

Bahrain Calls for Firm Action Against Iran

The Kingdom strongly condemned renewed Iranian missile and drone attacks targeting Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan, describing the attacks as a flagrant violation of state sovereignty and a direct threat to civilian lives.

A statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the attacks represented a dangerous escalation that undermines regional security and stability and violates international law, the UN Charter and UN Security Council Resolution 2817.

Saudi Tanker Attack Condemned

Bahrain strongly condemned the Iranian attack on the Saudi oil tanker SIDR while it was crossing the Strait of Hormuz, which resulted in the deaths of two Filipino sailors.

It stressed that Saudi Arabia's security and stability are an integral part of Bahrain's national security.

The Kingdom also expressed its condolences to the government and people of the Philippines and to the families, relatives and colleagues of the two sailors.

Two Seas Motorsport Wins Nürburgring Bronze Cup

Bahrain's 2 Seas Motorsport secured victory in the Bronze Cup at Germany's Nürburgring during the fourth round of the 2026 GT World Challenge Europe Endurance Cup.

The No. 222 Mercedes-AMG, driven by Reece Barr, Charles Dawson and Kiern Jewiss, converted pole position into victory. Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa praised the result as an important addition to Bahrain's motorsport achievements.

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Challenge Today, Lead Tomorrow

His Majesty highlights the camp's role in developing Bahrain's youth through discipline, leadership and life skills

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, visited the Gadeha "Up to the Challenge" Junior Training Camp, accompanied by His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Personal Representative of His Majesty the King.

During the visit, the King observed a range of training exercises, programmes, activities and practical experiences designed to develop participants' personal abilities and strengthen values including commitment, discipline, self-confidence, national belonging and teamwork.

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad briefed His Majesty on the camp's objectives and programmes, the participation of young people across different



age groups, and the positive response from parents to the initiative and its goals.

His Majesty commended the success of the camp's first edition, describing Gadeha as a leading national initiative and praising its diverse training programmes, practical experiences and the strong participation and engagement of young people.

The King emphasised the

camp's important role in developing participants' physical and mental capabilities, strengthening their character and national identity, and providing them with the experience and skills needed to assume responsibility, demonstrate leadership, rely on themselves and face challenges.

The King stressed the central role of young people in Bahrain's development and their

contribution to strengthening the Kingdom's international standing and leadership.

His Majesty said that youth are the makers of the future and pioneers of innovation, emphasising that investing in their potential and empowering them represents an investment in national development and the progress and prosperity of society.



LuLu Reaffirms Food Security Commitment

Bahrain highlights food security, supply chain efficiency, and the private sector's role in economic growth

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Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, met with Yusuff Ali, Chairman of LuLu Group, and discussed issues related to food security, supply chain efficiency and the availability of essential goods in Bahrain's local market.

Shaikh Salman underscored the importance of strengthening food security and ensuring efficient supply chains to meet the needs of the local market.

He commended LuLu Group's active contribution to Bahrain's retail sector and its role in meeting consumers' needs for food products and other essential goods.

The minister also emphasised



the important role of the private sector in supporting Bahrain's development efforts, creating investment opportunities and contributing to economic growth.

Shaikh Salman affirmed Bahrain's commitment to providing the necessary capabilities and an enabling environment to

support key economic sectors, particularly the retail sector, given its contribution to the national economy and its role in stimulating commercial activity.

Yusuff Ali expressed his appreciation to the Minister of Finance and National Economy for his continued support for

the private sector and efforts to strengthen its contribution to Bahrain's economy.

He also affirmed LuLu Group's commitment to continuing its role in supporting Bahrain's food security system and contributing to its sustainability in the Kingdom.

Government Reviews Key Developments



His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, chaired the 541st Government Executive Committee meeting.

The committee reviewed initiatives to develop Bahrain's tourism sector and government services, along with the latest progress on housing projects.

Ambassador Tours Open Prison



US Ambassador to Bahrain Stephanie Hallett visited the Open Prisons Complex, where she met Shaikh Khalid bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Director General of the General Directorate for the Implementation of Judgments and Alternative Sentences. The meeting focused on strengthening Bahrain-US cooperation, exchanging expertise and reviewing developments in Bahrain's Open Prisons Programme.

IPA Launches Third Communication Programme



The Institute of Public Administration has launched the third cohort of its Executive Government Communication Programme, with Director General Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Duaij Al Khalifa stressing the importance of developing national talent.

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Climate Resilience Plan for Bahrain’s Water Sector

Minister highlights scientific and technical tools developed to strengthen water security

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Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Dinah affirmed that the “Enhancing Climate Resilience of the Water Sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain” project represents a leading national initiative aimed at strengthening the Kingdom’s water sector.

The minister made the remarks while opening a workshop showcasing the project’s outcomes, which the Green Climate Fund (GCF) supports and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) implements in cooperation.

Dr bin Dinah said the project helped establish an integrated scientific and technical foundation to support planning and decision-making, enhance water security and improve the efficiency of water resource management.

He added that the project’s outcomes align with Bahrain’s national directions for sustainable development and climate change adaptation.

The minister said the work-



“The outcomes support the objectives of the National Water Strategy 2021-2030.”

Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Dinah

shop marks the culmination of efforts undertaken through the project, which seeks to strengthen the resilience of Bahrain’s water sector against

the impacts of climate change, support the implementation of the objectives of the National Water Strategy 2021-2030 and reinforce the principles of integrated water resources management.

Dr bin Dinah also praised the pivotal role played by the Water Resources Council throughout the project’s various stages.

He highlighted the council’s active participation in guiding its outcomes and supporting the implementation of its activities, which helped ensure the results remained aligned with national priorities and the Kingdom’s water resource management requirements.

During the workshop, participants reviewed several technical and strategic outputs developed under the project.

GCC Air Chiefs Review Joint Military Cooperation



The 30th meeting of the Commanders of the Air Forces and Air Defence Forces of the Armed Forces of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states concluded in Bahrain on Wednesday.

The meeting was hosted by the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), represented by the Royal Bahraini Air Force, and was attended by the commanders of the air forces and air defence forces of the GCC member states.

Also attending were Major General Staff Salman bin Ibrahim Al Fadala, Assistant Secretary-General for Military Affairs at the General Secretariat of the GCC, and Major General Staff Abdulaziz bin Ahmed Al Balawi, Commander of the Unified Military Command of the GCC.

During the meeting, the commanders discussed a number of issues related to joint Gulf military cooperation in the fields of air forces and air defence.

Bahrain, INTERPOL Discuss Regional Security Challenges

His Excellency Lieutenant General Dr. Shaikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Deputy Chief of Police, participated in the ninth meeting of police chiefs from the Middle East and North Africa, organised by the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and held in the Arab Republic of Egypt. The meeting discussed a range of issues related to regional crime trends and emerging threats facing the Middle East and North Africa region. It also reviewed the priorities of regional security partners and explored ways to strengthen coordination and integration among law enforcement agencies across the region.

The meeting further addressed mechanisms for enhancing regional cooperation and operational coordination, supporting joint efforts to combat various forms of crime and address security challenges.



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School return revives warning over unlicensed drivers

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After seven months away from their classrooms, 157,000 children return to government schools today, with parents told to check that anyone paid to drive them is licensed. Private schools resumed lessons earlier this week, a few days ahead of the public-school system. Government schools reopen after safety checks, repairs and preparations by the Education Ministry, following months in which teaching was moved on-line during the Iranian attacks on Bahrain.

Last year, two cases involving unlicensed school transport put children at risk.

In October 2025, a four-and-a-half-year-old boy died after being left for several hours inside a closed private car used to take children to schools and kindergartens. The woman driving the car told prosecutors she had been taking children for payment without a licence. The vehicle was also not licensed for passenger transport.

A month later, a girl was left asleep inside another unlicensed private car after it broke down. The vehicle was then lifted on to a recovery truck with the child still inside.

The driver realised she was there only after receiving a telephone call asking where she was. Prosecutors later ordered his



detention while the case was investigated.

Shura Council member Lina Habib, deputy head of the woman and child affairs committee, said parents must check both the driver and vehicle before paying anyone to take their children to school.

‘A parent’s responsibility begins with checking that the vehicle and driver hold the licences required by the relevant authorities to transport students,’ she told The Daily Tribune. Knowing the driver personally, or relying on recommendations from friends and relatives, is not enough, she said.

Habib said Bahrain’s traffic rules treat vehicles according to their use and place those carrying schoolchildren under specific rules.

Parents should be able to check easily that licences are valid and that both the driver and vehicle are licensed to carry

pupils, she said.

‘This deserves continued legislative and regulatory attention, especially when it involves children in kindergarten and primary school, who require the greatest degree of care and protection,’ Habib said.

She said punishment should match the seriousness of an offence and take repeat breaches into account.

Road checks, cameras, digital records and government databases can help catch drivers carrying pupils for money without permission, she added. Habib said Bahrain already has rules governing school transport. She called for them to be kept under review as safety needs change.

Parents are also responsible for checking that the transport they choose is lawful and safe, she said.

‘Using an unlicensed vehicle or driver does not carry only a traffic risk. It can also have civil liability and insurance consequences if an

“Parents must check that the vehicle and driver are licensed to transport students.”

- LINA HABIB, DEPUTY HEAD OF THE WOMAN AND CHILD AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AT THE SHURA COUNCIL

“Transporting children is a responsibility before it is a business.”

– LAWYER JASSIM AL ESSA

accident occurs,’ Habib said.

Schools should also tell families how to check transport licences, warn them about unlicensed operators and report suspected breaches to the authorities, she added.

Lawyer Jassim Al Essa said anyone who regularly carries students for payment without the required licence can face up to six months in jail and a fine of between BD100 and BD1,000.

The penalty is laid down in Article 46 of the Traffic Law, which covers public transport carried out without the required licence or in breach of its terms.

‘Transporting children is a responsibility before it is a business,’ Al Essa told The Daily Tribune. ‘A licence is not simply a piece of paper. It is one of the protections meant to keep chil-

dren safe.’

He said carrying pupils for money cannot be treated as a private arrangement between driver and parents when the law requires a licence.

Licensing allows checks on the vehicle, driver and safety rules, he said, while using a vehicle for a purpose other than that stated on its licence can bring a separate penalty of up to six months in jail and a fine of between BD50 and BD500.

Al Essa said a crash involving unlicensed school transport can also raise questions over compensation, insurance cover and criminal liability.

‘Price or convenience should not decide how a child gets to school,’ he said. ‘Safety must come first, then obeying the law.’

Committee Reviews School Readiness and Road Safety



Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, chaired the 313th meeting of the Ministerial Committee for Development and Infrastructure Projects. The Committee commended His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa’s speech marking the start of the 2026–2027 academic year. It also praised the government’s measures, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to ensure educational continuity during the exceptional circumstances caused by the Iranian attacks.

Also the Committee congratulated teachers, administrative staff, parents and students on the new academic year and reviewed preparations to improve roads surrounding educational institutions, ensure smooth traffic flow and enhance safety.

It also reviewed preparations for the maintenance and rehabilitation of government schools as part of efforts to ensure a safe and suitable educational environment for the new academic year.

15-Year Jail Term for ‘Dead Drop’ Drug Trafficker

Court upholds BD10,000 fine, deportation and confiscation of seized items

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Rehab Mohammad

The High Criminal Court of Appeal upheld a 15-year prison sentence and a BD10,000 fine against an Asian national convicted of importing large quantities of narcotic substances and distributing them in Bahrain using the “dead drop” method.

The court also upheld an order to deport the defendant from Bahrain after he completes his sentence and to confiscate the seized items.

According to the case details, the defendant met an individual of the same nationality who lived abroad and was involved in selling narcotic substances in Bahrain. In return for his assistance, the defendant was promised BD1 for each sale.

He subsequently began receiving smuggled narcotic substances from abroad, along with empty bottles, through the “dead drop” method. He would fill the bottles with the substances and distribute them at different locations on several occasions. He received a total of BD200 for the sales he carried out.

The defendant was later contacted by the same unidentified person and asked to receive a postal package containing 5,000 ml of narcotic substances.

However, the operation was foiled after a customs officer at the airport detected the package while carrying out routine duties. An X-ray scan showed an area of unusually high density inside the package.

The authorities coordinated an operation to arrest the in-

tended recipient. At the agreed time and location, a delivery employee arrived accompanied by security officers. The defendant appeared and received the package, after which officers immediately arrested him, identified themselves and informed him of the purpose of the operation.

A search of the defendant and an inspection of the package resulted in the seizure of 62 containers with liquid narcotic substances, 20 additional containers with traces of narcotic substances, five bags with empty containers intended for distribution, and an electronic shisha head containing 433.76 ml of liquid substance.

Investigations found that the defendant was part of a network involved in importing narcotic substances and smuggling them through sophisticated methods in postal packages from a European country.

After the substances arrived in Bahrain, they were distributed among network members, stored, and divided into smaller quantities before being placed at various locations for collection using the “dead drop” method in exchange for financial compensation.

Investigators also found that the defendant retained part of the substances for personal consumption.

During Public Prosecution investigations, the defendant admitted to selling narcotic substances. Searches of his mobile phones also uncovered conversations, photographs and video clips linked to the sale of narcotic substances.

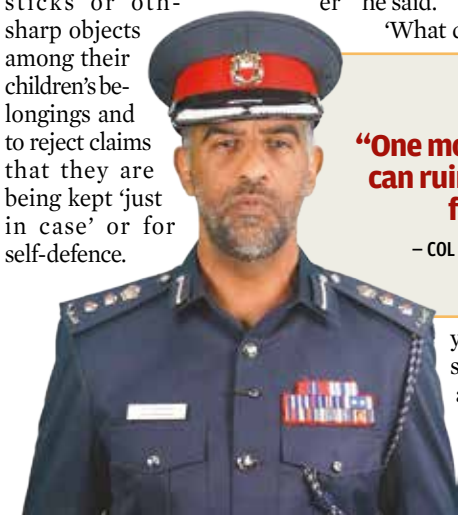
Parents Warned Over Teen Knife Carrying

Hidd police chief says one angry clash could wreck a young person’s future

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A knife or stick found in a teenager’s pocket, drawer or car should be taken away at once, the head of Hidd Police Station warned, saying one burst of anger could end with a young person in prison and a family’s hopes wrecked.

Colonel Dr Osama Bahar urged parents to act when they find knives, sticks or other sharp objects among their children’s belongings and to reject claims that they are being kept ‘just in case’ or for self-defence.



“One moment of anger can ruin a teenager’s future.”

– COL DR OSAMA BAHAR

you see these things and still fail to take the right action?”

Colonel Dr Bahar said parents must neither encourage children to carry such items nor

soften what they are by calling them something else.

‘Do not say, “Keep it as a precaution. You might need it one day to defend yourself,”’ he said.

‘Bahrain is safe, and God willing it will remain safe. So why would you allow a teenager or a child to have these things?’

He warned that no parent could know how a teenager would react in anger, particularly during a fight involving other young people. ‘Can you guarantee what his reaction will be when he loses his temper?’ he said. ‘Can you guarantee that he will not ruin his future through teenage recklessness, or use these things in a fight when someone else is carrying a sharp object?’

Colonel Dr Bahar said some parents wrongly taught children to be ready for fights and saw physical force as a virtue.

Some, he said, excused knives, sticks or other dangerous items by telling their children, ‘You never know. One day you might need it.’

‘The father does not realise that the day his son uses that stick, knife or sharp object, everything the fam-

ily has put into that boy could be lost,’ he said. ‘You could end up visiting him in prison.’

Parents, teachers and other adults have a duty to take such items away and challenge the ideas that lead young people towards fights, he said.

‘You have to take these things out of his hand and take the thought of fighting and violence out of his head,’ Colonel Dr Bahar said.

He warned against dressing violence up as ‘strength’, ‘reputation’ or ordinary teenage behaviour.

Colonel Dr Bahar stressed that such conduct was not a mark of Bahraini society.

‘Bahraini society has been peaceful for generations,’ he said. ‘People love calm, safety and peace. But one case like this can hurt the whole community.’

He called on parents, uncles, other relatives, teachers and anyone who saw such behaviour to step in.

‘If you see it in his hand, hidden in his car or anywhere else, take it away from him,’ he said. ‘And take out of his mind any thought of using it for violence against others.’

Calls to Remove Unlicensed Workshops

Residents of Hamad Town’s Block 1209 have complained about the alleged use of undeveloped residential plots as unlicensed workshops and warehouses.

Northern Governorate Municipal Council member Abdullah Mubarak Al Qubaisi said he received several complaints regarding noise, heavy trucks and machinery entering residential areas, and potential environmental and safety risks.

He warned of risks associated with large trucks and heavy machinery entering residential

neighbourhoods to load and unload goods and equipment. This activity endangers pedestrians, children and residents, while also damaging internal roads and infrastructure not designed to withstand the weight of heavy vehicles.

Al Qubaisi coordinated with the relevant municipal, commercial, housing and environmental authorities to call for urgent inspections of the sites.

He urged authorities to identify



unlicensed activities and issue immediate removal notices for violations, stressing the need to protect residents’ safety and quality of life.



Bahrain Bourse Concludes the First Edition of its Graduate Training Program “Emerging Talents”

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Bahrain Bourse (BHB), a licensed exchange regulated by the Central Bank of Bahrain, hosted an awards ceremony to conclude the first edition of its Graduate Training Program “Emerging Talents” with the attendance of Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa, CEO of Bahrain Bourse alongside the executive management of Bahrain Bourse. The event recognized the program participants who were awarded certificates of completion in appreciation of their efforts and achievements throughout the program.

During the ceremony, eight graduates were honored upon successfully completing the two-month training program. As part of the event, they delivered their final presentations, showcasing their practical experiences, key achievements, and the skills and knowledge gained throughout the program. They also presented a range of innovative ideas and recommendations aimed at enhancing the areas of work in which they were involved.

The “Emerging Talents” Pro-



gram is designed to provide trainees with a well-rounded training experience that combines practical, hands-on training with professional development and career guidance. Throughout the program, participants gained experience in the capital markets sector while developing the professional and interpersonal skills needed as they begin their careers.

The trainees were placed across different departments within Bahrain Bourse and Bahrain Clear, giving them exposure to various areas of the capital markets and a better understanding of how different functions work together. Participants also received dedicated mentorship and professional guidance throughout the pro-

gram to support their development and help them explore their future career paths.

Salman Alzayani, Director of Human Resources at Bahrain Bourse said, “We believe that investing in young national talent is essential to building a sustainable and resilient financial sector. Through the “Emerging Talents” Program, we aim to provide graduates with meaningful learning opportunities that bridge the gap between academic knowledge and practical workplace experience. The cohort demonstrated dedication, professionalism, and eagerness to learn, which reflects the potential of Bahraini talent. We are proud to have supported them as they take the next step in their pro-

fessional journeys, and we look forward to seeing them apply the skills and insights gained through the program and contribute to the continued growth and development of Bahrain’s financial services industry.”

The “Emerging Talents” Program reflects Bahrain Bourse’s commitment to supporting the development of young Bahraini talent and strengthening the future of the capital markets sector. Through initiatives that combine practical experience, mentorship and professional development, Bahrain Bourse continues to create opportunities for trainees to build their capabilities and gain valuable insight into the industry as they take their first steps towards their professional careers.

Ithmaar Bank Continues to Organise its “Ithmaar Guide” Internship Programme for School Students



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Ithmaar Bank B.S.C. (closed), a Bahrain-based Islamic retail bank, continued its commitment to supporting school students and developing their skills through organising “Ithmaar Guide” internship programme. The programme mainly aims to introduce participants to the workplace environment as well as the various departments and functions within the banking sector, helping them to be prepared for their next phase of education and make informed decisions when selecting their academic specialisations.

A total of nine students participated in the programme, where they had the opportunity to gain knowledge about the Bank’s various departments and take part in selected tasks. This reflects Ithmaar Bank’s commitment to providing opportunities that help to introduce school students to the workplace, develop their skills and provide them with experience that enables them to explore their academic and career paths that best suit their interests, while also benefiting from the knowledge and experience of the Bank’s employees.

“At Ithmaar Bank, we believe in the important role we must play in investing in future generations,” said a Manager in Ithmaar Bank’s Human Resources Department, Murad Mohamed Ali. “Through the Ithmaar Guide programme, we



Murad Mohamed Ali, Manager, Human Resources Department

aim to provide school students with experience that helps them discover their interests and gain early exposure to a workplace. Such programmes represent an important opportunity for students to build their confidence, prepare them for the next phase of university education, and choose an academic field that suits them based on practical experience,” he said.

“We are proud to continue this initiative, which reflects Ithmaar Bank’s commitment to supporting the future of Bahraini youth and preparing generations that have the skills and knowledge needed to contribute to the continued progress and prosperity of the Kingdom of Bahrain,” said Murad Mohamed Ali. “We have also ensured that the internship programme is meaningful and enriching, providing them with a better understanding of the banking workplace while highlighting the importance of essential skills such as discipline, responsibility, and teamwork.”

Tourism Minister of Bahrain Receives Senior UFI Delegation Ahead of 93rd UFI Global Congress



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Her Excellency Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism of the Kingdom of Bahrain, received Chris Skeith OBE, CEO and Managing Director of the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry (UFI), Said Al Shanfari, UFI President-elect for the 2027-2028 term and CEO of the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre (OCEC), and Naji El Haddad, UFI Regional Director for the Middle East and Africa, during their visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain to review preparations for the 93rd UFI Global Congress, which will take place in Bahrain this November.

Her Excellency the Minister of Tourism emphasised that hosting the 93rd UFI Global Congress represents an important milestone in strengthening Bahrain’s position as a leading destination for business tourism and events. It also reflects the Kingdom’s growing international confidence in its ability to host and deliver major global events, supported by its advanced infrastructure, world-class facilities, and competitive advantages that reinforce its position on the

international exhibitions and conferences map.

Her Excellency noted that preparations for the Congress are progressing in close coordination with the various relevant stakeholders to ensure the successful delivery of an event befitting the significance of this international gathering. She expressed her anticipation of welcoming exhibitions professionals and industry representatives from around the world to the Kingdom and showcasing Bahrain’s capabilities and promising opportunities across the business tourism and exhibitions sectors.

During the meeting, the senior UFI delegation reviewed the preparations underway for the Congress and discussed areas of cooperation and coordination between the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) and UFI.

As part of their visit, the delegation toured Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB) to review its facilities and preparations for the Congress and met with the teams working on delivering the event. The delegation also visited several locations across the Kingdom scheduled to host activities

and events taking place alongside the Congress.

Chris Skeith OBE, CEO and Managing Director of the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry (UFI), said: “It was a pleasure to visit Bahrain and meet with representatives of the tourism sector and the teams working on the Congress preparations. We have seen the progress being made and the clear commitment demonstrated by our hosts. Bahrain is a distinctive destination for the global exhibitions community, and we look forward to bringing UFI members and industry representatives together here in November for a Congress rich in dialogue and engagement.”

Said Al Shanfari, UFI President-elect for the 2027-2028 term and CEO of the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre, said: “The Middle East continues to strengthen its position and influence within the global exhibitions industry, and Bahrain’s hosting of the Congress is an important reflection of this momentum. Our visit provided an opportunity to review the preparations underway and highlighted the strong cooper-

ation between UFI and BTEA. We look forward to returning to Bahrain this November and welcoming colleagues from the industry from around the world.”

The 93rd UFI Global Congress will be held in the Kingdom of Bahrain from November 2 to 5, 2026, at Exhibition World Bahrain, under the auspices of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA).

Registration remains open for industry professionals and stakeholders in the business events, meetings, conferences, and exhibitions sectors, including registered members of the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry (UFI), the International Association of Convention Centres (AIPC), the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA), and the Society of Independent Show Organisers (SISO).



BRCS Steps Up Youth Engagement Red Crescent Society reviews humanitarian plans and volunteer initiatives



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The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) Board of Directors reviewed plans to strengthen humanitarian programmes, expand volunteer participation and increase youth engagement at its fifth meeting of the 18th term.

The meeting was chaired by BRCS Chairman His Excellency Lieutenant General Doctor Shaikh Mohamed Bin Abdullah Al-Khalifa at the Society’s headquarters in the Diplomatic Area.

The Board approved present- ing proposed amendments to the Society’s Articles of Association to the General Assembly

in March 2027, coinciding with the end of the current electoral term.

It also reviewed BRCS activities from January to August 2026 and preparations for GCC Red Crescent Day on October 23. In cooperation with the Ministry of Education, the Society will hold an awareness programme for schools and universities from October 18 to 22, focusing on first aid and the humanitarian role of Red Crescent societies.

The Board also discussed a December 2026 training course on climate change and environmental sanitation, in cooperation with the Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organization.

LuLu Celebrates 20 Years of Growth and Partnership in Bahrain

Two decades of investment, local employment, food security, support for Bahraini businesses and community engagement



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LuLu Group has marked 20 years in the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrating two decades of growth and a long-standing partnership with the Kingdom, its people and business community.

The anniversary celebrations were inaugurated at LuLu Dana Mall in the presence of H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister; H.E. Yousif bin Abdulhussain Khalaf, Minister of Labour and Minister of Legal Affairs; H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce; and LuLu Group

Chairman and Managing Director Yusuff Ali M.A.

From its early presence in Bahrain, LuLu has grown to 13 stores across the Kingdom, becoming a significant part of the country's retail landscape. Alongside its retail expansion, the Group has focused on creating employment, developing Bahraini talent, supporting food security and strengthening partnerships with local producers and businesses.

Today, LuLu works with more than 150 Bahraini companies and SMEs, providing a strong retail platform for local farmers, producers and entrepreneurs and increasing the visibility of Made in Bahrain

products.

Speaking on the milestone, Yusuff Ali M.A. said:

"Bahrain has been an important part of LuLu's journey and we are proud to have grown alongside the Kingdom over the past two decades. We are deeply grateful to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for their visionary leadership, and to the people of Bahrain for their continued trust and support.

"As we celebrate 20 years, our focus is firmly on the future —

investing further, creating more opportunities for Bahraini talent, supporting local businesses and contributing to the Kingdom's continued growth and prosperity."

Supporting Bahrain's Priorities

LuLu has consistently supported Bahrain's food-security and supply-chain resilience, leveraging its global sourcing network to help maintain the availability of essential food products, particularly during periods of international supply disruption.

Bahrainisation has also remained a key priority. The Group continues to recruit and develop Bahraini nationals across its opera-

tions, with an emphasis on creating long-term career opportunities and developing local talent for leadership roles within the retail sector.

Beyond business, LuLu has maintained a strong commitment to the wider community through support for education, humanitarian initiatives, sport and social development. This includes long-standing support for initiatives such as the Crown Prince's International Scholarship Program (CPISP) and the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF), as well as sporting and community programmes across the Kingdom.

Under the anniversary theme

"Celebrating the World in Every Aisle," LuLu's 20-year milestone reflects both its international character and its deep local roots in Bahrain.

As it begins its next chapter, LuLu Group reaffirmed its commitment to continued investment in Bahrain, greater opportunities for local talent, stronger partnerships with Bahraini businesses and SMEs, and supporting the Kingdom's long-term economic and social development.

The event was also attended by Export Bahrain team, Mr Juzer Rupawala, Director, LuLu Retail, among other senior LuLu management.

BBK Joins Fintech Forward 2026 as a Diamond Sponsor

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The Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait, a leading retail and corporate bank in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has announced its role as a diamond sponsor of Fintech Forward 2026 (FF26), the region's flagship fintech forum, taking place on the 7th and 8th of October 2026 at Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB).

Hosted by the Bahrain Economic Development Board (Bahrain EDB), supported by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), Bahrain Tourism & Exhibition Authority (BTEA), and Bahrain Fintech Bay, and programmed by Forbes Middle East, FF26 will bring together key decision makers and stakeholders from across the global fintech ecosystem to explore opportunities under the theme "Finance in the Age of Intelligent Infrastructure".



Mr. Yaser Alsharifi, BBK Group Chief Executive Officer

Commenting on the partnership, Mr. Yaser Alsharifi, BBK Group Chief Executive Officer, said: "Our continued participation in Fintech Forward reflects our belief in the importance of collaboration in fostering a dynamic and future-ready financial services ecosystem. The event is a valuable space for industry leaders and innovators to share perspectives and explore emerging opportunities. We look forward to being a part of this year's

discussions and supporting the continued development of the sector."

Returning to Fintech Forward for the second consecutive year, BBK's sponsorship underscores its commitment to advancing conversations around innovation and the evolving future of financial services. Alongside its contribution to the forum's programme, the bank will showcase its latest digital banking capabilities through a dedicated pavilion in the exhibition area. This builds on BBK's ongoing investment in technology-driven solutions designed to enhance customer experience, including the recent upgrade of BBK Bank-Key, its digital corporate banking platform.

FF26 will explore key trends in the financial services industry and bring together global experts in the field to share insights and explore new opportunities.

Ebrahim K. Kanoo Recognized for Participation in Sixth Edition of "Consumer Friend" Initiative



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Ebrahim K. Kanoo (EKK), one of Bahrain's leading diversified business groups, was recognized by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for its participation in the sixth edition of the "Consumer Friend" initiative, held in conjunction with Bahrain's back-to-school season.

Launched by the Ministry's Consumer Protection Directorate, the "Consumer Friend" initiative aims to promote social

responsibility, solidarity, and consumer support by encouraging businesses to provide valuable and affordable offers that help ease household expenses during key periods of the year.

Ebrahim K. Kanoo's participation reflects the Group's commitment to supporting consumers and the wider community through initiatives that deliver meaningful value. As a service provider, EKK's involvement also highlights the role businesses beyond the traditional food and retail sectors can

play in supporting consumers, particularly during important periods such as the back-to-school season.

The recognition further reinforces Ebrahim K. Kanoo's longstanding commitment to corporate social responsibility and customer-centricity, while supporting the Ministry of Industry and Commerce's efforts to foster a marketplace built on trust, fairness, ethical business practices, and strong relationships between businesses and consumers.

BENEFIT Transactions Rise to 261.2 million, Valued at BD19.3 billion in H1 2026

TDТ | Manama

BENEFIT, the Kingdom's innovator and leading company in Fintech and electronic financial transactions service, recorded 261.2 million transactions across the Electronic Fund Transfer System (EFTS) between January and June 2026. These transactions, processed across bank channels and BenefitPay application, had a combined value of BD19.3 billion. The reported EFTS figures include successfully completed transactions only.

Transaction volume increased by 7.6% compared with 242.7 million transactions recorded in the first half of 2025, while the total value rose by 6.1% from BD18.2 billion. The results reflect the continued adoption of digital payment and transfer solutions across the Kingdom.

BenefitPay accounted for approximately 246.0 million transactions across all EFTS services, Fawri+, Fawri and Fawateer, with a total value of BD5.4 billion. This represented year-on-year growth of 7.2% in both volume and value, compared with 229.4 million

transactions worth BD5.1 billion in the first half of 2025.

Fawri+ recorded 248.1 million transactions across all channels, valued at BD5.4 billion. This marked an increase of 8.0% in volume and 17.7% in value compared with 229.7 million transactions worth BD4.6 billion in the same period of 2025. Fawri+ transactions conducted through BenefitPay rose by 7.6% to approximately 241.0 million, while their value increased by 13.1% to BD4.8 billion.

Fawri processed 7.3 million transactions across all channels, with a total value of BD13.2 billion, compared with 7.1 million transactions worth BD13.0 billion in the first half of 2025. This represented growth of 3.5% in transaction volume and 1.8% in value.

Through BenefitPay, Fawri recorded approximately 145.8 thousand transactions valued at BD400.5 million, compared with 331.1 thousand transactions worth BD608.6 million during the corresponding period of 2025. This represented a decline of 56.0% in volume and 34.2% in value.

Fawateer recorded 5.7 million transactions across all channels,



compared with 5.9 million during the first half of 2025, representing a 4.0% decline. Despite the lower transaction volume, their total value increased by 11.4% to BD672.4 million, up from BD603.4 million in the corresponding period last year.

11.1 thousand consumer and corporate credit reports during the first half of 2026, a 0.2% increase from 11.0 thousand reports in the corresponding period of 2025. The Bureau also recorded approximately 249.1 thousand credit enquiries, up 1.3% from approxi-

mately 245.9 thousand in the first half of last year.

These results highlight BENEFIT's central role in advancing Bahrain's digital payments and financial services ecosystem by delivering secure, accessible solutions that respond to the evolving needs of individuals and organizations. They also demonstrate the growing use of digital channels for financial transactions and the company's continued contribution to digital transformation and the development of the Kingdom's financial infrastructure, in line with the direction of the Central Bank of Bahrain, financial institutions and other partners.

BENEFIT also delivered several notable achievements during the first half of 2026. These included launching the digital Direct Debit service through Fawateer on BenefitPay, in which monthly Direct Debit service for bill payments in collaboration with the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) was introduced. The company also launched new features on BenefitPay including Scheduled Transfers to help users manage recurring payments more con-

veniently and personal QR codes display on the home screen to make payments and transfers faster and easier.

In addition, Rain became the first licensed crypto-asset platform in Bahrain to enable payments through BenefitPay. This provided its users with an additional local payment option while supporting greater connectivity across Bahrain's digital financial ecosystem.

BENEFIT continued to invest in talent development during the period, celebrating the graduation of the second cohort of Fintech Drivers Programme and launching the third cohort of its Ruwaad Leadership Programme. It also introduced the fifth edition of Masar, its fintech training programme, and launched the Tawajuh Summer Programme to strengthen students' career awareness and help them make informed academic and professional choices.

The company was also recognised among Bahrain's Top 50 Companies, reflecting its position and contribution to the Kingdom's digital transformation and fintech sector.

US judge rejects bid to break up Google's ad business

AFP | Washington, United States

A US judge yesterday refused to force Google to sell a division of its digital advertising business, rejecting the government's push to break up part of the company's ad empire.

In a court order, Judge Leonie Brinkema of the federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, opted instead for a set of rules governing how Google must operate in the ad market.

The decision is the second time in recent years that a federal judge has declined to dismantle a piece of Google's business after a judge last year refused to force the sale of its Chrome browser in a separate monopoly case over online

search.

Those cases are part of a broader US government effort to curtail the competitive dominance of big tech companies, including Apple, Amazon and Meta.

Results have been mixed, with another judge deciding against government lawyers in a suit against Meta's social media empire.

The reasoning behind today's decision is not yet public.

Judge Brinkema filed her opinion under seal for 14 days, leaving the details of how Google must change its ad business unknown for now.

She gave the two sides 30 days to submit a joint proposed final judgment.

George Clooney says US run by 'least qualified people'

AFP | Venice, Italy

Veteran film star George Clooney said yesterday the United States would surmount an "unfortunate" time in its history under the Trump administration, calling it a government run by the "least qualified people".

Clooney spoke to the media on the opening day of the Venice Film Festival, where he is to be awarded a Golden Lion for career achievement.

In a press conference that touched on his career, artificial intelligence, climate change and the state of the filmmaking industry, Clooney expressed feeling "ashamed" over the US government.

"I do believe... we're at a moment in time that's unfortunate. I think that's an understatement," said the 65-year-old star, who has spoken out against the Trump administration in the past.

"There's a great word, a kakistocracy, which is a country run by the least qualified people. I think maybe we have a kakistocracy right now, but we'll get through it," he said.

Midterm elections in November may provide a "check

and balance", he said, while "in 2028 with any luck we'll have some restoration into some normalcy," said Clooney.

Calling himself an optimist, Clooney said he remembered living through other dark times in the country's history.

"I'm old enough to have been through 1968 in the States when every city in the United States was set on fire and we lost Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy in the same year," he said.

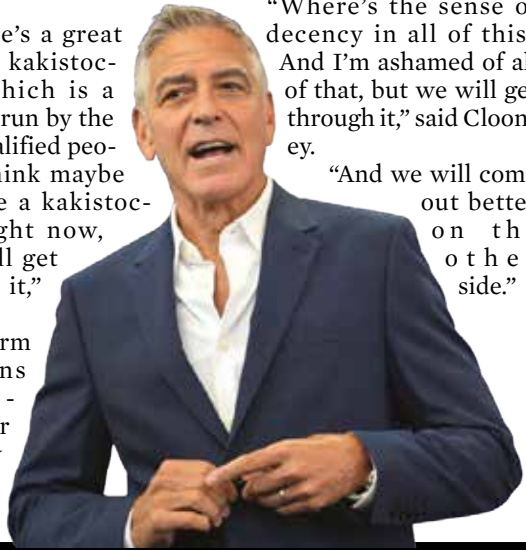
"There was tons of violence. The Capitol was surrounded with tanks," he said.

"We've had some other difficult times, but this is one of them."

He cited a tweet posted this week by US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth appearing to mock the physical appearance of an overweight female Canadian soldier presenting a medal at a youth camp.

"Where's the sense of decency in all of this? And I'm ashamed of all of that, but we will get through it," said Clooney.

"And we will come out better on the other side."



Uber says laying off 'about 10%' of workforce worldwide

AFP | Washington, United States

Ride-hailing giant Uber will be laying off around 10 percent of its staff as part of "significant organizational changes," CEO Dara Khosrowshahi said in a message to employees released on Wednesday.

"Today, we're making a number of significant organizational changes across Uber," Khos-

rowshahi said. "As a result, we will be reducing the size of our team by about 10 percent."

Uber has a total of roughly 34,000 employees with operations in more than 70 countries, according to a recent SEC filing.

The company said the layoffs were aimed at making the platform "simpler and faster" and at reducing coordination delays in what has become a sprawling operation.

Macron meets King Charles before viewing Bayeux Tapestry at start of UK visit

AFP | London, United Kingdom

French President Emmanuel Macron kicked off a two-day visit to Britain yesterday, meeting King Charles III at his London residence ahead of viewing the landmark Bayeux Tapestry exhibition with the monarch and their wives.

Macron and wife Brigitte met Charles and Queen Camilla at Clarence House in central London, before joining Prime Minister Andy Burnham at an event to mark the British Museum's historic tapestry showcase.

All three men were expected to deliver remarks at the early evening inauguration ceremony in the British capital.

The work depicting the 1066 Norman conquest of England -- which had not left France since it was made nearly 1,000 years ago -- goes on public display at the museum from next week until July.



The daring loan gambit is the culmination of years of cross-Channel diplomacy, with Macron playing an instrumental role, and is viewed as another step towards healing the rancour of the Brexit years.

"The loaning of the tapestry is a great example of French-British cooperation," Burnham told MPs earlier Wednesday, heralding "the same cooperation" as help-

ing reduce the number of migrants crossing the Channel to Britain on small boats to a seven-year low.

The UK premier -- who replaced Keir Starmer in July -- will be looking for other concrete outcomes when he welcomes Macron to Downing Street for talks Thursday.

The French president will be the first European Union leader hosted there by Burnham.

The former Manchester mayor has been clear he is eager to build on his predecessor's efforts to forge closer post-Brexit cooperation with the bloc as he eyes boosting sluggish UK growth.



The Bayeux Tapestry is a nearly 70-metre-long embroidered artwork that depicts the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England in 1066, including the Battle of Hastings. It is believed to have been created in the 11th century, shortly after the conquest.

Netanyahu says 'we are not retreating'

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday visited Israeli forces in the Gaza Strip, where he vowed not to pull back troops despite a recent push by mediators to advance a US-backed ceasefire plan calling for their withdrawal.

It was the first time Netanyahu has visited the war-shattered territory since the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas came into effect in October 2025.

"We control the area. We are not retreating. We are staying on this line," Netanyahu said near the so-called Yellow Line, which demarcates the areas under Hamas and Israeli military control. "We control 60 percent of the Strip, and we are not stopping, because we are eliminating the terrorists who threaten us, day in and day out."



Two girls walk past the rubble of collapsed buildings in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip

Israel has kept striking the Gaza Strip and its forces have made further inroads despite the US-brokered ceasefire, insisting it must eliminate threats from Hamas, which led the unprecedented October 7, 2023 attack against Israel.

International appeals to move

to the next stages of the US-led peace plan have not stopped Israel targeting Palestinians.

Netanyahu, facing tight elections in October, last month rejected a proposal for advancing to the next stage of the plan after Hamas said it had agreed to hand over its weapons.

The Israeli premier has vowed no military pullout until the Palestinian Islamist movement is "genuinely" disarmed.

Israel's defence minister yesterday said the country had plans to remove Palestinians from the Gaza Strip but was waiting for the United States to figure out where to take them.

"There is no real solution for Gaza in the end without this migration," Defence Minister Israel Katz told a conference hosted by Israeli news site Ynet and newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth.

The Israeli government "is organised and prepared to get them out -- by sea, by air, by every way possible", he said.

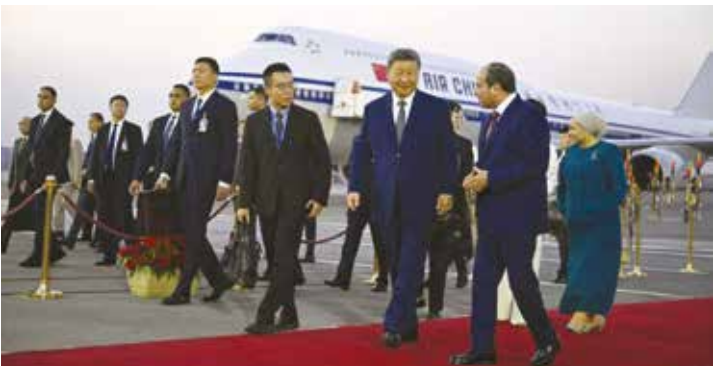
Similar suggestions in the past that Gazans could be displaced from the territory entirely have drawn international outrage, as well as condemnation from Palestinians themselves.

Xi tells Egypt's Sisi 'external interference' in Mideast should be opposed

AFP | Beijing, China

Chinese President Xi Jinping told his Egyptian counterpart yesterday that "external interference" in the Middle East should be opposed, Beijing's state media reported, following talks in Cairo between the two leaders.

"We must uphold the principle that the people of the Middle East are the masters of their own affairs, oppose external interference (and) support regional countries in strengthening dialogue on peace and security," Xi told Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, according to Chi-



nese state news agency Xinhua.

Xi is on his first visit to Egypt in a decade as Beijing seeks a greater foothold in the region against the backdrop of the US-

Iran war.

Washington vowed last month to isolate Iran economically, threatening expanded sanctions that could also hit Chinese banks,

among others.

China, a major buyer of Iranian oil, has vowed to safeguard its interests.

Xi also said during talks with Sisi that Beijing was willing to help protect maritime shipping from the energy-rich region, upended since US-Israeli strikes on Iran in late February triggered the war.

"China stands ready to work with countries in the region to safeguard the security of international shipping lanes, advance development cooperation... and eliminate the breeding grounds for conflict," Xi said, according to Xinhua.

San Marino, one of the smallest nations in the world and the world's oldest republic still in existence, is founded by Saint Marinus

Oliver Cromwell's English New Model Army defeats a Scottish force in a surprise attack at the Battle of Dunbar



The Treaty of Paris is signed in Paris, ending the American Revolutionary War between Great Britain and the United States of America

With a proclamation by General Lord Roberts, Britain annexes the Boer Republic of South Africa

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In Eindhoven, at the heart of the European semiconductor ecosystem, alongside our champions like ASML and Mistral, we are building the Europe of tomorrow: an Europe that innovates, masters its technologies, and chooses its destiny.

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Humanity is speeding towards a climate catastrophe. That's the stark warning from the latest @UNEP report. Every fraction of a degree of warming will cost lives, deepen inequalities & push ecosystems closer to irreversible damage. We must raise ambition, accelerate #ClimateAction & fight for humanity. NOW.

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Health threats do not respect borders. From disease outbreaks and humanitarian crises to climate-related shocks, countries are increasingly confronted with risks that no nation can tackle alone.

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We meet today to discuss Russia's attack in Leipzig. This was an attack using military-grade material, carried out by Russian operatives on EU soil. We won't tolerate it. Europe & @NATO won't just maintain our pressure on Russia. We will increase it

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US Treasury issues \$1 coin with Trump's face on it

AFP | Washington, United States

The US Treasury yesterday issued \$1 coins featuring the face of President Donald Trump, the latest move in an unprecedented campaign by the Republican billionaire to put his personal stamp on national institutions.

The coins were minted to mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States celebrated this year.

A roll of 25 \$1 coins was available for sale for \$61 -- a mark-up of 144 percent -- with a 100-coin bag available for



\$154.50.

When the Treasury announced the plan it was unclear if the coins would have monetary value or would be purely commemorative, but

on Wednesday the US Mint said the coins were "also in circulation."

The move to put Trump's countenance on a coin with monetary value runs counter to federal law that says no living president may appear on US currency.

Trump has aggressively defied precedent and legal challenges in his push to remake US institutions in his second term, putting his name on the Kennedy Center for the Arts and demolishing the East Wing of the White House to make room for a new ballroom, among other moves.

EU summons Russia envoys

AFP | Wicklow, Ireland

EU countries on Wednesday summoned Russia's envoys and discussed fresh sanctions after a drone incident in Germany that the bloc's foreign policy chief said bore the marks of "state-sponsored terrorism".

The incident involving an explosive-laden drone at Leipzig airport has heightened fears over a sabotage campaign that

the EU and NATO say is a Russian attempt to destabilise Ukraine's backers.

"It is clear that it has all the hallmarks of state-sponsored terrorism," EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said at a meeting of the bloc's foreign ministers in Ireland.

"The question is, what do we do about this?"

Kallas said the EU had summoned the Russian envoy, and member states were doing the

same.

"We will not let an act of such gravity go unpunished," French foreign minister Jean-Noel Barrot said, adding he had called in Russia's envoy in Paris.

Kallas said that EU foreign ministers agreed to keep working on a proposal to impose sanctions on 1,600 individuals and entities linked to Russia's military industry in the hope of adopting them next month.

Dutch shift 86 tonnes of gold from US, Canada to UK

AFP | The Hague, Netherlands

The Dutch central bank said yesterday it had moved 86 tonnes of its gold reserves out of the United States and Canada to London, citing "increasing geopolitical unrest."

The DNB bank said gold reserves held in London could be traded more easily than those held in New York and Ottawa.

"This makes it the quickest for DNB to deploy in a crisis situation," said the bank in a statement.

"With this step, we have improved the deployability of the gold reserves. We assume that we will never need to deploy the gold, but it is nevertheless necessary to strengthen our resilience and preparedness," said DNB President Olaf Sleijpen.

The total Dutch gold stock amounted to 612.4 tonnes and



was valued at 72.2 billion euros at the end of 2025, said the DNB.

Before the deployment, the Dutch bank held 31.3 percent of its gold in New York and 19.7 percent in Ottawa.

After the move, each country accounted for 18.5 percent of the Dutch gold reserve.

The share of gold held in London increased from 18.1 percent to 32.1 percent. The bank still holds 30.8 percent of its gold in the Netherlands.

The transfer was carried out partially by buying and selling and partly by physically transferring gold, said the bank.

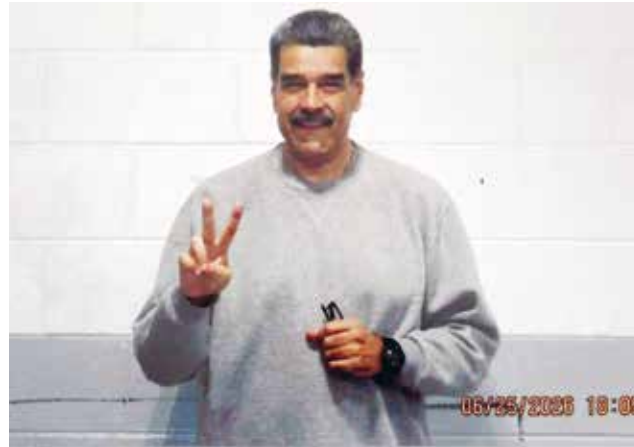
The bank moved more than 27 tonnes of physical gold from the United States and Canada to Zeist.

The same quantity of gold was moved from Zeist to London, preventing the melting down of gold bars.

"By combining buying and selling and physical transport, the risks associated with physically moving a large quantity of gold have been spread," said the DNB.

The operation took place between March and August of this year, the bank said.

Son explains how Maduro jail pics got on social media



AFP | Caracas, Venezuela

Photos on social media of deposed Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro in a US detention center were taken by prison staff and mailed to the family, his son said.

Maduro, a leftist authoritarian leader who was ousted and arrested by US forces in January, is incarcerated in a facility in New York and does not have access to the internet.

Two photos of Maduro appeared on his social media on Sunday, two days after President Donald Trump announced a historic energy agreement granting the United States control over one-fifth of Venezuela's oil reserves.

In the photos, Maduro is seen wearing a gray tracksuit, making peace signs with his hands and looking thinner than he was prior to his capture.

"That photo was taken on June 25, a day after the double earthquake" that killed 6,500 Venezuelans, Nicolas Maduro Guerra said in a video posted Tuesday on X. The date matches a time stamp visible on the snapshots.

"It was around 6 pm when the person who took the photos arrived, and he was in front of the TV; he was very shaken and deeply distressed," Maduro Guerra said. His father "didn't feel like having his picture taken," but "the person who took the photo insisted, and told him he could send it later. 'They did indeed give him

printed copies -- both photos were given to him -- and he mailed them on July 13" to an address in the United States, Maduro Guerra said.

Maduro is allowed to speak by phone with his family and his lawyers for approximately 300 minutes per month, with a maximum of 15 minutes per call.

On Friday, his father dictated a message to him from prison, which he later published alongside the photographs, the younger Maduro said.

"I am sending these photos as a small gift to all my grandchildren, to the boys and girls, and to all the good people who love us," the elder Maduro wrote on the Telegram messaging service.

"I want you to know that we are standing firm, with our hearts full of your love," he added.

Maduro and his wife Cilia Flores are awaiting trial on charges related to drug and firearms trafficking. They have pleaded not guilty.

The younger Maduro added that his family was working toward "the speedy release" of his parents.

During his 2013-2026 presidency, Maduro was widely accused of using political repression to cling onto power. Both of his re-elections, in 2018 and 2024, were rejected as fraudulent by numerous countries, including the United States.

The US green-lighted Maduro's vice president, Delcy Rodriguez, as interim leader, and she has governed under intense pressure from Washington.

Trump nominates Hung Cao as US Navy secretary

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday that he would nominate acting Navy Secretary Hung Cao for the permanent position.

Trump said he could think of "no one better" to be the US Navy's top civilian leader.

"We need Patriots like Hung leading our Navy and Marine Corps," he wrote on Truth Social, calling for the Senate to confirm his choice as quickly as possible.

The Pentagon announced



in April the departure of Cao's predecessor, John Phelan, without providing an explanation for the sudden exit.

Since returning to office in January, Trump has overseen a purge of top military personnel.

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GCC Condemns Iranian Missile and Drone Attacks on Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) has strongly condemned the latest Iranian missile and drone attacks targeting Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan, describing them as a blatant violation of the sovereignty of the affected states and a direct threat to regional security and stability.

GCC Secretary-General Jasem Mohamed Albudaiwi said the member states stand firmly with Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan and support all measures taken by the three countries to safeguard their sovereignty, security and stability and protect their citizens and residents.

The condemnation came after renewed Iranian attacks on Wednesday, with Bahrain reporting that its air defence systems intercepted and destroyed several aerial threats. Kuwait also reported missile and drone attacks, including an incident involving a residential complex, while Jordan said its air defences intercepted Iranian ballistic missiles



entering its airspace. The latest escalation has raised fresh concerns over regional stability as the Gulf states face continued security threats linked to the wider US-Iran conflict. Qatar separately condemned the attacks, calling them a breach of international law and the UN Charter and urging an immediate halt to military actions and a return to dialogue and negotiations. The GCC has reaffirmed its collective support for the affected countries and stressed the importance of protecting the region's security, sovereignty and civilian populations.

Two Filipino Sailors Killed After Saudi Tanker Incident in Strait of Hormuz



Two Filipino sailors have died following an incident involving the Saudi-flagged crude oil tanker Sidr while it was transiting the Strait of Hormuz on August 31, according to Saudi Arabia's national shipping company Bahri. Bahri said the two crew members died as a result of the incident involving the very large crude carrier. The company had earlier confirmed that it was investigating the incident and assessing its impact.

Shipping intelligence firms reported that the Sidr was struck by unknown projectiles about 16.6 nautical miles northeast of Khasab, Oman, late Monday as the vessel was sailing out of the Strait of Hormuz. The circumstances surrounding the incident and the identity of those

responsible have not been established. The deaths come amid heightened risks to commercial shipping in and around the strategic waterway. According to figures from the International Maritime Organization, 70 confirmed maritime incidents and 19 seafarer deaths had been recorded in the region as of August 26, before the latest incident. The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most important energy routes, carrying around one-fifth of global oil supplies before the ongoing conflict severely disrupted shipping through the waterway. The latest incident adds to growing concerns over the safety of commercial vessels and their crews navigating the strategically vital Gulf passage.

Trump Revives Proposal to Rename Strait of Hormuz



US President Donald Trump has proposed renaming the Strait of Hormuz as the "Trump Strait," reviving controversy over his efforts to rename major landmarks. The proposal comes amid heightened tensions surrounding the strategic waterway, a vital route for global energy and trade, and follows earlier moves to rename geographical features in the United States.

UN Chief Urges Renewed US-Iran Talks Amid Escalation



UN Secretary-General António Guterres has urged the United States and Iran to resume negotiations as military tensions continue across the Middle East. He called for "maximum containment" and warned of the wider consequences of renewed strikes. Guterres also urged the restoration of freedom of navigation through the Strait of Hormuz and Bab al-Mandab.



Jaguar Land Rover launches electric Range Rover

AFP | London, United Kingdom

One year after a major cyberattack halted production and hit its finances, British carmaker Jaguar Land Rover yesterday opened orders for a new fully electric Range Rover.

The timing of the launch was a “coincidence”, JLR chief operating officer Nigel Blenkinsop said, adding that the company had “recovered really, really strongly”.

He said the luxury carmaker had “brought production back

up to normal levels really, really quickly post the incident”.

JLR, owned by India’s Tata Motors, revealed at the start of September 2025 that it had been targeted by hackers, forcing it to halt production for more than one month and costing the company £196 million (\$264 million).

Hit also by US tariffs, the carmaker posted a loss of £244 million in its fiscal year ending in March, compared with a net profit of £1.8 billion in 2024/5.

The hack was

estimated to have cost the UK economy £1.9 billion, according to the Cyber Monitoring Centre, an independent body that measures the impact of cyber incidents.

Blenkinsop declined to comment on the figures or on a New York Times report, citing sources close to the investigation, that Russian

hackers were involved in the attack. “Clearly, we’ve learned huge amounts through the incident,” he said yesterday.

The launch of the electric Range Rover is a major strategic issue for the brand, which plans to build between 12,000 and 15,000 units over the next six months.

“It’s a global car,” Blenkinsop said.

“We do expect to build and supply into the UK, into E u -

rope, and particularly into the US, where we see huge growth potential for the Range Rover brand.” The model can accelerate from 0 to 60 miles per hour (0 to 96 kilometres per hour) in 4.3 seconds and has a range of up to 372 miles.

With a purchase price starting at £154,070 in the UK, the car will be built in Solihull, central England, where the factory has been adapted for the electric era.

JLR has trained 9,000 employees in Solihull for electrification, along with another 1,500 across the region.



Lexus NX gets a sharper look and more electric power
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The second-generation Lexus NX has received a mid-cycle update in global markets. Along with cosmetic changes, the SUV gets new features and updated powertrains.

At the front, it gets a new spindle grille and revised LED headlamps with DRLs. The rear features connected LED taillights with ‘Lexus’ lettering in the centre, while the bumpers have also been redesigned. New alloy wheel options range from 18 to 20 inches.

Inside, the NX gets an updated cabin with a layout similar to the ES sedan. The minimalist dashboard features a centrally mounted 14-inch touchscreen, a 12.3-inch digital instrument cluster and a new three-spoke steering wheel.

Features include heated rear seats, a head-up display, a 17-speaker Mark Levinson sound system, a digital rear-view mirror and ADAS.

The new Lexus NX is offered with plug-in hybrid and strong-hybrid powertrains. The NX 450h+ gets a 2.5-litre petrol plug-in hybrid that is slightly more powerful than before. It also gets a larger battery pack with DC fast-charging capability. The all-wheel-drive SUV offers an electric-only range of over 100 km.

The NX 350h uses a 2.5-litre petrol strong-hybrid powertrain producing 196 bhp. It is available with both front-wheel drive and AWD configurations.



600 Range with an estimated real-world range of 535 km.	7 hrs Charge from 0-100 percent using a 22 kW AC charger (19 hours using a 7 kW AC charger)	22m Charge from 10-80 percent using a 350 kW rapid DC charger. Add up to 220 km of range in 10 minutes.*	2500 Maximum towing capacity	900 Maximum Wading Depth ² (mm)
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Mitsubishi Pajero returns in a new avatar

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The Mitsubishi Pajero is making a comeback, with an all-new fifth-generation model set to revive the iconic off-roader.

The new Pajero will initially go on sale in Thailand, Japan and Australia, with launches expected by the end of March 2027.

Under the skin, the new Pajero moves to a ladder-frame chassis shared with the Mitsubishi Triton pickup.

It measures 4,920 mm long, 1,925 mm wide and 1,910 mm tall, with a 2,870 mm wheelbase and 230 mm of ground clear-



ance. The design is unmistakably more imposing.

Up front is a large grille flanked by T-shaped LED headlights, while the rear gets similarly styled LED taillights. A

flat roofline, squared-off wheel arches and chunky bumpers reinforce its rugged SUV character.

Inside, the new Pajero offers three-row seating for seven.



The dashboard gets a pair of 14.3-inch screens, along with a four-spoke steering wheel. And unlike many modern SUVs, Mitsubishi has retained plenty of physical controls, including a

rotary controller for the four-wheel-drive system.

Power comes from a 2.4-litre turbo-charged diesel engine, producing 201 bhp and 480 Nm of torque.

The engine is paired with an 8-speed automatic gearbox and Mitsubishi’s Super Se-

lect 4WD-II four-wheel-drive system.



Spikers set for Asian challenge

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Bahrain's senior men's volleyball team are set for their latest continental challenge as the AVC Volleyball Men's Continental Championship 2026 gets underway tomorrow in Fukuoka, Japan.

The kingdom's spikers are among 12 teams competing in the Asian Volleyball Confederation's premier men's competition, which runs until September 13.

Bahrain begin their Pool A campaign against Australia on Saturday at 4am, Bahrain time, before facing defending champions and hosts Japan on Sunday at 1.30pm.

They conclude the preliminary round against Gulf rivals Oman next yesterday at 4am.

The nationals head into the tournament following an overseas training camp in Seoul, where they played three international friendlies against South Korea as part of their final preparations.

Coached by Montenegro's



Coach Ivan Joksimovic addresses his players during a recent continental campaign

Ivan Joksimovic, the squad features 13 players for the continental showpiece.

Middle blockers Mohammed Abdulla, Hassan Haider and Ali Yusuf are joined by opposite spikers Ali Ebrahim and Abdulla Mohammed Jaafar; outside hitters Sayed Hashem Issa, Mahmood Abdulhussain, Mahmoud Abdulwahed and Ahmed Mohammed Saleh; setters Mahmood Alafyah and Ali Habib; and liberos Ayman Harwana and Abbas Sultan.

Joksimovic's men face a de-

manding route through the preliminary stage, with Japan entering as defending Asian champions and Australia another established continental side.

Pool B comprises Iran, China, India and New Zealand, while Pool C features Qatar, South Korea, Chinese Taipei and Thailand.

Following the single round-robin preliminary phase, the top two teams from each of the three pools will advance to the quarter-finals along with the two best third-placed sides.

The last eight will be played on September 10 and 11, followed by the semi-finals on September 12 and the medal matches the following day.

The Bahrainis earned their place in this year's championship after making history on home soil by winning the AVC Men's Cup 2025, their first title at any level of an AVC competition.

They have since continued their strong form, winning gold at the fourth GCC Games in Doha in May before finishing fourth at the AVC Men's Cup in Ahmedabad, India, in June.

The Fukuoka tournament will mark the kingdom's 12th appearance in the Asian men's championship. Bahrain finished 10th in 2021 before improving to eighth at the previous edition in Iran in 2023.

The stakes are particularly high this year, with the champions earning a direct quota place for the men's volleyball tournament at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics, while the top three will qualify for the FIVB Men's Volleyball World Cup 2027.

Asian qualifying campaign continues for Bahrain



Full-time celebrations after Bahrain's winning start

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Bahrain face Jordan tonight in a key AFC U20 Asian Cup 2027 qualifier at Khalifa Sports City Stadium in Isa Town.

The match kicks off at 8.30pm and pits the early Group D leaders against each other after both made winning starts to their campaigns.

Ali Aamer's men beat Tajikistan 3-2 in their opener, with Ali Mahran scoring a hat-trick,

while Jordan claimed a 1-0 victory over Afghanistan.

A win tonight would put either side in a strong position ahead of Sunday's final round, with only the group winners guaranteed qualification for next year's finals in China.

Afghanistan and Tajikistan meet in tonight's earlier fixture at 5pm.

Bahrain will then close out their campaign against Afghanistan on Sunday at 8.30pm, after Jordan take on Tajikistan at 5pm.

Bahrain youth handball heroes return

Asian silver medallists welcomed home after historic campaign in Jordan



Bahrain's U19 handball team upon arrival with BHF president Ali Issa Eshaqi and BOC officials

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Bahrain's youth men's national team returned home to a warm welcome following their impressive run at the 11th Asian Men's Youth Handball Championship in Amman, Jordan.

The Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) received the squad on their arrival in the

kingdom after the youngsters claimed silver and booked their place at next year's IHF Men's Youth Handball World Championship.

Their campaign ended with a 28-24 defeat to Gulf rivals Qatar in the title clash at Princess Sumaya Hall.

The runners-up finish was the kingdom's first in the history of the Asian Handball Federation's under-19 competition,

adding to titles won in 2016 and 2018 and a bronze medal in 2010.

Coached by Egyptian tactician Mohamed Abdelrahman Soliman, the Bahrainis had gone unbeaten throughout the tournament until the final.

Their quarter-final victory over Saudi Arabia secured qualification for the 2027 youth worlds, before they overcame

Iran in the semi-finals to set up the meeting with Qatar.

Two players also returned with individual honours. Ahmed Abdulla was named the tournament's best centre back, while Mohammed Marzooq received the best left wing award.

Next year's global event, scheduled for July 29 to August 9, will mark the nationals' seventh appearance overall and fifth in succession.

Ramadhan stays on at Manama

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Bahraini coach Salman Ramadhan will continue at the helm of Manama's senior men's basketball team for a second successive season.

The decision provides continuity for the capital club after Ramadhan guided them to two runners-up finishes last campaign.

Manama finished second in both the Zain Bahrain Basketball League and the Khalifa bin Salman Cup, while placing considerable trust in home-grown players and members of the club's youth ranks.

Ramadhan also enjoyed a busy summer at the helm of Bahrain's under-18 national team, beginning with a successful title defence at the 23rd Arab Youth Men's Basketball Championship in Sfax, Tunisia, in July.

The following month, he guided the nationals to second place in Group B at the Fiba U18 Asia Cup in Ahmedabad, India, after recording two wins from three games.



Coach Salman Ramadhan leads a recent training session

That earned Bahrain a place in the quarter-final play-offs, where their run came to an end following a 109-99 defeat to Chinese Taipei, leaving them ninth overall.

Ramadhan will now turn his attention back to Manama, with preparations under way for the new domestic campaign.

The 2026-27 Zain Bahrain Basketball League is scheduled to tip off on October 4, with Manama looking to go one better after last season's runners-up finish.

They are also set to face champions Muharraq in the Bahrain Basketball Super Cup on October 23.

Stephen Loman assembles elite corner for BRAVE CF 108 campaign

Manama

Stephen "The Sniper" Loman is leaving nothing to chance as he prepares for the most consequential fight of his illustrious career, surrounding himself with two trusted figures who understand his game from the inside out.

The former BRAVE CF Bantamweight World Champion will face No. 1-ranked divisional contender Lasha Abramishvili in the co-main event of BRAVE CF 108, which takes place live from the historic Pula Arena in Croatia on Saturday, September 5.

Joining Loman for the pivotal assignment are Filipino mixed martial arts icon Eduard "Landslide" Folayang and BRAVE CF alumnus Jeremy "The Juggernaut" Pacatiw.



"I'm happy that I'll be with them. I really need people who truly understand my game and have been with me throughout

camp. It's good because they can see the adjustments I need to make in the fight," Loman said.

The formidable entourage re-

flects the magnitude of Loman's comeback.

This will be his first fight in three years and his first appearance under the BRAVE CF banner since successfully defending his then-bantamweight crown against Louie "Leonidas" Sannoudakis at BRAVE CF 30 in November 2019.

Folayang, widely regarded as "The Face of Philippine MMA," played a pivotal role in the sport's popularity in the country during its formative years.

The legendary "Landslide" also captured the World Title twice at lightweight.

Pacatiw, meanwhile, knows the BRAVE CF cage intimately, having competed for the promotion 10 times between 2016 and 2019.

"The Juggernaut" also holds

the distinction of being the only athlete in BRAVE CF history to have traveled to and fought in more countries than any other competitor.

Yet their presence is not merely a showcase of star power. Loman has assembled his corner with a specific purpose: to eliminate blind spots and ensure every contingency is addressed.

"Of course, there are things that I might not see or notice during the fight. I need them to be my voice of reason while I'm in there. At the same time, I want them with me to make sure I'm completely ready before I step into the cage," he explained.

The urgency is underscored by Abramishvili's remarkable ascent.

Since Loman stepped away in 2023, the Georgian spitfire has

won eight straight fights, six by stoppage. Four of those victories have come inside the BRAVE CF cage, propelling him to a formidable 12-2-1 record.

Loman, therefore, knows precisely what awaits him this weekend.

The bout also marks another milestone in his personal evolution. For the first time as a competitor, he will represent Lions Nation MMA, the stable founded by Folayang alongside Kevin "The Silencer" Belington, Honorio "The Rock" Banario, and Joshua "The Passion" Pacio following their departure from Team Lakay in 2023.

"I'm happy because this is a new chapter for me. At the same time, I'm excited to represent the team. So I'll really do my best," Loman stated.

GCC Youth and Sports Cooperation Strengthened

Bahrain hosts ministers' meeting as Shaikh Khalid highlights shared Gulf ambitions

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His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), Chairman of the General Sports Authority (GSA) and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), chaired the 39th GCC Youth and Sports Ministers' Meeting, hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain.

His Highness conveyed the greetings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Majesty's wishes for success to the GCC ministers of youth and sports.

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad said the longstanding ties between GCC countries, along with their shared goals and common destiny, provide a strong foundation for advancing joint Gulf action, particularly in the youth and sports sectors.

He emphasised the importance of youth as a key driver of development and a valuable asset in sustaining progress. He highlighted Bahrain's pride in this year's achievements of Youth City 2030 this year and its role as an advanced model for youth empowerment and capacity development.

He invited GCC countries to participate in the Arab Games,



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad chairs 39th GCC Youth and Sports Ministers' Meeting



Jasem Mohamed Albudaiwi, Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council



Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfeeqi, Ministry of Youth Affairs

which Bahrain will host in 2027, bringing together Arab youth and athletes in an atmosphere of unity and fair competition.

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad also wished success to all GCC teams participating in the 20th Asian Games, which will be held in Japan next month. He extended his best wishes to Saudi Arabia for its hosting of the 27th Arabian Gulf Cup football tournament.

His Highness said the ambitions of GCC youth are significant, while the shared goals of GCC countries require continued efforts to empower young people, develop their capabilities and advance Gulf sports towards further achievements, in line with the aspirations of GCC leaders and citizens.

Conceicao strike earns Najma first win

Hussain Almaskati

Rickson Barbosa Sa da Conceicao struck a brilliant late free-kick to give Al Najma their first win of the 2026-27 Nasser bin Hamad Premier League, securing a 1-0 victory over Al Malkiya last night.

The Brazilian midfielder, one of Najma's new signings for the campaign, settled a tight contest at Al Ahli Club Stadium after the sides had gone into the interval goalless.

Conceicao broke the deadlock in the 85th minute with a free-kick from just outside the penalty area, sending the ball over the wall and towards the bottom corner. Malkiya goalkeeper Sayed Ali Mohammed got a hand to it but could not keep it out.

The goal rewarded Fethi Laabidi's men for a stronger attacking showing, with Najma enjoying 61 per cent of possession and registering 11 attempts, four on target, compared with Malkiya's four efforts.

It was a welcome response after their 7-2 defeat to Al Khaldiya in the opening round, moving them onto three points from two matches.

Malkiya, coached by Alvaro Jose Rodrigues, remain bottom of the early standings without a point following back-to-back defeats.

At the National Stadium, East Riffa and Sitra played out a goalless draw, with neither side able to break the deadlock.

Hisham Al Mahoozi's men came closest five minutes after the restart when substitute Ra-



Rickson da Conceicao celebrates his winning goal against Malkiya

heem Daniel delivered a cross from the left for captain Talal AlSherooqi, who headed into the net. The effort was ruled out for offside.

East Riffa recorded four shots on target to Sitra's one as they collected their first point since returning to the top flight.

The result leaves Hassan Sayed Isa's Sitra top of the early standings on four points.

Matchweek two continues tomorrow at 7pm, with Al Khaldiya facing A'ali at the National Stadium and reigning champions Muharraq taking on newly promoted Al Ettifaq at Al Ahli Club Stadium.

The round concludes on Saturday, when Hidd meet Al Ahli at the National Stadium and Manama face Riffa at Al Ahli Club Stadium; both matches also kick off at 7pm.

Al Ahli bolster squad for new basketball season

● **Kawaid brothers among additions for 2026-27 campaign**

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Al Ahli have continued to strengthen their senior men's basketball team ahead of the 2026-27 season, signing Bahrain internationals Mohammed and Younis Kawaid.

Mohammed joins from Al Najma and is no stranger to Al Ahli, having previously represented the club during the 2021-22 season.

The experienced forward returns for another spell alongside his brother Younis, a guard who arrives from reigning league champions Muharraq.

The Kawaid brothers are among several additions ahead of the new campaign, with Al Wathiq Ali also signing and Ali Bager returning to the club.

Captain Hesham Sarhan will remain with the team, while veteran Maytham Jameel has departed for Al Najma.

There has also been a change on the sidelines, with Spaniard Marcelo Zubiran taking over



as head coach following the departure of Bahraini tactician Ahmed Jan.

The moves follow a 2025-26 campaign in which the Eagles reached the semi-finals of both major domestic competitions.

They made the Golden Square of the Zain Bahrain Basketball League before their title bid was ended by Muharraq, who completed a 3-0 sweep in the best-of-five series.

Al Ahli also reached the last four of the Khalifa bin Salman Cup, where they were again eliminated by Muharraq following a 2-0 sweep in the best-of-three series.

With their squad now taking shape, the club will be looking to build on last season's runs and mount a stronger challenge in 2026-27.

Rybakina, Gauff advance as Zverev launches US Open campaign

AFP | New York

World number two Elena Rybakina and former champion Coco Gauff breezed into the second round of the US Open on Tuesday as men's top seed Alexander Zverev launched his campaign.

Rybakina, eyeing a third Grand Slam title and the world number one ranking, beat US teen Thea Frodin 6-3, 6-2.

Gauff showed off her immensely improved serve in a confident 6-3, 6-4 victory over 53rd-ranked Zeynep Sonmez of Turkey.

Gauff blazed through the opening set before Sonmez upped her game, recovering an early break in the second and briefly taking the lead before Gauff regrouped.

"I think I was just trying not to panic," Gauff said. "She started coming to the net and playing great tennis."

"That 3-all game was real important," added Gauff, who saved three break points in the sixth game and broke in the next for a lead she wouldn't relinquish.

World number two Rybakina and fourth-ranked Gauff are two of the three players, along with No. 3 Jessica Pegula, who have a chance to supplant Aryna Sabalenka atop the world rankings in New York.

Gauff would have to add a



Coco Gauff in action

second US Open title to the one she captured in 2023 while Kazakhstan's Rybakina could do it just by reaching the semi-finals.

Kazakhstan's Rybakina showed little sign of the left heel injury that forced her out of her quarter-final in Cincinnati this month.

She saved both break points she faced in a polished performance against the big-hitting if erratic American, who was playing her first Grand Slam main draw match on a wild card.

"I'm happy with the match. Especially when you don't know

your opponent, it always can be dangerous, but overall I'm happy with the first match and how it went," the world number two from Kazakhstan said.

"It's a great result after 10 days from that kind of injury," added Rybakina, who was unable to walk without pain for several days and is still carefully managing her training, rest and treatment.

Zverev, who nabbed his long awaited first Grand Slam title at the French Open this year, opened his bid for another against Lorenzo Sonego in the

nightcap on Ashe.

Women's French Open champion Mirra Andreeva also advanced easily, cruising past Indonesia's 36th-ranked Janice Tjen 6-2, 6-2.

Andreeva, seeded fifth, has had a lackluster run on North American hard courts since her scintillating run to a first Grand Slam title in Paris.

But she was dialed in as she produced her second win over Tien in less than two weeks.

After a tough win against the Indonesian in Cincinnati, Andreeva said, "I was just trying to be very aggressive."

Cobolli comeback

Fifth-seeded Flavio Cobolli, runner-up to Zverev at Roland Garros, rallied from two sets down for the first time in his career to beat Argentina's Francisco Comesaña 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

The Italian shook off an erratic start, dropping to his knees and raising his arms in celebration after closing out the four-hour, 13-minute marathon.

"In a Grand Slam it's never done," Cobolli said. "You have to fight to the last point."

Cobolli recouped an early break in the fifth set, breaking back to pull level, breaking again for a 5-4 lead and sealing the triumph in the next game with a blistering forehand volley.