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Cybersecurity Skills Highlighted at Youth City 2030



Shaikh Abdulla bin Mohammed bin Abdulwahab Al Khalifa, Deputy CEO for Cybersecurity Operations at the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), visited Youth City 2030 to review cybersecurity initiatives aimed at developing young Bahraini talent.

The visit highlighted two NCSC programmes — "Cyber Youth" and "Start Your Career in Cybersecurity" — which provide workshops and interactive activities focused on cybersecurity awareness, digital risks, technical skills and career opportunities.

He said the NCSC's participation reflects its commitment to building cybersecurity capabilities among young Bahrainis and strengthening the Kingdom's cybersecurity ecosystem.

Police Chief Meets UK Embassy Official



Chief of Public Security Lieutenant General Tariq bin Hassan Al Hassan received Fiona Walker Doyle, Deputy Head of Mission at the UK Embassy in Bahrain.

During the meeting, Al Hassan praised the strong and developing relations between Bahrain and the United Kingdom, particularly in the security field.

The two sides discussed issues of mutual interest and explored ways to enhance cooperation and coordination between Bahrain and the UK.

HM King Honours Italian Ambassador

Royal Meeting Underscores Bahrain-Italy Strategic Friendship

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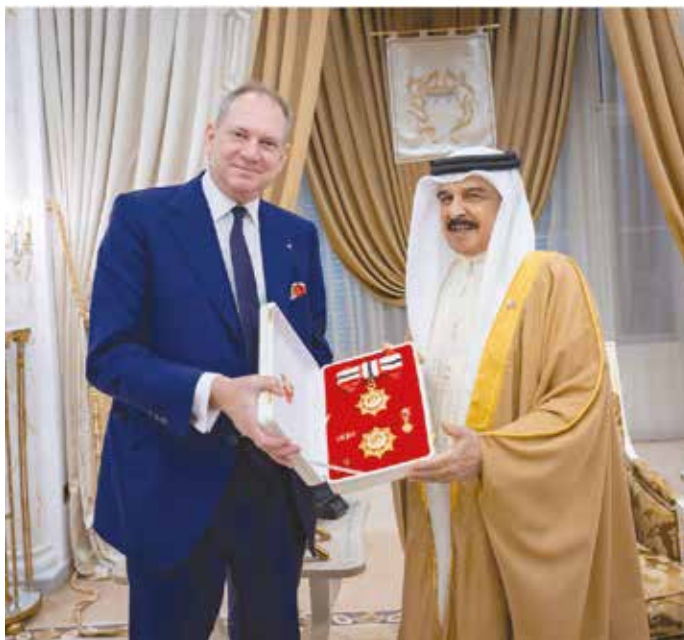
His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received Andrea Catalano, Ambassador of the Italian Republic to the Kingdom of Bahrain, in a meeting that highlighted the strong and longstanding partnership between the two countries.

During the meeting, His Majesty welcomed the ambassador and reviewed close cooperation between Bahrain and Italy across various fields. The King praised the steady progress of bilateral relations and reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to further strengthening cooperation in ways that serve the mutual interests of both friendly nations.

His Majesty also commended Ambassador Catalano for his dedicated efforts to enhance Bahrain-Italy relations and wished him continued success in his diplomatic mission.

In recognition of his contributions to strengthening ties between the two countries, His Majesty presented Ambassador Catalano with the Order of Bahrain (First Class).

Ambassador Catalano expressed his sincere gratitude to His Majesty for the prestigious honour, saying he was proud to receive the decoration. He also praised the King's commitment to deepening the longstanding friendship and expanding cooperation between Bahrain and Italy for the benefit and prosperity of both peoples.



Global Efforts to Promote Tolerance, Counter Hate Speech

HM the King's vision credited with advancing tolerance and interfaith dialogue in Bahrain

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Bahrain has reaffirmed its commitment to promoting tolerance and combating hate speech, with a representative of the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence highlighting the Kingdom's long-standing efforts to foster dialogue, mutual respect and religious freedom.

Speaking during a session on "National, Regional and International Best Practices in Combating Hate Speech Against Muslims" at the Second International Conference on Combating Discrimination Against Islam and Muslims in Cairo, Salah Yusuf Al Jowder, Member of the Board of Trustees of the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence, said the visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and



Prime Minister, have established a civilised approach that safeguards human dignity, protects religious freedoms and promotes dialogue and understanding among peoples and cultures.

The conference is organised by the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States in cooperation with the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) under the theme, "Muslim Communities in the West and Their Role in

Combating Islamophobia."

Al Jowder stressed that hate speech often begins with stereotypes and prejudice before escalating into discrimination and exclusion. He said strengthening the values of human dignity and mutual respect, alongside the complementary roles of families, educational institutions, places of worship, media organisations, legislative bodies and civil society, is essential to promoting coexistence and reinforcing social

cohesion.

He added that Bahrain presents a leading model in advancing tolerance and peaceful coexistence through a deeply rooted national approach, reflected in the programmes, initiatives and international partnerships of the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence. These efforts, he said, reduce hate speech, foster mutual understanding and build more cohesive and harmonious societies.

From Desert Trails to World No.1

The Crown of Endurance Belongs to Bahrain

Bahraini endurance trainee Ahmed Al Janahi of the Royal Endurance Team and Victorious Team has achieved a major global milestone by securing the top position in the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) endurance trainers' rankings.

Al Janahi topped the worldwide rankings with 1,328 points, marking a new achievement for Bahrain's endurance racing sector.

The latest international rankings also saw horses from the Royal Endurance Team claim leading positions, with world champion Everest LA Majorie, alongside



Ermine Dartagnan and Haqtar DU Carrelie, securing top places in the global classification.

The achievements reflect the exceptional technical standards and professionalism reached by the Royal Endurance Team, strengthening Bahrain's position



among the world's leading nations in endurance equestrian sports.

This success results from the continuous support and attention of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth

Affairs and Captain of the Royal Endurance Team.

His Highness's efforts to provide all necessary resources and develop the sport's ecosystem have played a key role in advancing Bahrain's endurance programme and achieving outstanding results at international competitions.

The latest accomplishments further highlight the strong international reputation of the Royal Endurance Team and Victorious Team, following a series of victories and championship achievements that have established Bahrain as a major force in global endurance racing.

LMRA Detained 114 Labour Law Violators



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted 3,633 inspection campaigns and visits across Bahrain in July, leading to the arrest of 114 workers for violating labour and residency laws.

The authority said 420 violators were deported following legal procedures after inspections uncovered breaches of Bahrain's Labour Market Regulatory Authority Law and Residence Law.

The inspections included 3,449 visits to commercial establishments and 184 joint campaigns conducted in cooperation with government entities.

The LMRA said it will continue intensifying inspection efforts to combat illegal labour practices, protect the stability of the labour market, and support Bahrain's economic and social security.

Bahrain Excluded from US Visa Bond Scheme



Bahrain and other Gulf countries have been excluded from a new US visa bond programme requiring some visitors from 50 countries to pay a refundable deposit of up to \$15,000 before travelling to the United States.

The scheme applies to eligible applicants for B-1 business, B-2 tourist, and combined B-1/B-2 visas from listed countries. A US consular officer will determine whether a deposit of \$5,000, \$10,000, or \$15,000 is required during the visa interview.

MOI Arrests Suspect in Child Luring Case

Ministry of Interior has announced the arrest of a 21-year-old luring and exploiting a 13-year-old girl through a social media platform.

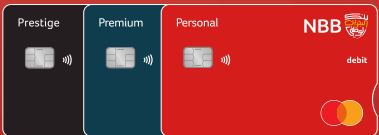
The ministry said the arrest was carried out by the Cyber Child Protection Unit of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption, Economic and Electronic Security. Following the receipt of a report, authorities immediately launched investigations, gathered evidence, identified the suspect, and arrested him.

Legal procedures have been completed, and the case is being referred to the Public Prosecution for further action.





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New Hope in Breast Cancer Surgery

Royal Medical Services Unveils First GEN 3 Breast Surgery System

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The Royal Medical Services (RMS) has introduced Bahrain's first GEN 3 breast surgery system by Hologic, marking a significant step forward in the Kingdom's breast cancer care through the adoption of advanced surgical technology.

The new system is designed to improve the accuracy and efficiency of breast surgeries by using Magseed technology to precisely locate non-palpable breast lesions before and during surgery. It also incorporates Magtrace, which helps surgeons accurately identify the sentinel lymph node, while providing real-time guidance through audio signals and precise digital readings.

Major General Dr. Shaikh Fahad bin Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Commander of the Royal Medical Services, said the introduction of the system reflects RMS's commitment to adopting the latest global advancements in breast surgery and equipping medical teams with innovative technologies that enhance patient care.

He added that investing in modern medical technologies forms a key part of the Royal Medical Services' strategy to improve clinical performance and deliver healthcare services that meet the highest international standards.



Dr. Edward Rowland, Chief Executive Officer of the Bahrain Oncology Center, described the GEN 3 system as a major advancement in breast surgery, noting that it reduces dependence on traditional wire-guided procedures and radioactive materials.

Dr. Noof Alshaibani, Head of the Women's Healthcare Center at the Royal Medical Services and Consultant in General and Reconstructive Surgery at the Bahrain Oncology Center, said the technology provides surgical teams with



greater precision and control when treating complex cases, leading to improved surgical planning and better patient outcomes.

Indian Embassy Celebrates Milestones in Bahrain Ties

Consular centre, defence exhibition and cultural programmes underscore deepening bilateral relations.

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The Embassy of India in Bahrain is celebrating a series of milestones this year, highlighting advances in consular services, defence co-operation and cultural engagement that have strengthened ties between India and the Kingdom.

At a recent interaction with Indian community associations and painting artists at The Indian embassy, the Indian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Mr. Vinod Kurian Jacob said the embassy is marking one year since the opening of the new Indian Consular Application Centre at Bahrain Mall, the first such facility to be established in Bahrain in 15 years.

Another key milestone is the first anniversary of the electronic visa (e-Visa) system for Bahraini nationals. Since its launch, nearly 4,000 Bahraini citizens have used the facility, reflecting growing interest in travel to India and the convenience of the streamlined digital application process.

The ambassador also highlighted the embassy's Permanent Defence Exhibition, now in its third year. The current edition showcases the role of the



Indian Armed Forces in national development, with a special focus on the Indian Navy-led Combined Task Force 154 (CTF-154) under the Combined Maritime Forces, which has been operating from Bahrain since February.

The embassy's Focus State and Union Territory Initiative, launched nearly three years ago, has now featured almost every Indian state and union territory. The

Ambassador, H.E. Vinod Jacob, during an interaction with Indian community associations and painting artists, highlighted key milestones

ongoing edition spotlights Kerala and Puducherry, showcasing their culture, tourism, heritage and investment opportunities. The ambassador noted that while the initiative was originally expected to cover all states and union territories within three years, the schedule was affected by regional developments earlier this year.

Cultural diplomacy continues to remain a major pillar of the embassy's engagement, with its annual painting exhibitions entering their third year. This year's programme comprises three exhibitions celebrating the longstanding friendship between India and the Kingdom of Bahrain through art.

The ambassador said these initiatives reflect the depth and diversity of India-Bahrain relations, spanning people-to-people ties, cultural exchanges, defence cooperation and improved public services.

Open Bins Spark Pest and Public Health Concerns

Residents are encouraged to seal rubbish bags, close bin lids and follow collection schedules

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Mohammed Darwish

Open rubbish bins are turning housing areas into feeding and breeding grounds for rats, insects and stray cats, a public health pest expert has warned.

Khalid Al Borshaid, a public health pest control expert said bins left open for long spells pose a clear health risk, as waste draws vermin and allows germs to spread.

Cats often tear into rubbish bags and drag waste into the street, he said, leaving foul smells, scattered litter and a higher risk of disease.

Al Borshaid said poor disposal habits worsen the situation. Bags left open, waste dumped beside bins and rubbish thrown at the wrong time can lead to heaps of refuse around homes.

The result, he said, is an ugly and unhealthy sight that has no place in built-up areas. He called on residents to put waste inside bins, close lids and use the right disposal times.

Fixed days could also be named for certain kinds of waste, as happens in other countries, to stop bins overflowing and rubbish piling up nearby.

"Public awareness is the first step in any plan to stop waste being thrown outside bins," Al Borshaid said. He said clean streets were a shared duty for public bodies and residents, while the proper use of bins would help cut pest numbers and keep neighbourhoods in good order.



Khalid Al Borshaid, a public health pest control expert

Al Borshaid also called for a review of where bins were placed.

Their sites should be chosen after health and environmental checks, he said, and kept away from schools, places used by children, restaurants, markets and food shops.

Bins should also not stand directly beside homes because of the smell, insects, rodents and nuisance they can cause.

He called for well-built waste points that hide rubbish from view and stop it becoming a daily source of distress for residents and visitors.

Some areas could also be fitted with covered or sealed waste systems to curb smells, keep pests out and improve living conditions.



From
The Court

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Rehab Mohammad

Doctor Wins Compensation Over Unlawful Salary Deductions

Hospital Ordered to Repay Deductions and Leave Benefits

The First High Labour Court ordered a private hospital to pay more than BD2,854 to a consultant anaesthesiologist after ruling that salary and housing allowance deductions were made unlawfully.

The court awarded BD1,021.4 for unlawful deductions and BD1,833 for accrued annual leave, while also granting compensation for delayed payment of the doctor's entitlements and ordering the hospital to cover legal costs.

The hospital had argued that the doctor had settled his dues and that leave pay should be based only on his



basic salary, but the court found the evidence insufficient and ruled in the doctor's favour.

Appeals Court Cuts Life Sentence in Cannabis Smuggling Case

One Defendant Gets 15 Years; Other Remains Jailed for Life

The Fifth High Criminal Court of Appeal reduced the life sentence of one defendant to 15 years in a cannabis smuggling case involving 9.5kg of manufactured cannabis hidden inside hair oil bottles.

The court upheld the life sentence for the second defendant, fined both BD10,000 each, ordered the confiscation of the drugs, and ruled that the Asian defendant be deported after serving his sentence.

The drugs were discovered in a postal package arriving from the United Kingdom at Bahrain International Airport. Investigators later arrested the suspects during a controlled operation after tracking the shipment.

During the appeal, the defence argued there was insufficient evidence to prove drug trafficking, but the court upheld the convictions while reducing one defendant's prison term.

Court Cancels BD200 Fine in Bounced Cheque Case

Judge rules defendant cannot be tried twice over the same rental agreement dispute

The First Minor Criminal Court cancelled a BD200 fine imposed on a defendant in a bounced cheque case after ruling that the matter had already been settled by a final court judgment.

The defendant was accused of issuing cheques without sufficient funds in 2025. Although a criminal order fined him BD200, he challenged the decision, arguing that the cheques were part of the same rental agreement and had already been examined in an earlier case.

After reviewing the evidence, the court found that both cases involved the same parties, the same transaction, and the same cause of action.

The court ruled that mul-



multiple cheques issued on the same day for the same transaction constitute a single criminal offence and cannot be prosecuted in separate cases.

The objection was accepted, and the criminal order imposing the BD200 fine was cancelled.

Drunk Driver Detained Over Deadly Bus Crash

Public Prosecution ordered the detention of a driver pending investigation after a traffic accident in Al Saha claimed the life of a bus passenger and injured eight others.

The Deputy Head of the Traffic Prosecution said the Public Prosecution received a report from the General Directorate of Traffic regarding the collision, which resulted in one fatality and eight people sustaining varying injuries.

Preliminary investigations found that the suspect was driving under the influence of alcohol and became distracted from the road before crashing into the

rear of a bus carrying the victims.

The impact caused the bus to veer off course and collide with the road's metal and concrete barriers, resulting in one passenger's death and injuries to eight others.

The Public Prosecution immediately launched an investigation, questioned the suspect, and confronted him with the evidence. It ordered his detention pending further inquiries and authorized the release of the deceased's body to the family for burial.

Investigations are ongoing before referring the suspect to the criminal court.

Including 3 Specialised Sessions on Trading, Investment, and Islamic Banking:

KFH-Bahrain Concludes Training Sessions at Youth City 2030



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Kuwait Finance House – Bahrain (KFH-Bahrain) concluded its series of awareness and training sessions, presented as a Platinum Partner of the 15th edition of Youth City 2030, organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs. This participation falls within KFH-Bahrain’s commitment to supporting national initiatives aimed at preparing Bahraini youth, enhancing their financial literacy, and raising awareness of Islamic banking principles.

These sessions represent a practical extension of KFH-Bahrain’s commitment to providing educational and training programs that enhance financial literacy while introducing the principles of Islamic banking. This aligns with its role as

an Islamic banking institution that seeks to invest in national competencies and prepare a generation equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the demands of the future.

The bank’s participation included three specialised training sessions titled: KFH Trader, Day Trading, and Principles of Islamic Banking. These sessions covered the fundamentals of trading and investment, financial market mechanisms, besides an introduction to the principles of Islamic banking and its key applications. This contributed to enhancing participants’ financial literacy and equipping them with practical knowledge to help them build their academic and professional futures.

The sessions also offered

participants direct interaction with a select group of specialists from KFH-Bahrain to learn about best practices in Islamic banking and discuss several topics related to financial planning, investment management, and the future of the banking sector. This strengthened the readiness of youth to explore career opportunities in this vital sector.

KFH-Bahrain’s participation in Youth City 2030 reflects the Bank’s belief in the importance of investing in youth as the cornerstone of future development, and its unwavering commitment to equipping them with knowledge and skills that enable them to make more informed financial decisions and enhance their readiness for academic and professional

success.

These training sessions embody KFH-Bahrain’s keenness to leverage its banking expertise to serve national initiatives by providing training and awareness content in alignment with the Kingdom of Bahrain’s aspirations to build a knowledge-based economy driven by national talent.



RHF Honors Winners of ‘Love and Loyalty’ Art Competition



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The Acting Secretary General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF), Eng. Ebrahim Dalhan Aldoseri, honored the winners of the “Love and Loyalty” art competition, held as part of the Foundation’s celebrations marking its 25th anniversary.

The award ceremony was attended by Assistant Secretary General for Social Care Ammar Sami Qambar and Director of Public Relations and Media Bader Ali Qambar.

Eng. Aldoseri praised the high standard of the participating artworks, saying the winning paintings reflected the students’ love for the Kingdom of Bahrain and their loyalty to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. He noted that the entries showcased strong patriotism, creativity, and a deep sense of national identity.

He said the competition



highlighted the children’s awareness of their homeland and pride in Bahrain’s achievements and leadership.

Aldoseri emphasized that initiatives of this kind help strengthen national values among younger generations by encouraging them to express their sense of belonging through art. He added that the competition aligns with the Foundation’s efforts to promote national awareness and reinforce community partnership.



Al Abraaj Restaurants Group B.S.C.
Condensed interim statement of changes in shareholders’ equity for the six months period ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

Al Abraaj Restaurants Group B.S.C.
Condensed interim statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	Notes	30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	31 December 2025 (Audited)
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	21,475,463	21,512,575
Intangible assets	6	256,876	256,876
Right-of-use assets	7	1,856,806	1,701,928
Investment in an associate	8	1,841,473	1,873,068
		<u>25,390,618</u>	<u>25,346,467</u>
Current assets			
Inventories		766,442	720,021
Trade and other receivables	9	1,489,154	1,351,739
Cash and bank balances	10	117,225	84,821
		<u>2,372,821</u>	<u>2,156,651</u>
Total assets		<u>27,763,439</u>	<u>27,503,098</u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	11	10,909,091	10,909,091
Statutory reserve	12(a)	833,498	833,498
Share premium	12(b)	1,702,553	1,702,553
Retained earnings	12(c)	1,362,987	1,430,987
		<u>14,808,129</u>	<u>14,876,129</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Non-current portion of lease liabilities	13	1,314,170	970,605
Non-current portion of term loans	14	1,822,860	4,256,187
		<u>3,137,030</u>	<u>5,226,792</u>
Current liabilities			
Current portion of lease liabilities	13	593,168	787,267
Current portion of term loans	14	823,850	558,048
Trade and other payables	15	4,525,494	4,219,276
Bank overdrafts	16	1,875,858	1,795,586
		<u>7,818,370</u>	<u>7,400,177</u>
Total equity and liabilities		<u>27,763,439</u>	<u>27,503,098</u>

These condensed interim financial information were approved, authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf by:

Hamad Rashed Hetal Rashed Isa
Chairman

Abdulla Rashed Hetal Rashed Isa
Vice Chairman

Al Abraaj Restaurants Group B.S.C.
Condensed interim statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the quarter and six months period ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	Notes	Six months period ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	Six months period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)	Three months period ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	Three months period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)
Sales					
	17	7,389,460	7,668,650	3,902,641	4,086,390
Cost of sales		<u>(6,100,551)</u>	<u>(5,798,060)</u>	<u>(3,161,629)</u>	<u>(2,985,162)</u>
Gross profit		1,288,909	1,870,590	740,962	1,101,223
Other income		<u>138,380</u>	<u>84,117</u>	<u>99,537</u>	<u>49,971</u>
		<u>1,427,289</u>	<u>1,954,707</u>	<u>840,499</u>	<u>1,151,194</u>
Expenses					
General and administrative expenses	18	(1,041,344)	(907,317)	(547,342)	(483,961)
Selling and distribution expenses		(164,003)	(166,425)	(84,946)	(89,373)
Finance costs		(256,367)	(333,158)	(182,576)	(167,019)
		<u>(1,461,714)</u>	<u>(1,406,900)</u>	<u>(724,864)</u>	<u>(740,353)</u>
Net (loss)/profit for the period before share of (loss)/profit from associate		<u>(34,425)</u>	<u>557,823</u>	<u>145,595</u>	<u>410,841</u>
Share of (loss)/profit from associate	8	<u>(73,395)</u>	<u>(22,862)</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>312</u>
Net (loss)/profit for the period		<u>(108,820)</u>	<u>534,961</u>	<u>128,588</u>	<u>411,153</u>
Other comprehensive income:					
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:					
Unrealised fair value gains on intangible assets	6		25,232		25,232
			<u>25,232</u>		<u>25,232</u>
Total other comprehensive income for the period			<u>25,232</u>		<u>25,232</u>
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period		<u>(188,020)</u>	<u>560,193</u>	<u>128,588</u>	<u>436,385</u>
Basic and diluted (loss)/earnings per share	22	<u>(0.62)</u>	<u>4.52</u>	<u>1.19</u>	<u>3.77</u>

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Hamad Rashed Hetal Rashed Isa
Chairman

Abdulla Rashed Hetal Rashed Isa
Vice Chairman

	Share capital	Statutory reserve	Share premium	Revaluation reserve	Retained earnings	Total
At 31 December 2024 (As restated)	10,909,091	755,752	1,862,324	-	1,418,657	14,945,824
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	536,963	536,963
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	25,257	-	25,257
Expenses relating to Initial Public Offering	-	-	(159,771)	-	(159,771)	(159,771)
Interim dividend paid 2025 (Note 21)	-	-	-	-	(74,842)	(74,842)
Dividend for 2024 (Note 21)	-	-	-	-	(517,903)	(517,903)
At 30 June 2025 (As restated)	10,909,091	755,752	1,702,553	25,257	1,362,875	14,795,528
At 31 December 2025 (Audited)	10,909,091	833,498	1,702,553	-	1,430,987	14,876,129
Net loss and total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(16,020)	(16,020)
At 30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	10,909,091	833,498	1,702,553	-	1,362,987	14,808,129

Al Abraaj Restaurants Group B.S.C.
Condensed interim statement of cash flows for the six months period ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	Notes	Six months period ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	Six months period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)
Operating activities			
Net (loss)/profit for the period	(68,020)	536,963	
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	5	491,026	489,971
Amortisation on right-of-use assets	7	465,744	399,128
Share of loss from associate		33,595	20,860
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(240)	-	-
Finance costs		256,367	333,158
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Inventories		(46,421)	6,643
Trade and other receivables		(137,415)	(19,333)
Trade and other payables		256,218	(431,226)
Employees’ terminal benefits, net		-	(44,639)
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>1,250,854</u>	<u>1,231,545</u>
Investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	5	(325,280)	(45,357)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		240	-
Expenditure incurred towards capital work-in-progress	5	(88,624)	(145,829)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(413,624)</u>	<u>(191,186)</u>
Financing activities			
Final dividend paid		-	(512,903)
Interim dividend paid for 2025		-	(74,842)
Expenses relating to Initial Public Offering		(256,367)	(159,771)
Finance costs paid		(471,154)	(429,799)
Principal paid on lease liabilities		(167,540)	(260,000)
Repayment of term loans	23	(895,068)	(1,750,473)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(1,796,049)</u>	<u>(3,157,922)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		<u>(413,624)</u>	<u>(1,017,563)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period		<u>(1,700,695)</u>	<u>(718,376)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period		<u>(1,758,583)</u>	<u>(1,568,490)</u>
Comprising:			
Cash and bank balances	10	117,275	76,628
Bank overdrafts	16	(1,875,858)	(1,645,118)
		<u>(1,758,583)</u>	<u>(1,568,490)</u>

Hamad Rashed Isa
Chairman

Alba Discloses its Financial Results for the Second Quarter and H1 of 2026

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Q2 & H1 2026 Financial Performance

Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba) (Ticker Code: ALBH), the world's largest aluminium smelter on one site, has reported a Profit attributable to its Equity holders of BD64.9 million (US\$172.5 million) for the second quarter of 2026, up by 164% Year-over-Year (YoY), versus a Profit attributable to its Equity holders of BD24.6 million (US\$65.4 million) for the same period in 2025. The Company reported Basic and Diluted Earnings per Share of fils 46 for Q2 2026 versus Basic and Diluted Earnings per Share of fils 17 in Q2 2025. The Total Comprehensive Income for Q2 2026 stood at BD64.5 million (US\$171.5 million) versus Total Comprehensive Income for the second quarter of 2025 of BD21.9 million (US\$58.1 million) - up by 195% YoY.

For the First Half of 2026, Alba has reported a Profit attributable to its Equity holders of BD140.2 million (US\$372.8 million), up by 228% YoY versus a Profit attributable to Equity holders of Alba of BD42.7 million (US\$113.5 million) for the same period in 2025. The Company reported Basic and Diluted Earnings per Share of fils 99 for H1 2026 versus Basic and Diluted Earnings per Share of fils 30 for the same period in 2025. Alba's Total Comprehensive Income for H1 2026 was BD140.6 million (US\$374 million), up by 264% YoY, compared to a Total Comprehensive Income of BD38.6 million (US\$102.8 million) in H1 2025.

Equity attributable to owners of

Alba as of 30 June 2026 stood at BD2,163.5 million (US\$5,753.9 million), up by 4%, versus BD2,084.6 million (US\$5,544.2 million), as of 31 December 2025. Alba's Total Assets as of 30 June 2026 were BD2,867.2 million (US\$7,625.6 million) versus BD2,623.3 million (US\$6,976.8 million) as of 31 December 2025 - up by 9%.

Macro & Market Fundamentals | Based on Market Intelligence

Global Aluminium Demand & Supply | For more insights, refer to Alba's Investor Relations Presentation

Global economic conditions remained mixed during Q2 2026. Chinese industrial activity moderated while exports remained resilient. In the United States, manufacturing activity continued to be supported by investment in data-centre and AI-related infrastructure.

Middle East regional tensions heightened market uncertainty, reduced near-term visibility, and created logistical and supply chain challenges across key global trade routes.

Demand remained resilient, up by 1% YoY, supported by growth in automotive, renewable energy, infrastructure, power transmission and data-centre-related sectors.

Supply contracted by around 1% YoY, primarily due to production disruptions in the Middle East.

Market Balance: The global aluminium market remained in deficit during the quarter, with a deficit of approximately 934 kMT including China and 626 kMT excluding China.



Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chairman of Alba's Board of Directors



Ali Al Baqali, Alba's Chief Executive Officer

MT (-38% YoY) reinforcing Alba's value-over-volume strategy.

Update on Q2 Operational Status

The Company proactively adjusted production levels during the period to address raw material availability constraints while maintaining the safe and stable operation of its facilities. Optimised alumina utilisation, coupled with rigorous management of inventory and supply chain flows, enabled Alba to preserve smelter stability, protect critical assets and maintain operational reliability. The actions taken ensure readiness to respond efficiently as market and supply conditions improve.

Aluminium Market Outlook: Resilient Demand and Constrained Supply | Based on Market Intelligence

Aluminium prices are expected to remain high, supported by constrained supply conditions, although market dynamics continue to be influenced by macroeconomic and geopolitical developments.

Demand remains broadly resilient despite inflationary pressures, elevated energy costs, and softer industrial activity in certain regions. Structural deficits in North America and Europe continue to

support market fundamentals, while Chinese demand benefits from export-oriented manufacturing activity.

Market balances remain relatively tight following recent regional supply disruptions, with recovery dependent on the timing and pace of smelter restarts. China's long-term capacity cap policy continues to moderate global supply growth.

Alba 2026 Priorities

Continue prioritising safe, stable and reliable operations while maintaining a strong focus on employee safety and operational continuity.

Maintain operational flexibility and agility to respond effectively to evolving regional developments and supply chain dynamics.

Progress Aluminium Dunkerque's transaction, subject to regulatory approvals, with continued engagement with relevant authorities.

Advance strategic growth initiatives, including the construction and commissioning of Alba Daiki Sustainable Solutions (ADSS).

Advance Alba's sustainability and decarbonisation agenda, supporting Bahrain's Net Zero ambitions while strengthening the Company's position as a supplier of low-carbon aluminium.

Strengthen commercial resilience through value-added and certified product offerings, supporting customer continuity and market access amid evolving regional conditions.

Commenting on the Company's performance for the second quarter of 2026, the Chairman of Alba's Board of Directors, Khalid

Al Rumaihi stated: “Alba delivered a resilient financial performance despite a challenging operating environment marked by regional tensions and supply chain disruptions. The Company’s ability to generate EBITDA of US\$295 million and profit of US\$173 million highlights the strength of its operational discipline, cost management and strategic focus.

We also continue to progress on the proposed acquisition of Aluminium Dunkerque, having recently announced Bpifrance's co-investment in the company. Bpifrance's participation reflects strong local institutional support and further reinforces confidence in Alba's role as a long-term strategic shareholder.

The transaction remains subject to remaining regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions, and Alba will continue to update the market as appropriate.”

Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Ali Al Baqali, added: "The actions taken during the quarter were guided by a clear priority: safeguarding our people, assets and long-term operational capability. Through disciplined production curtailments and rigorous management of raw material flows, we maintained operational stability despite unprecedented supply chain challenges. Importantly, the steps taken have preserved the flexibility needed to support a swift recovery as conditions improve."

Alba Management will hold a conference call on Wednesday 05 August 2026 at 12PM Bahrain Time to discuss the Company's financial and operational performance for Q2 & H1 2026 and outline its strategic priorities moving forward.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME For the six months ended 30 June 2026				
	Six months ended		Three months ended	
	30 June		30 June	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
	BD'000	BD'000	BD'000	BD'000
	(reviewed)	(reviewed)	(reviewed)	(reviewed)
INCOME				
Income from financing contracts	25,897	26,797	13,052	13,514
Income from placements with financial institutions	5,637	4,735	2,577	2,811
Income from investment in Sukuk	10,634	7,296	5,341	3,764
Expense on placements from financial institutions	(1,309)	(1,890)	(539)	(749)
Expense on placements from non-financial institutions and individuals	(3,924)	(9,243)	(1,621)	(3,794)
Expense on financing from financial institutions	(6,630)	(4,597)	(3,484)	(2,418)
Net finance income	30,305	23,098	15,326	13,128
Fee and commission income, net	3,346	3,795	1,731	2,055
Income from investment securities	12	66	12	66
Income from investment in real estate, net	14	9,963	7	409
Share of results of associates, net	131	72	131	37
Other income, net	2,437	2,177	1,326	1,424
Total income	36,245	39,171	18,533	17,119
EXPENSES				
Staff costs	7,311	7,791	3,746	3,499
Depreciation and amortization	1,009	882	506	479
Other operating expenses	6,279	6,333	3,001	3,495
Total expenses	14,599	15,006	7,253	7,473
Profit before impairment allowances and attribution to quasi-equity	21,646	24,165	11,280	9,646
Impairment allowance on financial instruments, net	(3,739)	(5,084)	(2,275)	(2,396)
Profit before attribution to quasi-equity	17,907	19,081	9,005	7,250
Profit attributable to quasi-equity	(11,418)	(5,893)	(5,696)	(4,064)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	6,489	13,188	3,309	3,186
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (fls)	4.33	10.70	1.33	1.22

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY For the six months ended 30 June 2026		
	30 June 2026	30 June 2025
	BD'000 (reviewed)	BD'000 (reviewed)
Balance at 1 January	163,283	147,420
Profit for the period	6,489	13,188
Other comprehensive income	(1)	(143)
Total comprehensive income for the period	6,488	13,045
Cash dividends	(5,298)	-
Zakah approved	(638)	(356)
Donations approved	(70)	(50)
Profit distribution on ATI Capital	(1,901)	(1,901)
Shares allocated to staff during the period	260	67
Balance at 30 June	162,124	158,225

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 30 June 2026		
	30 June 2026	31 December 2025
	BD'000 (reviewed)	BD'000 (audited)
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with banks and Central Bank	70,435	73,664
Placements with financial institutions	238,308	293,129
Financing contracts	1,007,054	998,523
Investment securities	413,305	390,347
Investment in associates	7,822	7,691
Investment in real estate	13,721	13,721
Property and equipment	16,197	15,948
Other assets	12,593	11,253
TOTAL ASSETS	1,779,435	1,804,276
LIABILITIES, QUASI-EQUITY AND OWNERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Placements from financial institutions	47,200	90,595
Placements from non-financial institutions and individuals	82,132	167,054
Financing from financial institutions	305,764	260,125
Customers' current accounts	268,333	254,596
Other liabilities	53,909	43,296
Total Liabilities	757,338	815,666
Quasi-equity		
Financial institutions	25,967	73,261
Non-financial institutions and individuals	834,006	752,066
Total Quasi-equity	859,973	825,327
Owners' Equity		
Share capital	106,406	106,406
Treasury shares	(677)	(677)
Shares under employee share incentive scheme	(50)	(245)
Share premium	197	132
Reserves	31,248	32,667
Equity attributable to Bank's shareholders	137,124	138,283
Subordinated Mudaraba (ATI)	25,000	25,000
Total Owners' Equity	162,124	163,283
TOTAL LIABILITIES, QUASI-EQUITY AND OWNERS' EQUITY	1,779,435	1,804,276

The condensed consolidated interim financial information was approved by the Board of Directors on 4 August 2026 and has been reviewed by KPMG.		
Zaid Khalid Abdulrahman	Usman Ahmed	Fatema AlAlawi
Chairman	Vice Chairman	Chief Executive Officer

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the six months ended 30 June 2026		
	30 June 2026	30 June 2025
	BD'000 (reviewed)	BD'000 (reviewed)
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit for the period	6,489	13,188
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Depreciation and amortization	852	708
Impairment allowance on financial instruments, net	3,739	5,084
Amortization of right-of-use asset	157	174
Gain on sale of investment in sukuk	(4)	(8)
Gain on sale of investment in real estate	-	(9,742)
Share of results of associates, net	(131)	(72)
Operating profit before changes in operating assets and liabilities	11,102	9,332
Working capital adjustments:		
Mandatory reserve with Central Bank of Bahrain	14,149	(3,345)
Financing contracts	(11,384)	(5,267)
Other assets	2,672	(7,710)
Customers' current accounts	13,737	30,762
Other liabilities	7,842	8,121
Placements from financial institutions	(44,821)	(44,625)
Placements from non-financial institutions and individuals	(84,922)	(267,433)
Quasi-equity	34,646	293,627
Net cash (used in) / from operating activities	(56,979)	13,462
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Disposal of investment in real estate	-	14,684
Purchase of property and equipment	(1,101)	(998)
Purchase of investment securities	(27,934)	(60,987)
Disposal of investment securities	348	40,243
Net cash used in investing activities	(28,687)	(7,058)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Profit distribution on ATI Capital	-	(1,901)
Financing from financial institutions availed	45,639	28,962
Dividends paid	(5,298)	-
Net cash from financing activities	40,341	27,061
NET (DECREASE) / INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(45,325)	33,465
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	314,201	175,629
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 JUNE	268,876	209,094
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:		
Cash on hand	7,212	9,381
Balances with CBB, excluding mandatory reserve deposits	17,706	1,012
Balances with banks and other financial institutions excluding restricted balances	5,650	8,349
Placements with financial institutions with original maturities less than 90 days	238,308	190,352
	268,876	209,094

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Spain says 72,000 migrants entered Ceuta, 70,000 returned

AFP | Madrid, Spain

Spain has returned to Morocco 70,000 of 72,000 migrants who entered its north African territory of Ceuta last week, the interior minister said yesterday.

"We have reasonably estab-

lished that 72,000 people irregularly entered Spain and 70,000 have already left," Fernando Grande-Marlaska told a press conference in Madrid after a video call with EU counterparts, updating an earlier figure of 50,000 arrivals.



A group of migrants approach the border post to make their way back to Morocco, escorted by Spanish infantry soldiers, in the Spain's north African enclave of Ceuta

China draws up safety rules for autonomous vehicles

AFP | Beijing, China

China has drawn up new safety rules for the growing number of autonomous vehicles on its roads, including a mandatory deactivation override, the government said yesterday.

The standards taking effect July 1, 2027 will cover autonomous vehicles that require a human back-up driver, as well as independently operating vehicles such as the robotaxis made by US manufacturer Waymo.

Under the new rules, manufacturers will have to ensure autonomous systems can match the safety of human drivers, China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology said in a statement.

Buyers will also have to be informed of any limitations in autonomous systems.

The rules standardise interactions between humans and machines to "prevent risks of misuse or abuse", the ministry said.

They will require that autonomous vehicles feature safe procedures to activate and deactivate automated driving, it said.



For cars with a human back-up driver, the autonomous system must monitor their readiness to take over.

Safety concerns and the cost of developing next-level systems have complicated progress in the introduction of autonomous vehicles.

Beijing warned leading automakers that safety rules would be more tightly enforced after a fatal crash in 2025 involving a Xiaomi car in assisted driving mode.

Syria says will restore Iraq oil pipeline link within three years

AFP | Rmeilan, Syria

Syria and Iraq are finalising negotiations on a contract to restore a key oil pipeline between the countries, a Syrian official said on Tuesday, laying out a timeline of around three years to complete the work.

Last month, Damascus signed a memorandum of understanding with Baghdad to revive the Haditha-Banias pipeline for transporting oil from Iraq to Syria's coast, linking Iraqi production to export markets in the Mediterranean and beyond.

A consortium of three companies including Chevron are

set to carry out the project.

The US State Department last month welcomed the plan, calling it "of bilateral and regional strategic significance".

On Tuesday, Syrian Petroleum Company CEO Youssef Qablawi told a press conference at the Rmeilan oil field in the country's northeast that "negotiations have begun to finalise the contract".

The prospect of a pipeline link to the Mediterranean via Syria has gained new urgency with the closure of the Strait of Hormuz -- a vital maritime route for Gulf oil and gas exports -- as a result of the Middle East war.

Gazans hold mass funeral for those killed during war

AFP | Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

In a cleared plot of land between buildings flattened by airstrikes in Gaza City, row upon row of Palestinian flags were laid out neatly over the remains of dozens of people to be buried yesterday.

Hundreds of people attended the funeral ceremony, where music played from speakers at a site where Israeli strikes in late 2023 killed the 112 people now recovered from the rubble, Gaza's civil defence said.

Ahmed Abu Sharia, a member of the extended family of those being buried, told AFP the funeral would at last provide closure for relatives.

"We came to mourn our martyrs, children, women and the elderly," he said.

"This is a funeral for the Palestinian people, because they are victims. People are under the rubble, and they did not



Palestinian mourners attend the funeral of members of the Abu Sharia and al-Hasayna families, whose remains were recently recovered from the rubble of residential buildings in the al-Sabra neighbourhood which were struck by Israeli bombardments in November 2023, in Gaza City

fight or bear weapons," he added. Hamas launched an attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, which resulted in the deaths of 1,221 people, according to an

AFP tally based on official Israeli figures.

They also took 251 hostages to Gaza.

Israel's retaliatory military

campaign in Gaza has killed more than 73,000 people, according to the territory's health ministry, which operates under Hamas authority and whose figures are considered reliable by the United Nations.

A ceasefire took hold in October but progress on permanently ending the war has stalled, and Israeli forces currently control nearly 70% of the territory.

Civil defence spokesman Mahmoud Bassal said 44 of the bodies recovered during two weeks in July were those of children, and all belonged to the same extended family.

"Our crews worked continuously for 17 days in an effort to recover these 112 bodies and remains from beneath the rubble," Mohammad Al-Mughayyir, director of operations for the civil defence said.

He added that teams often had to "dig through concrete and twisted steel with their bare hands".

US says hopeful of Hormuz strait deal

AFP | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The United States was hopeful that a deal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz would be done "today or tomorrow", a top US official said yesterday, hours after yet another cargo ship was hit in the vital waterway.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told broadcaster CNBC "there is a chance we may have a deal" in the coming hours, a day after President Donald Trump said the strait might reopen on Tuesday.

Speaking from the White House on Monday, the US leader continued his now familiar combination of bullish optimism about diplomacy and bellicose threats, warning that this was Iran's "last chance before decapitation".

In what has become a regular pattern, Trump last week threatened to hit Iran "very hard", potentially with attacks against civilian infrastructure, only to pull back on Saturday, saying the "perimeters" of a deal were in place.

On Monday, he said he had

Iraq exported 30 mn barrels of crude via Hormuz in a month

AFP | Baghdad, Iraq

Iraq exported over 30 million barrels of crude oil in one month through the strategic Strait of Hormuz, data from the maritime tracking firm Kpler showed yesterday.

Before the Middle East war, which choked shipments through the vital waterway, Iraq produced around four million barrels per day, and exported an average of 105 million barrels per month, mostly from its Basra oil terminal via

Hormuz.

Around 30 million barrels of Iraqi crude oil passed through Hormuz between July 4 and August 4, according to vessels detected by Kpler.

Ali Nizar, the head of Iraq's State Organisation for Marketing of Oil (SOMO), said in a TV interview Monday that Iraq exported in July "35.5 to 37 million barrels" via Hormuz.

Another seven million barrels were exported through an Iraq-Turkey pipeline to the Turkish port of Ceyhan.

no direct Iran-US talks planned.

'Not very complex'

Trump said he expected to know by Tuesday how the talks were going, "one way or the other", but insisted "it's not very complex".

The diplomatic focus is on reopening Hormuz, which Trump said could come "literally by tomorrow", and the denuclearisation of Iran, which he said could "take a little while".



The Strait of Hormuz is only about 33 km wide at its narrowest point, yet around one in every four barrels of oil shipped by sea passes through it—making this narrow waterway one of the most important trade routes on Earth.



A vessel is anchored off the coast of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates

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The last major Viking army to raid England, led by King Edward and Earl Æthelred, is defeated at the Battle of Tettenhall by the allied forces of Mercia and Wessex

1305

Scottish resistance leader William Wallace is captured by the English near Glasgow and transported to London for trial and execution



1583

Humphrey Gilbert claims Newfoundland for the English crown, establishing the first English colony in North America and the beginning of the British Empire

1864

Battle of Mobile Bay won by the Union Navy, led by Rear Admiral David Farragut with the cry "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!"

Trump board reassures Israel after objections on Gaza pullout

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

US President Donald Trump's Board of Peace on Monday assured Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that Israel's withdrawal in Gaza would only begin after Hamas's complete disarmament, following his objections.

Two members of Netanyahu's security cabinet had urged a vote to tear up the deal championed by Trump after the board released a text that called for Israel to begin a phased withdrawal.

Netanyahu's office said it had raised concerns to the United States, after Trump on Friday hailed as a "major milestone" an agreement by Hamas to hand over weapons to a nascent Palestinian governing committee.

Nickolay Mladenov, the high representative for Gaza under the Board of Peace, met with Netanyahu on Monday for what he acknowledged was difficult work.

But the board said it had reached a "common understanding of the shared objec-



A Palestinian child walks past the rubble of destroyed buildings in the Jabalia camp for Palestinian refugees in the northern Gaza Strip

tives" with Israel.

Israel's withdrawal beyond the Yellow Line, which demarcates the area in which Hamas still has control, "will take place only once decommissioning (of weapons) is complete, as Hamas committed to the mediators", the board said on X.

Even if Israel withdraws under the plan, it would maintain control of much of Gaza under a Trump-led October ceasefire.

Hamas said late Monday that it was adhering to "what was agreed upon regarding the implementation of the second phase of the ceasefire agreement, including the commitments of all parties".

The group was "awaiting a clear and official response" from Mladenov and the mediators on what was agreed upon, according to the statement posted on Telegram.

Lebanon, Israel hold direct talks in Rome



This photograph taken from the southern Lebanese village of Chaqra shows Israeli military D9 armoured bulldozers carrying out land-clearing operations in a wooded area near the entrance to the village of Houla, in the Wadi al-Sluqi

● This week's negotiations are the seventh round of Washington-mediated talks

AFP | Rome, Italy

Lebanon and Israel held a fresh round of US-sponsored talks in Rome yesterday, with Beirut seeking Israel's phased withdrawal from the country's south.

Convoys carrying delegations from the two countries arrived in the morning to the US embassy in the Italian capital, where discussions are scheduled to run until Thursday.

At negotiations in Washing-

ton in June, Israel and Lebanon agreed to a framework deal that involves the disarmament of Hezbollah, a gradual withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon's south and the deployment of the Lebanese army to the region, starting in test areas known as "pilot zones".

This week's negotiations are the seventh round of Washington-mediated talks since Hezbollah drew Lebanon into the Middle East war in March with rocket fire at Israel in support of its backer Iran.

Hezbollah leader Naim Qassem said yesterday that the direct negotiations would bring "nothing but shame, humiliation, and successive compromises" for Lebanon.

In a televised address, he also criticised Lebanon's President

Joseph Aoun, saying he "has not acted as an arbiter, nor as a unifying figure, but has become biased and divisive, which is incompatible with his role and with Lebanon's strength".

On Monday, Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani urged Lebanon and Israel to "continue in a constructive spirit, identifying shared solutions that will allow for the full implementation of the framework agreement", his ministry said.

After talks last month, Israel's military withdrew from the outskirts of the village of Zawtar al-Gharbiya, one of the first pilot zones.

The Lebanese army deployed to the area and has allowed residents to inspect their homes and businesses.

Aramco's profits soar 44%

AFP | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Saudi Aramco yesterday said its net profit rose 44 percent in the second quarter year-on-year as the Middle East war pushed oil and gas prices higher.

Aramco, majority-owned by the state, reported net income of 122.6 billion Saudi riyals (\$32.7 billion) from April to June, up from 85 billion riyals (\$22.67 billion) in 2025.

Crude prices have been volatile throughout the war and were far higher in the second quarter of 2026 compared with a year earlier.

"Despite the unprecedented supply disruption through the Strait of Hormuz, we continued to demonstrate our ability to maintain business continuity," Aramco president and CEO Amin H. Nasser said in a statement.



He cited Aramco's "diverse asset base and multi-decade planning, including strategic infrastructure such as the East-West Pipeline, storage capacity, and export terminals".

Stripping out exceptional items, adjusted net income came in at 125.1 billion Saudi riyals (\$33.4 billion).

The median analyst consensus for the second quarter adjusted net income was \$31.16 billion -- an external estimate based on 12 forecasts.

More than 170 migrants rescued after boat catches fire during Channel crossing



Migrants board a bus after disembarking from a French rescue ship following their rescue at sea after their boat caught fire during an attempt to cross the English Channel from France to Britain, at the Port de Commerce in Boulogne-sur-Mer, northern France

AFP | Boulogne-Sur-Mer, France

Migrants wrapped in red blankets stepped off a rescue ship in France yesterday, a reporter said, after French and British authorities saved 173 people whose boat caught fire as they tried to cross the Channel.

It was one of the largest rescue operations reported since records began in 2018 of such dangerous sea journeys from France to the United Kingdom.

"A small boat caught fire on the boundary between French and British waters, forcing its occupants to jump overboard" on Tuesday morning, the prefect's office in France's Pas-

de-Calais region said. French maritime authorities later Tuesday revised the number of people rescued to 173 from an earlier figure of 157. Rescue services official Thierry Darras said some had sustained burns, grazes or bruises, but no serious injuries.

They had left the coastal village of Veules-les-Roses in Normandy on Monday, French maritime authorities said.

A spokesman for the British coastguard said UK vessels and a lifeboat were assisting after "a vessel caught fire earlier this morning" in French waters. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution charity said it had launched a boat to help at 6:00 am.



Fuego volcano erupts in Alotenango, some 65 kilometers southwest of Guatemala City. Guatemalan authorities issued the country's second-highest emergency alert level on August 4 after a major eruption of Central America's most active volcano, prompting the evacuation of nearby villages.



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Let us continue to pray for peace, so that wars throughout the world may cease and diplomatic solutions to conflicts may be found. Let us remember all the victims of hostilities, especially the weakest and most defenceless: children, the elderly and the sick. May the Lord comfort those who suffer and bless the work of those who bring aid and consolation.

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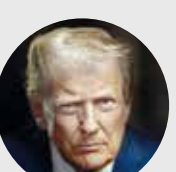
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Diseases don't stop at borders. Pandemics, the climate crisis and conflicts demand a collective approach. The need for a science-led, evidence-based, impartial and globally representative health organization has never been greater. 80 years on, the @WHO constitution remains a living promise:

@DrTedros

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15 months of ZERO border crossings. The border is locked. America is secure. Promises Made, Promises Kept.

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Qatar, Egypt and Türkiye Condemn Israeli Violations in Gaza



The State of Qatar, the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Republic of Türkiye have issued a joint statement strongly condemning what they described as ongoing Israeli violations in the Gaza Strip, particularly attacks targeting health facilities and infrastructure and the continued civilian casualties, including women and children.

The three mediating states said such actions constitute a flagrant violation of international law and international humanitarian law, calling on Israel to immediately comply with its legal obligations and fully adhere to the terms of the ceasefire agreement.

The mediators stressed that the continued violations undermine efforts to implement the agreement's second phase and jeopardize ongoing attempts to de-escalate the conflict. They noted that Hamas and other Palestinian factions had announced their acceptance of the proposed roadmap, including measures related to the confinement of

weapons, making continued military actions a threat to the peace process and an added burden on civilians in Gaza.

Qatar, Egypt and Türkiye also renewed their call for the protection of civilians, medical facilities and humanitarian workers, emphasizing the urgent need to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of humanitarian aid and medical supplies to all areas of the Gaza Strip.

The three countries urged the international community to fulfill its responsibilities by exerting pressure on Israel to comply with international law and the ceasefire agreement. They said such action is essential to advance the implementation of the U.S. President's peace plan, which described the second phase of the agreement as a historic opportunity for peace.

The mediators concluded by warning that continued violations risk derailing efforts to achieve a sustainable de-escalation, a permanent ceasefire and an end to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Aramco CEO Warns Strait of Hormuz Disruption Threatens Global Food Security



Saudi Aramco President and CEO Amin Nasser has warned that continued disruption in the Strait of Hormuz could have consequences far beyond energy markets, affecting global food security due to its vital role in international trade.

Speaking after the company released its latest quarterly financial results, Nasser described the crisis in the strategic waterway as one of the most significant supply disruptions ever experienced by the global oil market. He said more than 2.6 billion barrels of oil supplies had been affected since the crisis began.

Despite the challenges, Nasser said Aramco maintained strong operational performance and financial stability during the second half of the year. He noted that the company continued to focus on its long-term growth strategy while preserving a

solid financial position and sustaining shareholder dividends.

According to Nasser, regional geopolitical tensions have placed additional pressure on global energy markets. However, Aramco has been able to minimise disruptions by using its extensive export infrastructure and re-directing shipments through alternative routes, including outlets outside the Arabian Gulf and the Red Sea.

He said the company's operational flexibility, contingency planning and efficient production and distribution network helped reduce the impact of the crisis on international energy markets.

Aramco also reported a strong financial performance for the second quarter, with net profit rising 44% year-on-year to \$32.69 billion for the three months ending June 30, compared with \$22.67 billion during the same period last year.

Stokes reveals England coaching ambition



England's Ben Stokes gestures having given an interview during the post-match activities (file photo)

AFP | London

Ben Stokes has revealed his ambition to coach England in the future, but ruled out any chance of ending his shock retirement from international cricket.

Stokes quit as England Test captain and retired from the international stage after a 2-1 Test series defeat by New Zealand in June.

The all-rounder had been dropped for the second Test against New Zealand after he and team-mate Gus Atkinson broke a team curfew in a night-club incident following the opening match of the series.

Stokes said his turbulent four-year reign as captain had left him exhausted.

He famously reversed his one-day international retirement to play in the 2023 World Cup and England managing director of men's cricket Rob Key last week said he "wouldn't be surprised" if Stokes were to return to Test action.

But Stokes, 35, said he is "definitely" not coming back to the Test arena while speaking on the 'For the Love of Cricket' podcast.

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BEN STOKES

coaching now while I'm still playing, because when the day comes that I'm not playing anymore, I'd love to be able to have all that stuff signed off and done," Stokes said.

On his coaching plan, Stokes added: "I know what I want to do in terms of staying within the game, which is to be a coach.

"And would I love to be coach of England one day? Absolutely. I just really like the idea of being in some form of leadership away from playing."

Joe Root has been reappointed as England's Test skipper after Stokes' exit, with Harry Brook -- who has served as vice-captain -- overlooked for a promotion.

Khaldiya usher in Tomic era ahead of new season



Al Khaldiya's squad before departing for Turkey

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

Al Khaldiya officially began a new chapter yesterday after confirming the appointment of Croatian coach Goran Tomic as the club's new head coach, with the team already in Turkey for a pre-season training camp ahead of the 2026-27 campaign.

The overseas camp, which runs until August 19, forms a key part of Khaldiya's preparations for the new season following another campaign in which they challenged for major domestic honours.

Tomic arrives with experience across Europe, Asia and the Gulf, having previously managed Croatian clubs HNK Šibenik, NK Istra 1961, NK Lokomotiva Zagreb and HNK Rijeka, as well as China's Beijing Baxy, Tianjin Songjiang and Zhejiang Yiteng. He also enjoyed spells in the UAE with Al Nasr Dubai and Al Bataeh.



Goran Tomic

He takes over from Tunisian coach Lassad Al Chabbi, who guided Khaldiya throughout last season.

Khaldiya finished second in the Nasser bin Hamad Premier League, ending the campaign just one point behind champions Muharraq after remaining in the title race until the final day.

The club did, however, finish the season with silverware after defeating Muharraq 3-0 to lift the Bahrain Super Cup. They also reached the King's Cup quarter-finals, where they were edged out by Riffa on penalties following a 3-3 draw, while their Khalid bin Hamad Cup defence ended in the semi-finals against the same opponents.

The Turkey camp includes four friendly matches, beginning against UAE side Fujairah on August 8. Khaldiya will then face Kuwait's Kazma on August 10 before taking on an opponent yet to be confirmed on August 13. Their final warm-up fixture will be against Kuwaiti club Al Qadsia on August 17.

Founded in 2020, Khaldiya have quickly established themselves among Bahrain's leading clubs. They have won two Nasser bin Hamad Premier League titles, claiming back-to-back championships in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 seasons, along with two King's Cups, four Bahrain Super Cups and the inaugural Khalid bin Hamad Cup in 2025.

On the continental stage, Khaldiya featured in last season's AFC Champions League Two but exited in the group stage. Under Tomic, they will now be aiming to build on their recent success and mount another strong challenge on multiple fronts.

Coventry sign Brighton 'keeper Rushworth after successful loan



Carl Rushworth Carl Rushworth reacts during a match (file photo)

AFP | London

Premier League new-boys Coventry signed Brighton goalkeeper Carl Rushworth in a deal worth a reported club record £22.5 million (\$30 million) yesterday.

Rushworth enjoyed a successful loan spell at Coventry during the club's promotion-winning campaign last season.

The 25-year-old made 46 appearances in the Championship and kept 17 clean-sheets as Coventry won the second tier title, convincing boss Frank Lampard to sign him on a permanent basis.

"I'm really happy, there's

so many emotions, said Rushworth, who has signed a "long-term" contract with Coventry.

"There's excitement, I can finally relax knowing it's done and that I'm back with the boys and at a club I loved being at.

"I'm excited to have this new challenge in the Premier League and to be able to call this place home is a big thing I've been looking forward to."

Lampard added: "It's great to have Carl back with us on a permanent basis.

"He's a top professional, a great character and he had a huge impact on the team to help us get promoted last season."

Barca's Ter Stegen joins Ajax on loan

AFP | Barcelona

Barcelona goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen joined Ajax on loan for the 2026/27 season yesterday.

"Ajax has reached an agreement with Barcelona and Marc ter Stegen," said the Dutch club in a statement.

The 34-year-old, who has been at Barcelona since 2014, has missed much of the last two seasons with serious injury issues.

With Joan Garcia established as Barca's number one, the Catalans loaned Ter Stegen to Girona in January but in February he suffered a hamstring injury on his second appearance for the

club, ruling him out for the rest of the campaign.

The Germany international was not selected as part of his country's World Cup squad.

Ter Stegen, who won the Champions League and seven La Liga titles with Barca, has a contract until June 2028 at Camp Nou.



Marc-Andre ter Stegen

Shafique, Babar lead strong Pakistan reply against West Indies

AFP | Port of Spain

Abdullah Shafique struck his sixth Test century and Babar Azam closed in on a hundred as Pakistan reached 266-2 in reply to West Indies' 344 on day two of the second Test in Trinidad.

Just days after flying into the Caribbean as an emergency replacement, Shafique ended the day unbeaten on 107 off 185 balls with 10 fours and two sixes decorating his authoritative innings at Queen's Park Oval.

Babar, the only visitor to emerge with any credit from a disastrous second innings of the first Test when he finished unbeaten on 58, was again unbeaten on 86.

His calm, classy innings has so far occupied 126 deliveries, embellished by 10 fours and one



Pakistan batsman Abdullah Shafique (R) celebrates his century

six.

Putting aside those batting woes of a 90-run loss at the Brian Lara Stadium a few miles away, captain Babar and the recalled Shafique made the most

of ideal batting conditions and pleasant weather, gathering runs in style in an unbroken third-wicket stand of 168.

Recalled after Shan Masood's finger injury, Shafique looked at

ease in the unfamiliar position of number three when he replaced Imam-ul-Haq, who was dismissed by Shamar Joseph.

It was his first opportunity since losing his place after the South Africa series at home last October.

He put on 64 attractive runs with Azan Awaiz, the opener playing 10 fours in a 71-ball 55 before being adjudged lbw on television review to left-arm spinner Jomel Warrican.

Babar got into stride almost immediately and with the West Indies hampered by the unavailability of first Test match-winner Justin Greaves with a leg injury and captain Roston Chase ineffective with his off-spinners because of a lacerated finger, the tourists' task was made that bit easier.

Fritz outguns Jodar to win ATP Washington title

Fritz overcomes five match points and delays to lift Washington trophy

- Fritz claims first title of 2026
- Jodar reaches career-high ranking

AFP | Washington

World number 10 Taylor Fritz held off 19-year-old Spaniard Rafael Jodar 7-6 (7/2), 6-4 to claim his first ATP title of 2026 in the rain-delayed final at Washington.

Fritz, seeded third in the 500-level hard court tournament, needed five match points to subdue the 24th-ranked teen and capture his 11th title, and his first since Eastbourne last year.

After seizing control in the first-set tiebreaker, Fritz roared to a 3-0 lead with a pair of service breaks in the second.

He gave back a break in the fourth game with a double fault on break point, and Jodar climbed out of a 0-30 hole to hold serve and narrow the gap to 3-2.

But Jodar couldn't find another break. He held for 5-4 to force Fritz to serve it out, the American's chance delayed just slightly as Jodar had treatment on his left wrist after taking a tumble in the ninth game.

The final game was a slugfest. Fritz squandered a pair of match points at 40-15 and gave himself another with a booming forehand.

Jodar fought off two more match points before earning a break point that Fritz saved with another forehand winner.

Fritz finally got the job done after one hour and 49 minutes,



Taylor Fritz of the United States holds the championship trophy after winning the final

Jodar misfiring on a pair of forehands to bring it to a close.

Fritz, who was playing his third final of the season, collapsed to the court when it was done before rising to salute the crowd.

"It was just relief, like thank God I got it done," Fritz said of his reaction to sealing the win. "It wasn't so much as like a celebration, just thank God I'm done. I can just lay down for a second."

Fritz said wind contributed to errors from both players in the tight first set.

"It was very windy in the beginning. I felt like it was very hard to control the ball," he said. "There was a lot of errors and mistakes early on, but I did a great job of just serving well the

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career titles have now been won by Taylor Fritz after his Washington victory

whole first set.

"Even though I maybe wasn't playing amazing, I still was holding and being in the match. "I felt like I reeled it together really nicely in the tiebreaker. It was one of the better tiebreakers I have played in a while.

"I think I made all my first serves and put returns in the court. Just a very, very good

breaker.

"Then I followed up, I played two very good return games to start the second set. That gave me the lead that I needed that I could hold onto for the match."

The contest was postponed from Sunday after heavy rain halted the WTA final between Jessica Pegula and Alexandra Eala.

Jodar missed out on a second ATP title, after winning in Morocco in April. But by reaching the final he's assured of reaching a career-high 15th in the rankings.

"It was a great tournament," Jodar said. "I think overall I played great matches against tough opponents. I'll take all the learning from this week to try to add it to the next week."

Osaka out to improve Toronto fortunes with eye on US Open



Naomi Osaka

AFP | Toronto

Naomi Osaka is hoping her success last year in Montreal, where she finished runner-up to Victoria Mboko, will translate as the WTA's 1000 event in Canada shifts to Toronto.

The four-time Grand Slam champion from Japan is coming off a semi-final run on the hard courts of Washington, where she fell to eventual champion Alexandra Eala of the Philippines.

"I did better than last year in DC, so I'm just hoping to keep the ball rolling," Osaka said.

"I haven't historically played super, super well here, so I'm just hoping to change that this year.

"I can try to recall Montreal, but I would like to kind of treat the cities separately," added Osaka, whose best run in Toronto -- which alternates hosting duties with Montreal each year -- was a quarter-final appearance back in 2019.

The former world number one is seeded 11th this year and aiming to build momentum as the August 31 start of the US Open approaches.

Osaka earned the last of her four major titles at the 2021

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Australian Open and has yet to regain the heights she reached before taking an extended maternity leave in 2023.

But she made it to the US Open semi-finals last year and reached the last 16 at the French Open for the first time this year before a career-best quarter-final at Wimbledon.

"I would just hope to gain a lot of confidence leading into New York," she said.

"I lost my last match, but it's helped me figure out what I want to do exactly, or how I want to take my tennis."

Osaka is in the same quarter as second-seeded Australian Open champion Elena Rybakina and in the fourth round she could find herself up against fifth-seeded French Open champion Mirra Andreeva.

Eala powers past Pegula for first WTA title



Alexandra Eala of the Philippines holds the Championship Trophy as Jessica Pegula of the United States holds the Finalist Trophy

AFP | Washington

Alexandra Eala capped her giant-killing run at the Washington Open with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-0 victory over top-seeded Jessica Pegula to become the first player from the Philippines to win a WTA title.

Eala, ranked 28th, overpowered Pegula over the final two sets as play resumed in the final suspended after lengthy weather delays on Sunday.

The 21-year-old left-hander

produced a rock-solid service display and an impressive array of winners to deny third-ranked Pegula a 12th career title and a third this year.

She won the last nine games of the contest, surrendering just eight points in the third set.

"Just pure happiness," Eala said of her first title, which comes after she agonizingly failed to convert four championship points in her only prior final at Eastbourne last year.

Defending champ Shelton finding tournament sweet spot in Montreal

AFP | Montreal

Ben Shelton doesn't want to miss his chances on court as he begins the defense of his ATP Montreal Masters title with the goal of arriving in full flow at the US Open.

With the last major of the season starting on August 31 in New York, the American has programmed a full run-up schedule: Washington last week, Montreal and Cincinnati still to come.

"Three tournaments is the perfect amount. I'd like to get as many matches as possible," the fifth seed said on a rainy Monday that saw the start of play delayed several hours with more afternoon rain interruptions.

"I'm the type of player, the more matches I play, the better I play, as long as my body can hold up," Shelton added. "It's a great three-tournament run before having a week off leading up to the US Open. I'm just kind of going for it."

The weather is playing a ma-



Ben Shelton reacts during a match (file photo)

jeor role in the controversial 12-day extended Masters, a tournament where world number one Jannik Sinner and 24-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic are high-profile absentees.

Among first-round matches completed, Italy's former top 10 contender Matteo Berrettini, coming back from an abdominal injury, played his first match

since Wimbledon and lost 6-3, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3 to Argentine Mariano Navone.

Colombian Nicolas Mejia defeated rising Spanish talent Martin Landaluce 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, Canada lost its first player with number 174 Alexis Galarneau going out to Czech Vit Kopriva 6-4, 6-4.

James Duckworth beat Chris O'Connell 6-3, 6-1 in an all-Aus-

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sie clash.

Roland Garros title holder and Wimbledon finalist Alexander Zverev is the top seed ahead of Canadian Felix Auger-Aliassime.

Shelton, the ATP number 10 who reached last week's Washington quarters, is not bothered by the bloated length of the event which continues to attract criticism throughout the sport and could be ripe for future change.

Infantino's problems mount as Wenger and key FIFA ally turn on him

Internal divisions cast fresh doubt over FIFA president's bid for another term

● **Infantino faces fresh criticism**

● **Wenger backs withdrawal**

● **UEFA threatens legal action**

AFP | Paris

Pressure on FIFA president Gianni Infantino intensified yesterday, with opposition emerging from within world football's governing body as well as from external critics over his since-abandoned proposal to open the World Cup to private investment.

Former Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger, appointed in 2019 by Infantino as FIFA's chief of global football development, said in a statement yesterday that "the decision to withdraw the project was absolutely necessary and beyond question".

His remarks followed hot on the heels of an extraordinary internal email to FIFA staff, seen by AFP, in which secretary-general Mattias Grafstrom appeared to distance himself from Infantino on the issue.

Previously seen as close to Infantino, Grafstrom describes the fiasco surrounding the plan as "a sad and reproachable series of events".

He adds: "Individuals, unstable moments and unfortunate episodes come and go. The institution, its mission and its

I was not involved in this strategic plan and first became aware of the project through media reports. The decision to withdraw the project was absolutely necessary and beyond question, because I firmly believe in an independent FIFA that serves our game with commitment, transparency, and integrity

ARSENE WENGER

responsibility towards world football continue."

FIFA had floated the plan last Tuesday, saying it could raise up to \$4.2 billion based on a valuation of \$20 billion for a new commercial subsidiary, called the FIFA Forward Enterprise (FFE), which it proposed would run events such as the World Cup and Club World Cup.

By Saturday it was dead in the water as Infantino announced the humiliating climbdown after widespread condemnation, as UEFA wielded the nuclear option of boycotting all FIFA competitions, including the World Cup.

Far from calming the waters or shoring up his presidency, Infantino has been swamped with criticism of his style of leadership and a previously smooth path to being re-elected unopposed to a fourth and final term



Former Arsenal's French manager Arsene Wenger (L) and FIFA President Gianni Infantino applaud ahead of a UEFA Women's Euro 2025 match (file photo)

next March in Rabat now looks a very rocky one indeed.

'Take immediate steps'

That is a problem down the road. For now, he has others to confront.

Even though he had withdrawn the scheme, UEFA issued a letter through their lawyers in the US threatening legal action over what they had scathingly described as a "shabby, backroom, opaque deal".

Both Grafstrom and Wenger as well as chief operating officer Kevin Lamour, who had

slammed the plan on Friday, are mentioned in the letter as being knowledgeable about the FFE and instructed to keep all "relevant materials".

"Dear Mr Infantino. UEFA hereby gives formal notice that it is actively considering legal action, arbitration, and/or regulatory complaints (together, the 'Proceedings') arising out of and in connection with the FFE plan proposed by FIFA and all related matters as further described below," their lawyer Andrew Levander said in the letter sent last Friday and seen by AFP.

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Several of UEFA's member associations -- Wales, Finland, Sweden and Serbia -- have with-

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FIFA secretary-general Mattias Grafstrom, previously seen as close to Infantino, described the episode in an internal email as "a sad and reproachable series of events."

drawn their letters of support for Infantino and the English FA is strongly rumoured to be on the verge of also joining them.

The scant comfort for Infantino came from a handful of supporters, including 2030 World Cup co-hosts Morocco, as well as Kuwait, Qatar, where he has a house, and Lebanon, which granted him honorary citizenship in February.

However, it is the damning remarks by both Wenger and Grafstrom -- who shadowed Infantino throughout the World Cup -- that will twist the knife further.

Their criticism only adds to the impression that Infantino has lost the confidence of even his closest FIFA collaborators.

One of the most devastating blows to Infantino's plan was the resignation on Friday of his special advisor Carlos Cordeiro, who is also close to US President Donald Trump.

Amorim evokes spirit of Baresi as he bids revive AC Milan fortunes

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New AC Milan coach Ruben Amorim vowed yesterday to honour the legacy of club legend Franco Baresi, who died last week, as he sets about reviving the fortunes of the ailing Italian giants.

Portuguese Amorim has returned to coaching after being sacked in January by Manchester United and faces a Milan derby against bitter rivals Inter in the Western Australia city of Perth on Wednesday.

Amorim's reign began with a 2-2 draw in a friendly against Celtic in Glasgow last month.

The 41-year-old's immediate target will be a top-four finish in Serie A after AC Milan missed out on the Champions League on the final day of last season.

"I feel that the group is really together," Amorim told reporters in Perth.

"The important thing is to continue with this spirit when things become difficult.

"In this club you need to win every game, so we need to keep that spirit all season."



Ruben Amorim gives instructions during a training session

AC Milan were boosted in the close season by veteran midfield maestro Luka Modric agreeing a one-year contract extension.

Amorim said Modric would play against Inter, having just competed at his fifth World Cup where Croatia were knocked out in the last 32 by Portugal.

"We did a lot to get him back at least for one more year," Amorim said of the former Tottenham and Real Madrid star, who turns 41 in September.

'No decision' on Mudryk future after Chelsea return: Alonso

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Chelsea manager Xabi Alonso said yesterday "no decision" had been made on Mykhailo Mudryk's future but added the winger could play in pre-season after returning from a doping ban.

Ukrainian international Mudryk was suspended for four years after failing a 2024 drug test, but has won an appeal and was permitted on Friday to resume his football career.

The 25-year-old has not played since November 2024 and there have been rumours that Chelsea could sanction a loan move to bring him up to speed, or even a permanent transfer.

Asked about those possibilities in Hong Kong yesterday ahead of his side's friendly against Juventus, Alonso said: "No decision made.

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Chelsea manager Xabi Alonso attends a press conference

Mudryk's ban came after testing positive for a low concentration of the prohibited substance meldonium.

He filed an appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport, and rule changes in the interim mean that if his test produced the same result now, he would not have faced charges.

Asked if Mudryk could play in Wednesday's game against Juventus, Alonso answered in the affirmative.

"Yesterday was more about the feelings, about the emotions to be back with the team, more

than to assess the fitness level," the Spaniard said.

"But yes, he could play. Maybe 90 minutes (is) too early. But he can be selected."

Alonso said he was also "looking forward to welcoming" Jordan Henderson after the England midfielder signed from Premier League rivals Brentford on Monday.

However, "we need to assess because of the injury he had, how long it will take to be fit".

Henderson broke his arm in a freak injury sustained while celebrating England's win

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over Mexico at the World Cup. The 36-year-old has followed international teammate Danny Welbeck, 35, to Stamford Bridge, in a shift from the Blues' long-held strategy of snapping up younger talent on lengthy contracts.

Chelsea's pre-season tour so far has comprised two friendlies in Australia -- a see-saw 6-4 win over Western Sydney Wanderers and a 2-1 defeat to London rivals Tottenham.

They face Fulham at Craven Cottage in their opening league game on August 24.