

Egypt edge Australia on penalties to reach World Cup last 16

Hossam Abdelmaguid scored the winning penalty as Egypt made history by beating a dogged Australia 4-2 on penalties to reach the World Cup last 16 on Friday. | P12

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Bahrain hails enduring US partnership on Independence Day

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Bahrain reaffirmed its strong strategic partnership with the United States as the Kingdom's leadership extended Independence Day greetings to President Donald Trump and the American people.

The United States marks its Independence Day on July 4, commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and the birth of

the nation as an independent state.

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable of congratulations to President Donald Trump, praising the longstanding ties between Bahrain and the United States and their continued growth across political, economic, security and development sectors.

His Majesty expressed confidence that bilateral relations would continue to deepen with-



in the framework of the strategic partnership between the two countries in a manner that serves the aspirations and interests of both peoples. His Royal Highness Prince

Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, also sent a congratulatory cable to President Trump on the occasion.

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"On July 4 it's going to be approximately 107 degrees (41C) out, and I'm going to go and I'm going to make a really long speech -- just to show that I can do anything," he said Wednesday.

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Meanwhile, President Donald Trump kicks off America's 250th birthday weekend yesterday with a trip to a landmark upon which many suspect he would like to see his own face carved in rock -- Mount Rushmore.

On the eve of Independence Day, Trump will give a speech beneath the giant granite heads of four of his legendary predecessors at the national monument in South Dakota.

Bahrain condemns Damascus terror bombing

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Bahrain has strongly condemned the terrorist bombing that targeted a café near the Palace of Justice in Damascus, killing and injuring several civilians.

In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs denounced the attack, which involved an explosive device and struck the Syrian capital on Friday.

The ministry expressed Bahrain's deepest condolences to the government and people of Syria, as well as to the families of the victims, and wished those injured a speedy recovery.

Bahraini short film 'Seed' wins Golden Palm

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Bahraini short film "Seed" directed by Salman Yousif has achieved a new milestone, winning the Golden Palm Award for Best Gulf Narrative Short Film at the 12th Saudi Film Festival, further highlighting the growing presence of Bahraini cinema in regional film platforms.

The film was among the most notable entries at the festival, drawing attention from both audiences and critics for its distinctive cinematic approach.



Strikes deliberate patience running out

US Ambassador Waltz delivers stark warning to Tehran

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Iran's attacks on Gulf neighbours were not accidents of war but calculated strikes designed to inflict maximum civilian and economic damage, US Ambassador Mike Waltz told the United Nations Security Council, delivering a stark warning that Washington's patience with Tehran was running out.

Speaking during an emergency Security Council meeting on Iranian strikes against Bahrain and Kuwait, Waltz accused Tehran of deliberately targeting hospitals, airports, energy facilities and other civilian infrastructure across the Gulf.

The US envoy, who recently visited Bahrain, the UAE and other countries affected by the attacks, said the strikes were "deliberate, well planned and malicious" rather than random acts of war.

Waltz said he had visited facilities belonging to Bahrain



KEY TAKEAWAYS

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Petroleum Company, where he alleged Iranian forces first targeted fire suppression systems and emergency responders before striking fuel infrastructure

in an attempt to maximise destruction and casualties.

He claimed that attacks on fuel tanks and nearby chemical storage sites could have trig-

gered catastrophic explosions capable of killing thousands of civilians.

The ambassador also accused Iran of threatening global trade by disrupting shipping through the Strait of Hormuz and targeting commercial vessels transiting regional waters.

"Iran cannot hold the world's economy hostage," Waltz said, warning that any prolonged disruption to the strategic waterway would hurt developing countries dependent on food, fertiliser and energy imports.

Despite diplomatic efforts and repeated calls for de-escalation, Waltz said Iran had continued attacks on civilian infrastructure and commercial shipping, actions he described as violations of international law and Security Council resolutions. "The possibility of a positive future for the Iranian people remains on the table, but President Trump's patience is not unlimited," Waltz said.

AJet launches direct Bahrain-Trabzon flights



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Travellers from Bahrain can now fly directly to the Turkish city of Trabzon as AJet launched its new nonstop service linking the Kingdom to the popular Black Sea destination.

The new route was officially inaugurated on 3 July, with the Turkish carrier operating two weekly flights between Bahrain and Trabzon.

Royal Team Ready for Samorin Challenge



His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa attended the veterinary examination ahead of the Samorin International Endurance Race in Slovakia.

Shaikh Nasser is preparing to lead the Royal Team in the prestigious 160km international endurance race.

The event will also feature his children's participation. Her Highness Shaikha Sheema bint Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa will compete in the 100km international race, while His Highness Shaikh Hamad bin Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa will take part in the 120km international open race.

Celebrating 250 years of American independence



From towering landmarks to iconic cityscapes, Bahrain was awash in red, white and blue on Friday evening as the Kingdom joined celebrations marking 250 years of American independence. (Captured by Anchalo Bensiger)

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