

# Travel ease



Jasem Mohamed Al Budaiwi, H.E. Nabeel bin Yacoub Al Hamer, and H.E. Dr. Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi at the event

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The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) has begun the pilot phase of its new one-stop travel system, starting with the UAE and Bahrain.

The initiative is designed to make movement between GCC countries easier by removing the need for repeated entry procedures for citizens.

Officials confirmed that the system will be gradually expanded to all GCC member states, marking a major step toward smoother regional travel.

The announcement comes as Bahrain inaugurated the official media centre yesterday for the 46th GCC Summit, which begins today in Manama.

The opening was attend-

ed by GCC Secretary-General Jasem Mohamed Al Budaiwi, H.E. Nabeel bin Yacoub Al Hamer, His Majesty the King's Advisor for Media Affairs, and Minister of Information, H.E. Dr. Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi.

Dr. Al Noaimi said Bahrain is proud to host the summit, noting that it reflects the Kingdom's ongoing commitment to enhancing Gulf cooperation under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and with the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He added that Bahrain's media institutions are fully prepared to support local, regional and international coverage of the event.

# Bahrain's pride

Streets adorned with GCC leaders' images and flags for today's summit

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As part of the Kingdom's preparations to host the 46th Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Summit for the Heads of State of the GCC countries today, the main streets and public squares across Bahrain have been adorned with images of the GCC leaders and the flags of the member states.

The display reflects Bahrain's pride in the journey of the GCC and its achievements in promoting Gulf cooperation and integration, as well as the Kingdom's warm welcome, from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the government, and the people, to the leaders of the GCC countries and visiting dignitaries.

Preparations and decorations included illuminating many of Bahrain's landmarks and buildings of governmental and private institutions with the flags of the GCC states, alongside placing banners on main roads carrying welcoming messages



Landmarks and government and private buildings across the Kingdom display GCC state flags



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and highlighting Bahrain's support for joint Gulf action and its belief in the importance of GCC cooperation as a reflection of shared goals.

The displays also featured excerpts from the statements of His Majesty the King, affirming Bahrain's positions and orientations regarding solidarity and joint Gulf action, including: "Gulf solidarity is our goal, and the unity of our peoples is our foundation," and "Together towards a bright future."



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**AMH becomes the first private hospital to start Arab Board Residency Program**

The American Mission Hospital has become the first private hospital in Bahrain to be recognized for the Arab Board residency program, from November 2025.

"Four residents, in the four different departments will be training with our doctors at the King Hamad American Mission Hospital, in A'Ali," said the Corporate CEO, Dr George Cheriyan.

"Being vetted and approved to run this residency program is an important milestone for the hospital, and we are committed to ensuring that all residents get the appropriate exposure in their areas of specializations, at our hospital, as they journey towards professionalism and excellence," added Dr. Deepak Abraham, Chief of medical staff.

Dr Jameela Al Salman, the Director of the program is also hospital's Director of Quality Improvement and Internal Medicine announced the names as: Dr. Yousif Khalid Al Maskati in Internal Medicine, Dr Reem Al Khanaizi, in Ob-Gyn, Dr Shaher Mamdooh in ER and Dr. Yusuf Al Safi in Pediatrics. They have begun their residency from this month, she said.

The Arab Board of Health Specializations (ABHS) is a scientific and professional body founded by the Council of Arab Health Ministers in 1978. It gives certificates of specialization to doctors from Arab countries through training programs and specialization exams.

With its headquarters in Amman, Jordan, the ABHS offers training and certifications in over 50 specialties and subspecialties and administers specialization exams in 17 testing centers throughout 22 Arab league countries.

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