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Royal order
for Parliament
to reconvene

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, issued Order (30) of 2025, calling for the convening of the Shura and Representatives Councils.

The order stipulates that both the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives shall be invited to convene on the afternoon of Sunday, October 12, to inaugurate the fourth session of the sixth legislative term.

This order shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Bahrain condemns
deadly attack on
UK synagogue

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The Kingdom of Bahrain condemned the heinous terrorist attack that targeted a synagogue in Manchester, United Kingdom, which resulted in the death and injury of several innocent people.

A statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs extended Bahrain's condolences and sympathy to the government and people of the United Kingdom, as well as to the families of the victims, and wished a speedy recovery to those injured.

The Ministry reiterated Bahrain's firm stance of rejecting all forms of violence and terrorism, particularly attacks that target places of worship and aim to terrorise innocent people.

Bahraini citizens
detained in Israel

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is closely following the situation of the Bahraini citizens who were arrested by Israeli security authorities along with others from Gulf Cooperation Council countries, with the aim of securing their release as soon as possible.

The Ministry said that the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain in Tel Aviv is coordinating with the relevant authorities to ensure that all necessary measures are taken to guarantee their safe return.

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Israel intercepts Gaza aid flotilla

Over 400 pro-Palestinian activists detained aboard 41 vessels attempting to break blockade

AFP | Jerusalem

More than 400 pro-Palestinian activists aboard 41 vessels in a Gaza-bound aid flotilla were detained yesterday by Israeli naval forces.

“In an operation that lasted roughly 12 hours, Israeli Navy personnel foiled a large-scale incursion attempt by hundreds of individuals aboard 41 vessels that had declared their intention to breach the legal maritime security blockade on the Gaza Strip,” an Israeli official said.

“At the end of the operation more than some 400 participants were safely transferred to Ashdod port for processing by the Israel police.”

Deportation

Israel said yesterday it will deport to Europe the pro-Palestinian activists as the Israeli navy intercepted vessel after vessel in the Mediterranean.

The Global Sumud Flotilla of around 45 vessels began its voyage to Gaza last month, with politicians and activists includ-



This video grab taken from a livestream broadcasted by the Global Sumud Flotilla shows Israeli navy soldiers boarding the vessel ‘Oxygono’, one of the Sumud flotilla boats. (AFP)

ing Swedish climate campaigner Greta Thunberg aiming to break Israel's siege of the Palestinian territory, where the United Nations says famine has set in.

The Israeli navy began intercepting vessels on Wednesday after warning the activists against entering waters it says

fall under its blockade, with Thunberg's ship among those stopped from going further.

By yesterday, of the roughly 45 ships, more than 30 had been intercepted or were assumed to have been intercepted, according to the flotilla's tracking system.

52 killed in
Israeli strikes

Israeli strikes killed at least 52 people across Gaza yesterday, the territory's civil defence agency and hospitals said, including an employee of the French charity Doctors Without Borders.

aboard a boat.

Flotilla spokesman Saif Abu-keshek said the vessels that had not been intercepted were determined to continue.

“They are determined. They are motivated, and they are doing everything within their hands to be able to break the siege by this early morning,” he said.

In a statement, the flotilla organisers branded the interceptions as “illegal” since they were traversing international waters.

“Beyond the confirmed interceptions, live streams and communications with several other vessels have been lost,” the statement added.

Putin's stern warning

US Tomahawks for Ukraine could ‘escalate’ conflict

AFP | Sochi, Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin yesterday warned that supplying US Tomahawk missiles to Ukraine would lead to a “whole new level of escalation”, including in relations between Moscow and Washington.

“This would mean a whole new level of escalation, including in relations between Russia and the United States,” Putin said in response to a question on potential supplies of the long-range missiles to Ukraine via European allies.

Yesterday, Putin also promised a “significant” response to “Europe's militarisation”, as he addressed a foreign policy forum in southern Russia.

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bolster its defence.

Militarisation

“We are closely monitoring the rising militarisation of Europe,” he told the forum's audience, adding: “Retaliatory measures by Russia will not take long. The response to such threats will be very significant.”

“Russia will never show weakness or indecisiveness,” Putin added.

Drone incidents in Denmark and aerial incursions from Moscow in Estonia and Poland have heightened fears that Russia's war against Ukraine could spill over Europe's borders.

Putin accused Europe of stoking “hysteria” to excuse rising military spending and said Russia did not pose a threat.

“Just calm down,” the Russian President said.

Flares of fury



Protestors light up red smoke flares as they take part in a demonstration in Nantes, western France, as part of a nation-wide day of strike called by France's eight biggest workers unions for “social justice” measures. (AFP)