

Sir Thomas Herriot introduces potatoes to England from the Americas

Eureka Stockade: In what is claimed by many to be the birth of Australian democracy, more than 20 goldminers at Ballarat, Victoria, are killed by state troopers in an uprising over mining licences



South African surgeon Dr. Christiaan Barnard performs the world's first human-to-human heart transplant, on Louis Washkansky, at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town; he survives for 18 days

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and US President George H. W. Bush, declare the Cold War over



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Slavery was a horror for millions of people in history & is a relentless contemporary crisis. On the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, let's remember past victims & rally to protect the millions of people now trapped in contemporary forms of slavery. A world built on freedom, dignity & justice for all is our shared responsibility.

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To the people of the UAE, both citizens and residents alike, I congratulate you on the occasion of the 54th Eid Al Etihad and extend my sincere thanks for your contribution to our nation's ongoing development.

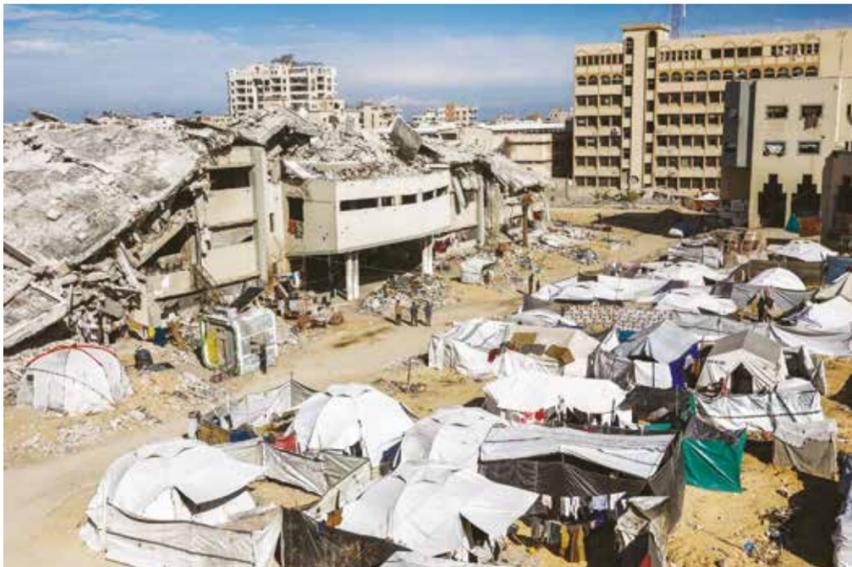
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A general view of a camp for displaced Palestinians at the Islamic University following the resumption of classes during a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas in Gaza City

Qatar says hopes to push Hamas, Israel to next talks phase 'very soon'

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AFP | Doha, Qatar

Gaza talks mediator Qatar said yesterday it hoped Israel and Hamas could be brought to a new phase of negotiations for a peace deal in the Palestinian territory following their October ceasefire agreement.

"We think that we should be pushing the parties to stage two very, very soon," Qatar foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari said.

"That includes, of course, the issues that are complicating the situation, like the fighters in the tunnels behind the Yellow Line, like the incidents that take place every couple of days," he added.

The so-called Yellow Line marks the point to which Israeli troops have withdrawn inside the Gaza Strip. Dozens of Hamas fighters remain holed up in tunnels beyond the line, though Israel says it has been targeting and killing them.

Qatar, alongside the United States and Egypt secured a long-elusive truce in Gaza, which came into effect on October 10 and has mostly halted two years of fighting between Israel and Hamas.

During the first phase of the Gaza peace plan, initially outlined by US President Donald Trump, Hamas and its allies were due to return all 48 hostages they held captive, 20 of whom were still alive.

Israel police say received presumed remains of one of last two Gaza hostages

Jerusalem, Undefined

Israeli police said yesterday they had received the presumed remains of one of the last two deceased hostages in the Gaza Strip and were transporting them to the morgue for identification.

In a brief statement, the police said they were "currently escorting, with reverence, the coffin of the fallen hostage to the National Centre of Forensic Medicine".

The office of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had said earlier Tuesday that Israel had received through the Red Cross "findings that were handed over to an (Israeli military) and (security) force inside the Gaza Strip".

"Upon completion of the identification process, formal notification will be delivered to the family," the statement from Netanyahu's office said.

It did not specify whether what was discovered were the remains of one of the last two Gaza hostages -- Israeli Ran Gvili and Thai national Sudthisak Rinthalak -- but

All but the bodies of two hostages remain in Gaza, Ran Gvili and Sudthisak Rinthalak, but Israel has accused the Palestinian militants of dragging their feet on handing over remains.

Hamas has said the process of retrieving the bodies has been slow because the bodies have been under the vast piles of rubble left by two years of war.

"As we have always said, the logistical situation in Gaza would certainly make it difficult to reach this result," Ansari said, referring to the return of the bodies.

The spokesman added that

said authorities were in "continuous contact" with their families.

Hamas had not confirmed by Tuesday afternoon local time that it had handed the remains of a hostage over to Israel as it had done so on previous occasions.

A Hamas official told AFP that a team from the group's armed wing and that of Islamic Jihad -- accompanied by the Red Cross -- had been conducting search operations for several days in multiple areas, particularly in Jabalia and Beit Lahia in the north of the territory.

"A number of bodies were found under the rubble and are being examined," the official said, adding that search operations were ongoing and there was "no confirmation that any of these bodies found belong to an Israeli prisoner".

"The mediators were informed that if the two bodies are found, they will be handed over immediately to the Israeli side through the established mechanism," the official added.

the return of the remains should not be a hindrance to reaching stage two.

Under the second phase of the deal, which gained UN backing in November, Israel is to withdraw from its positions in the territory, an interim authority is to govern Gaza and an international stabilisation force is to be deployed.

Hamas is also supposed to disarm under Trump's 20-point plan, with members who decommission their weapons allowed to leave Gaza. The militant group has repeatedly rejected the proposition.

BY INVITATION

Women Who Shape the Future of Technology and Policy



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Every year, we celebrate Bahraini Women's Day. But the real celebration begins when we shine a light on a role that is growing quietly, yet powerfully.

It is the role of women in strategic technology engineering and in shaping the policies that govern artificial intelligence and digital transformation.

This role is no longer secondary or symbolic. It has become one of the key forces shaping the future of our region.

From Using Technology... to Directing It

For years, discussions about women in technology focused on one main question:

How do we increase women's participation in STEM?

It is an important question, but today, it is not enough. Technology is no longer just coding skills or smart applications. Technology has become a decision-making ecosystem.

AI now influences how:

- Policies are built
- Governments are managed
- Opportunities are distributed
- Laws that affect everyone are designed

In this evolving landscape, Bahraini women have emerged as leaders, not followers.

When Women's Voices Shape Public Institutions

In legislative and parliamentary environments, Bahraini women are no longer just members at the table.

Today, they are:

- Technology advisors
- Decision engineers
- Legislative impact analysts
- AI policy designers
- Leaders in GovTech and digital governance

These roles are what distinguishes a country that merely uses AI from a country that actively builds its future with AI.

AI: A Field of Challenges... and Opportunities That Need Conscious Leadership

Artificial intelligence is not just a "new technology." It is:

- An economic force reshaping growth
- A socially sensitive tool that influences behavior
- A driver for education and future skills
- A core engine of digital government
- A legal and policy challenge that raises unprecedented questions

This is why we need women who understand technology deeply, and can transform that understanding into policies and strategies, that protect values while opening the door for innovation.

A Message to Young Women at the Start of Their Careers

Fields like AI policy, digital governance, and legislative tech engineering may seem distant or complex.

But the truth is, they are open, growing, and in need of fresh perspectives.

Start with small but meaningful steps:

- Let your curiosity guide you.
- Learn how technology works, not just how to use it.
- Understand the legal and social impact of every emerging technology.

Explore areas no one has explored before. Don't wait for the opportunity, create it through a small project that opens the door to this world.

The future does not need "technology users" only. It needs technology policy-makers.

A Future Led by Bahraini Women in Unconventional Spaces

Today, we see Bahraini women taking leading roles in:

- Government digital transformation
- Data analysis and decision-making
- Technology legislation
- AI ethics
- Futures and foresight strategies
- GovTech design and innovation

These are not just jobs.

They are spaces of influence, spaces where decisions are made, and where national futures are shaped.

Building a fair and innovative digital future requires minds that understand technology with clarity, and hearts that understand society with empathy.

Bahraini women today hold both.

In Conclusion

The true celebration of Bahraini Women's Day is not only about what women have already achieved, but also about what they are preparing to build next.

Technology, governance, and policy are not elite domains, nor are they academic luxuries.

They are open spaces for any woman who is passionate, curious, and ready to turn knowledge into real impact.

I am proud to be part of this movement, a movement shaping the future of AI governance and digital transformation in our country.

Because the future is being written now... and Bahraini women hold the pen.

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