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Robert Pattinson ate 'nothing but salmon' for months

NBB launches Sustainable Finance framework for ESG commitments

Rebuilding Gaza key to regional peace, stability

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The reconstruction of the Gaza Strip, along with the need for a unified Arab stance, is a crucial step toward ensuring long-term peace and stability in the Middle East.

This was emphasised by Egypt President Abdel Fattah El Sisi as he held a telephone call with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Both sides highlighted the need to hold an international peace conference for the Middle East, as proposed by HM the King during the Arab Summit hosted by Bahrain.

HM King Hamad noted the importance of fully implementing the ceasefire agreement that ensures stability in the region.

They also discussed the situations in Syria, Lebanon, Libya, and Sudan, emphasising the need to work towards stability in these countries and to avoid further conflicts.

During the call, both leaders underscored the strong and deep-rooted relations between Bahrain and Egypt and highlighted the importance of strengthening cooperation across all domains, particularly in the economic and investment sectors.

Fishermen held for using banned trawling nets

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Authorities arrested a group of fishermen caught using prohibited bottom trawling nets (Kofa), a destructive fishing method banned under local regulations.

The arrest followed a report from the Coast Guard Command, which detected the illegal activity at sea.

According to officials, the Coast Guard spotted a boat carrying several Indian nationals engaged in bottom trawling.

Upon noticing the security patrol, the fishermen attempted to flee, prompting a chase.

The authorities successfully intercepted the vessel and detained the suspects, who were found in possession of a quantity of freshly caught shrimp.

Bahrain-UAE media cooperation



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received Sheikh Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Butti Al Hamed, Chairman of the UAE National Media Office, in separate meetings. HM the King emphasised Bahrain-UAE historic ties and media cooperation, commending the UAE's progress. HRH Prince Salman highlighted the media's role in development and regional stability. Sheikh Al Hamed conveyed UAE leaders' greetings and reaffirmed commitment to strengthening bilateral relations. Discussions also covered media sector advancements and regional developments.'

Heroes Among Us

HM King promotes 894 BDF officers and honours 86 individuals with prestigious awards

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, has issued a royal order granting promotions to 894 officers in the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) across various military ranks.

The promotions coincide with the 57th anniversary of the BDF's establishment.

These promotions underscore the Kingdom's ongoing commitment to strengthening its defence capabilities and supporting its dedicated personnel.

The royal decree not only recognised the efforts of BDF officers but also honoured 86 distinguished individuals with prestigious awards.

Awards

These included the Bahrain Medal, Second Class, the Efficiency Medal, First Class, and the Military Service Appreciation Medal in both First and Second Classes.

These honours serve as a testament to the officers' exceptional service and contributions



A moment of pride for the Bahrain Defence Force

to the Kingdom's defence forces.

On this occasion, His Excellency Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the BDF, conveyed heartfelt congratulations to the officers who received promotions and awards.

Congratulations

He also extended the congratulations of HM King Hamad and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme

Commander of the Armed Forces, and Prime Minister.

Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed also conveyed the wishes of the Kingdom's leadership for the continued success and prosperity of the BDF, and expressed confidence that these officers will continue to contribute to the Kingdom's progress in service of the homeland.

The BDF Commander in Chief also issued an order to promote an additional 3,767 officers, individuals, and civilians to higher

ranks and positions across various grades within the BDF.

Hard work and dedication

This action serves to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of personnel at all levels, strengthening the BDF's overall operational readiness.

A total of 283 officers, as well as 1,289 individuals and civilians, were granted various awards, including the Field Service Medal, the Efficiency Medal, the Excellence Medal,



HM the King

and the Long Service Medal, which are granted in both first and second degrees.

These medals recognise the personnel's sustained dedication to their duties, their contributions to the BDF's continued success, and their role in upholding Bahrain's national security.

Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed stressed that the recognition and promotions should serve as a powerful incentive for BDF officers, individuals, and civilians.

Stronger preventive move

48-hour delay on bank transfers approved to fight online scams

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Banks could be made to hold off on processing international money transfers for 48 hours under a proposal approved by Parliament yesterday, as MPs step up efforts to curb online scams.

The plan also calls for telecom firms to block fraudulent messages before they reach users and urges a more research-based

approach to understanding cybercrime.

MP Hassan Ibrahim, who put forward the proposal, said a growing number of citizens and expats were being caught out by online fraud, making stronger preventive steps essential.

He called for government agencies to ramp up awareness campaigns through television and social media, urging people to be wary of suspect links and



MP Hassan Ibrahim

unsolicited calls from both local and international numbers.

"Fraudsters are always coming up with new tricks to get their hands on people's money," he said. "We need to stay ahead of them by keeping the public informed and making sure banks and authorities are taking every possible step to keep accounts safe."

He pointed out that scammers were now using different

methods to drain funds from accounts, making it crucial for banks to step up security.

He suggested lenders should issue alerts before approving transactions and consider ways to claw back stolen money.

He also questioned whether tighter controls were needed over withdrawals, noting that many scams do not involve ATMs but other channels that may require stronger checks.

