

Source of pride

HM King and HRH Prince Salman exchange congratulations on BDF 58th anniversary

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, described the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) as a source of national pride for the Kingdom.

His remarks came in response to a cable of congratulations sent by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and Prime Minister, marking the 58th anniversary of the establishment of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF).

HM the King congratulated HRH Prince Salman and all members of the BDF.

He also expressed his appreciation for their dedicated efforts in enhancing the BDF's capabilities and performance through advanced training and modern armaments.

His Majesty highlighted their role in ensuring the highest levels of readiness and the effective deployment of advanced systems and technologies to safeguard the Kingdom and its civilisational achievements.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister conveyed his congratulations to His Majesty on behalf of all BDF members.



“The BDF ensures the highest levels of readiness and the effective deployment of advanced systems and technologies to safeguard the Kingdom and its civilisational achievements.”

— HIS MAJESTY KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA, SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES

He highlighted the BDF's embodiment of the highest values of pride, sacrifice, devotion, and loyalty, and its vital role in consolidating security and stability. His Royal Highness noted

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that these efforts contribute to a prosperous future for generations to come.

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HRH Prince Salman emphasised the commitment to protect the Kingdom's security, stability, sovereignty and continued progress.

Allegiance

HM King Hamad received a cable of congratulations from His Excellency Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the BDF, on the occasion.



“The BDF embodies the highest values of pride, sacrifice, devotion, and loyalty, and plays a vital role in consolidating security and stability.”

— HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE, DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES, AND PRIME MINISTER

H.E. Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed conveyed his congratulations and best wishes to His Majesty, on behalf of himself and all BDF members.

He affirmed that BDF mem-

bers renew their pledge of allegiance to His Majesty, reiterating their commitment to remain devoted soldiers and to continue offering dedication and sacrifice in service of the Kingdom.

National Guard

His Majesty also received a cable of congratulations from His Highness General Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, Commander of the National Guard.

HH Gen. Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa said that the BDF, with the efforts and follow up of HM King Hamad, has developed into a strong and steadfast institution with ongoing advancement, serving as the protector of the Kingdom, its sovereignty and achievements.

He added that His Majesty's continued support has enabled the BDF to fulfil its role and contribute to international coalitions that uphold legitimacy and justice in support of security and peace.

Efforts

In response, HM the King sent cables of thanks to H.E. Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed and HH Gen. Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa, in which he commended their efforts in developing the BDF at all levels.

Royal promotions

HM King Hamad promotes 623 new BDF officers

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, has issued a Royal Order promoting 623 officers of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) across various military ranks.

The promotions coincide with the 58th anniversary of the establishment of the BDF.

HM the King also issued a Royal Order awarding medals to 168 officers and 680 non-commissioned officers and enlisted personnel in recognition of their dedicated service.

On the occasion, His Excellency Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the BDF, conveyed to the promoted and honoured personnel 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.

They extended their best wishes for continued success and further contributions towards the nation's progress and prosperity.



H.E. Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed

H.E. Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed issued orders promoting 3,411 non-commis-

sioned officers, enlisted personnel, and civilians across various ranks and grades within the BDF in conjunction with the founding anniversary.

He also ordered the awarding of medals to 185 officers and 1,141 non-commissioned officers and enlisted personnel in recognition of their service and dedication.


Motivation

The BDF Commander-in-Chief congratulated all officers, personnel, and civilians on their promotions and honours, stating that the recognition

should serve as motivation to further strengthen their commitment to duty.

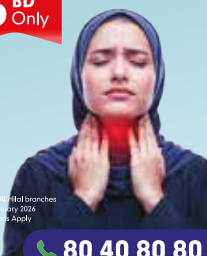
He urged them to carry out their national responsibilities with courage and determination in defending the homeland, safeguarding its development achievements, and supporting its civilisational progress.

H.E. Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed also expressed hope that the honours would inspire continued contributions to the advancement and prosperity of the BDF, wishing them success under the leadership of HM King Hamad.


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His Majesty ratifies Bahrain, arbitration court agreement

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa ratified and issued Law (6) of 2026 approving the Host Country Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Permanent Court of Arbitration, following its approval by the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives.

The Host Country Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Permanent Court of Arbitration, was signed in the Kingdom of Bahrain on June 17, 2025.

Cuba could face humanitarian collapse: UN chief

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UN chief Antonio Guterres warned that Cuba risks humanitarian “collapse” if it is denied oil, his spokesman said yesterday as the US threatens to cut energy supplies as part of a pressure campaign.

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