"Its over."

Terrence Burns, who was brand and marketing strategist for two successful World Cup hosting bids, told AFP he had never seen "anything mismanaged and bungled so badly by people so smart".

'Played it well'

However, Burns said that even though Infantino's position is "precarious", it is not beyond repair even if a challenger does emerge for the vote in Rabat next year.

He said that UEFA had resorted to the "nuclear option" of threatening a World Cup boycott but in FIFA elections "confederations do not vote as a bloc".

"It's the individual associations that receive development money from Zurich," said Burns, adding that Africa (CAF) and Oceania could be pivotal.

"If CAF stays with him, he can lose Europe, Asia, and CONCACAF in public and still win in the hall.

"If CAF moves, it's game over."

Burns said Infantino has wasted all his capital and a 64-team World Cup might not be enough of a sweetener.

"I think expansion sells when it reads as access," he said.

"But offered now, weeks after an attempt to sell a fifth of the asset that generates the money, it reads as a payment."

Burns said Infantino's authority has taken a hit.

"The thing he's lost is inevitability, which in this business is a real asset," he said.

"He was unopposed in 2019 and 2023 because serious people don't run against someone who can't be beaten.

"I think that calculation changed this week, before the 18 November nomination deadline.

"That's the part I'd be most worried about if I were in his camp."

For Burns the winners were the "sport itself" and UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin.

"He played it well," said Burns.

"UEFA carried the fight collectively while he issued no personal statement at any point, which means he can now stand, or not stand, (for the FIFA presidency) without having spent anything on the argument.

"The boycott threat was aggressive and credible, which is a rare pairing."

Tottenham manager 'happy' with pre-season progress

AFP | Sydney

Tottenham manager Roberto De Zerbi said he was "happy for a lot of things" as they return to London unbeaten in three pre-season games after a 2-1 win over Chelsea in Sydney.

The Italian spent more a week in New Zealand and Australia with his squad as he builds towards the new Premier League campaign where they aim to do better than their 17th place last season.

They head home after beating Auckland FC 2-0, recording a shootout win after a 1-1 draw with Sydney FC and a gutsy victory over their London rivals on Saturday despite playing most of the second half with 10 men.

"I'm happy for a lot of things. First of all, because we have spent a very important 10 days together. We worked very well," he said.

"I'm happy to work with these players. I'm looking forward to work with the other players who are in London -- (Rodrigo) Bentancur, Pape Matar Sarr, (Marcos) Senesi, (Mohammed) Kudus. "

Tottenham Hotspur's manager Roberto De Zerbi (C) looks on during the match

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> ROBERTO DE ZERBI

Bentancur, Matar Sarr and Senesi all played at the World Cup while Kudus is recovering from an injury.

The tour gave De Zerbi an opportunity to give game time to a host of promising youngsters, as well as new signings Sandro Tonali, Andy Robertson and Marco Palestra.

He highlighted the importance of Tonali, Archie Gray, Ben Davies, Robertson and Lucas Bergvall, who all played a big part in the Chelsea victory which was sealed by Richarlison's 90th minute winner.

But the Italian also pinpointed several future prospects.

"I am so happy for the young players because Malachi (Hardy), Rio (Kyerematen), Tye (Hall), Kota (Takai), they have been in this period very important for us, very good players."

De Zerbi was particularly pleased with the way Spurs kept their composure when defender Kevin Danso was sent off for a reckless challenge three minutes into the second half against Chelsea.

He wants to see similar fight when Spurs kick off their Premier League campaign against Brentford on August 22.

"It's important to change the habits, because our habits in the last two seasons have been not good in terms of results," he said.

"It's important for us to win the game, to win the duels, to win the second ball and to play well in every position of the pitch. But yes, a very good 10 days."

De Zerbi unsure over Richarlison's future at Spurs

Tottenham manager Roberto de Zerbi is unsure whether Richarlison will stay at the club, saying the Brazilian forward "sometimes" wants to leave.

The 29-year-old Richarlison reinforced his importance with a last-minute winner as Spurs beat Chelsea 2-1.

He also scored in their 2-0 win over Auckland FC last weekend.

Richarlison's fate has come into focus after Tottenham's aggressive summer of spending to boost their fortunes after avoiding the drop by coming 17th in the Premier League last season.

Richarlison

Tottenham have yet to recruit a striker, but De Zerbi has made clear he is not finished in the transfer market yet with Manchester City forward Savinho among those reportedly in his sights.

"I don't know," De Zerbi said when asked about Richarlison's future after the Chelsea match.

"As a player, as a guy, it is unbelievable his attitude and behaviour, but at the end we have to respect what he wants to do.

"For me he is still an important player because it is not so easy to find another striker as Richarlison, because Richarlison scores goals and he knows the way."

Auger-Aliassime playing for hometown pride at Montreal Masters

Serbia's Novak Djokovic (L) shakes hands with Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime (file photo)

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World number four Felix Auger-Aliassime will be playing for local pride when the ATP Montreal Masters begins yesterday in his hometown.

The Canadian returns as second seed to a tournament he attended frequently as a budding young player, when he used to watch and study his sporting idols up close in training between matches.

"There were several times when I didn't have a ticket, so I would watch all the training sessions," he said at the event, where he is seeded behind Roland Garros winner and Wimbledon runner-up Alexander Zverev.

"I learned even more things during training since they (fans) have the chance to be very, very close to the players."

Auger-Aliassime recently split with his longtime coach of 10 years, Frederic Fontang, after losing a frustrating Wimbledon five-set quarter-final to Novak Djokovic.

He will have the bulk of the crowd support at an event which is missing major stars including top-ranked Jannik Sinner, who opted not to play in the wake of his Wimbledon triumph to send tournament organizers into crisis mode.

Joining the Italian on the sidelines with less than a month to go before the US Open begins are the 39-year-old Djokovic and Spain's Carlos Alcaraz, still testing and healing the right wrist injury which has kept him off court since mid-April.

Auger-Aliassime's best performance at the Canadian event was a quarter-final four years ago. Last year he lost in the second round.

Despite the hometown support, Auger-Aliassime said he will aim to stick to his usual routines and focus solely on his game.

"Already, my expectations or hopes are at the same level as the public's. So already, there is no gap at that level," he said.

"I have my work to do, I have my preparation, I have my routines, so all that doesn't change.

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