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**Celebrate Bahrain Festival inaugurated at Heritage Village**

● His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman inaugurates fifth edition

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His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday inaugurated the fifth Celebrate Bahrain Festival at the Heritage Village in Ras Hayyan, organised by the Ministry of Information.

The festival is being held as part of the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day celebrations.

Upon arrival, His Highness was welcomed by the Minister of Information, His Excellency Dr Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi, along with several senior officials.

HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman highlighted the significance of these events in showcasing the Kingdom's achievements across various sectors, as well as the tireless efforts of Bahrainis in driving progress, in line with the forward-looking visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and



HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman graces the occasion

the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He affirmed that the strong public participation in the National Day celebrations reflects the deep sense of national belonging and loyalty of the Kingdom's Citizens.

His Highness also emphasised the role of National Days

in strengthening national identity, noting the importance of these events in educating younger generations about the Kingdom's rich history and its comprehensive future development.

HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman commended the efforts of all entities in organising the festival, highlighting its role in fostering national values and ethics among the youth of Bahrain.

His Highness expressed his gratitude to the personnel of the Ministry of Information and the event organisers for their efforts in ensuring the festival's success and wished them continued success in contributing to the Kingdom's aspirations.

He witnessed the inaugural performance by the "Bahrain Choir," a national artistic project launched by the Ministry of

Information to coincide with the commencement of the National Day celebrations.

**Heritage**

The project aims to showcase the Kingdom's rich musical heritage in a distinctive and contemporary style.

HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman Highness then toured the festival, where he was

briefed on its features, which include cultural activities, heritage displays, and traditional crafts that embody the authentic national identity and reflect Bahrain's rich history and culture, alongside a market showcasing a variety of local products.

The festival is being organised by several government entities in cooperation with private-sector partners.

**Bahrain greets Thai leadership**

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn of the Kingdom of Thailand, on his country's National Day.

HRH Prince Salman sent a similar cable to Anutin Charnvirakul, Prime Minister and Minister of Interior of Thailand.

**Education Ministry wins Arab award**

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The Ministry of Education received an award under the Arab Government Excellence Award 2025 for a programme that provides structured training and qualification for newly appointed teachers in government schools.

The award was presented during the fourth cycle of the initiative, held in partnership with the UAE and the Arab League.

**Milestone deals**

Bahrain and Saudi Arabia deepen strategic ties through expanded partnership

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Bahrain and Saudi Arabia have reinforced their strategic partnership with the signing of multiple agreements aimed at bolstering economic, transport, environmental, and academic cooperation between the two kingdoms.

The agreements were concluded during the fourth meeting of the Bahrain-Saudi Coordination Council, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia.

At the forefront of the agreements, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia signed a landmark pact to avoid double taxation, a move expected to further strengthen trade, investment, and economic integration between the two countries.

The agreement was signed by His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, and Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al Falih, Minister of Investment of Saudi Arabia.

**Ties**

Highlighting the historic ties

between the two nations, H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa said, "These ties have continued to develop and grow under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, forming strong foundations of cooperation across multiple areas."

He added: "The Bahrain-Saudi Coordination Council plays a pivotal role in advancing bilateral cooperation and creating opportunities to achieve shared objectives and aspirations."

**Railway**

The summit also saw the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on railway training cooperation between Bahrain's Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications and the Saudi Railway Polytechnic.

The agreement will enhance national competencies through specialized training programs, supporting future railway projects and GCC connectivity initiatives.

**Environment**

In the environmental and energy sector, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia signed an MoU on nuclear safety and radiation protection, facilitating technical knowledge exchange, regional



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— H.E. SHAIKH SALMAN BIN KHALIFA AL KHALIFA, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY

industry of Economy and Planning, focusing on policy development, capacity building, and joint programs to promote sustainable economic growth.

**Education**

Academic collaboration also featured prominently, with the University of Bahrain and King Saud University signing an MoU to foster research, joint academic programs, and faculty and student exchanges, further strengthening regional higher education integration.

Bahrain's Ministry of Industry and Trade and Saudi Arabia's General Authority for Competition signed an MoU to promote fair competition, prevent anti-competitive practices, and enhance the bilateral investment climate, reflecting a shared commitment to transparency, innovation, and sustainable growth in both economies.

These agreements collectively mark a significant milestone in Bahrain-Saudi relations, demonstrating the two countries' commitment to advancing strategic partnerships across economic, educational, transport, environmental, and regulatory sectors, while contributing to broader regional integration and sustainable development goals.

**Exciting events set for National Day celebrations**

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The Capital Governorate has announced a series of 14 events during December.

These national, social, and sporting engagements will be held on the occasion of the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Days and the Accession Day of His Majesty the King, and in conjunction with the accompanying national celebrations.

The Capital Governorate's December programme features a variety of national and community events, including the National Day celebration at Bahrain Bay on Friday, December 12, which will include an entrepreneurs' market, performances of traditional maritime folk art and the Bahraini Ardha dance, a Police Band concert, a children's play area, a handicrafts section, and an art exhibition.

The event further includes the art exhibition at Sanabis Youth Centre, followed by National Day celebrations hosted by the Sitra Sports Club and the Bahraini Society for Popular Poetry.

Subsequently, the governorate will also participate in the Applied Science University event on 7 December, and celebrations at Ahlia University and the Alumni Club on 9 December.



# Celebrating women's talent and entrepreneurial spirit



His Excellency Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, attends the event

**Hasan Barakat**  
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In a vibrant celebration of creativity and heritage, KPMG Bahrain Group hosted an exclusive Bahraini Women's Day event yesterday, honouring the talents and entrepreneurial spirit of women across the Kingdom.

The gathering was held at a space alive with artistry, culture and national pride, and graced by the presence of His Excel-

lency Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, the minister of industry and commerce.

## Creativity

The venue came alive with creativity, as painters brought patriotic scenes to life on canvas and skilled artisans showcased traditional basket weaving and handcrafted pottery.

Visitors, including the Minister of Industry and Commerce, strolled through the displays, admiring the precision and art-

istry, while engaging the creators in conversations about their techniques and inspirations.

Attendees were treated to an array of light Bahraini delicacies, from sweet treats to stuffed vine leaves, alongside traditional coffee and tea.

The sensory experience blended perfectly with the visual and musical performances, creating a lively atmosphere celebrating heritage and innovation.

Adding to the ambience, a

musician performed tunes imbued with a distinctly Bahraini flavour, enhancing the sense of national pride while highlighting the creative contributions of women to the country's cultural and entrepreneurial landscape.

The event captured the essence of "Threads of Gold", reflecting how Bahraini women weave heritage into bold ideas, shaping a future where culture and innovation go hand in hand.

## BDF-Finance Ministry cooperation



His Excellency Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), received H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy. The meeting discussed several topics related to areas of existing cooperation and coordination between the BDF and the Ministry of Finance and National Economy.

## International Volunteer Exhibition successful

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The Ministry of Social Development organised the International Volunteer Exhibition in celebration of International Volunteer Day.

Held at Marassi Galleria in Diyar Al Muharraq, the event was attended by Zeyad Adel Darwish, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Development, and brought together a wide range of civil society organisations from across Bahrain.

The undersecretary said the exhibition aligns with the ministry's strategy to support the non-profit sector, encourage volunteer initiatives, and advance community partnerships that enhance the role of civil society in national development.

He noted that the ministry continues to work with government entities, the private sector, and civil society organisations to create an enabling environment that maximises the impact of volunteer work.

# Internal reform

Shura Council set to vote on Bahrain Police Law key amendments

● Proposal touches on money, welfare

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

The Shura Council will on Sunday debate and vote on changes to the 1982 Public Security Forces Law, the main statute that governs how Bahrain's police are organised and managed.

The amendments include a proposal to rename it the Bahrain Police Law and to modify promotion rules, internal bodies and welfare funds.

The Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee has backed the draft and is calling on members to pass it in line with the position already taken by Parliament.

The committee examined the draft alongside the view of the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee, which said the text fits within the Constitution and existing law.

It also reviewed a legal note from the committee's advisers and studied Parliament's decision and annexes.

This is the second time the upper chamber has considered the proposal, after earlier committee work discussed in April. The bill, attached to Decree No 26 of 2025, consists of four articles and a preamble.

Under Article 1, certain words and phrases in the current Pub-



Shura Council braces for debate

The draft law is intended to keep pace with changes inside the Interior Ministry and with its current approach to discipline in the service.

Opinion Commission, the draft is intended to keep pace with changes inside the Interior Ministry and with its current approach to discipline in the service.

## Categories

The text would add some posts to the categories treated as police and give the minister wider room to run promotions, transfers, secondments, overseas courses and leave through ministerial decisions rather than through scattered clauses in the 1982 law.

One proposed change concerns the name of the statute.

Under the bill, the Public Security Forces Law would take the title Bahrain Police Law.

The committee says this matches day-to-day police work and tasks and ties the law more clearly to duties such as maintaining order, protecting public safety, preventing accidents and risks and dealing with crime across the kingdom.

## Provisions

Article 2 rewrites a group of core provisions, including those on who is treated as a member of the police, the internal set-up of the ministry, promotion and training. Article 3 removes a block of older provisions, while Article 4 deals with putting the amendments into effect.

According to the memorandum from the Legislation and Legal

# Food safety first

Industry and Commerce Ministry assures parents all children's products undergo strict screening

● Bahrain vows to prohibit component proven harmful by scientific studies

● Rules updated when new evidence emerges on additives that may affect health or behaviour

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

Parents worried about what is in their children's food have been told that Bahrain already screens products and will ban any ingredient linked by scientific studies to harmful effects, the Industry and Commerce Ministry has said in a reply to the Shura Council.

In a written answer to member Ejlal Bubshait, Industry and Commerce Minister, His Excellency Abdulla Fakhro, said food on sale in the Kingdom is checked against national, GCC and international standards.

He added that these rules are updated when new evidence emerges on additives that may affect children's health or be-



H.E. Abdulla Fakhro  
haviour.

## Ingredients

Boubshait's question centred on ingredients linked to hyperactivity and poor concentration in children and teenagers.

H.E. Fakhro said the National Standards Body, represented by the Inspection and Metrology Directorate at the ministry, is responsible for drawing up and adopting standards and technical regulations for various sectors, including food and agriculture.

Local technical committees work alongside Gulf, regional and international groups, and their recommendations go to the National Standards and Metrology Committee under the Standards and Metrology Law.



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Decisions are then published on a regular basis in the Official Gazette.

He described food as one of the key areas covered by this system.

## Proposals

A Local Food Standards Committee, drawn from the concerned authorities and specialists, prepares and submits proposals to adopt international food standards in line with rapid changes in the industry and related research.

These rules cover compulsory requirements on food safety and handling, together with conditions for packaging, storage and transport.

Once standards are in place, H.E. Fakhro said, the task of

checking that products comply with the relevant watchdog bodies before goods reach the domestic market.

Each body works within its own field, including in relation to the substances named by Ms Bubshait in her enquiry.

The ministry also works with the Public Health Directorate at the Health Ministry to keep food products safe.

## Standards

The health side checks that locally produced and imported food meets approved national, GCC and international standards, makes sure food businesses in Bahrain follow the required hygiene and safety rules, and carries out inspection visits to confirm that those rules and



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related regulations are being applied.

On future plans to regulate or ban substances linked by studies to negative effects on health or behaviour, H.E. Fakhro said the Inspection and Metrology Directorate plays an active part in food and agricultural standards committees that monitor notices and research on additives and ingredients that might have such impacts.

These materials are assessed with the help of partner bodies and, based on risk assessments, the ministry proposes decisions to limit or prohibit their use.

He said such steps are taken with the relevant regulatory agencies to ensure any bans are applied and that compliance in local markets is watched.

## Asian domestic worker accused of theft

● Stealing BD25,700 from employer's banking application

**Mohammed Darwish**  
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An Asian domestic worker is accused of stealing BD25,700 from the bank account of her 80-year-old employer by using his mobile banking application without his knowledge, the Public Prosecution has said.

The case reached prosecutors after a report from Khamis Police Station at the Northern Governorate Police Directorate, which stated that the worker had moved money from the homeowner's account through electronic transfers.

Investigators were told the transfers were carried out in stages and that the funds were later sent overseas through another application.

## Admission

During questioning, the suspect admitted the charge.

She stated that she took advantage of her employer's health condition, secretly took his phone, reset the passcode for the banking app and carried out repeated transfers over a two-month period into her own account in Bahrain before sending the money abroad.

The Public Prosecution has ordered her remanded in custody and summoned witnesses to give statements.

It has also written to the companies behind the electronic applications used in the scheme, asking for technical details on how the transfers were carried out and for information on all beneficiary accounts.

In addition, a judicial request has been sent to the suspect's home country to seek the help of the relevant authorities in tracing and seizing the money, with a view to recovering it and returning it to the victim.

According to the chief of the Cybercrimes Prosecution, the Public Prosecution gives strong weight to keeping electronic channels for financial dealings safe.

## Bahrain Post issues commemorative stamps for GCC Summit 2025



Reflecting GCC links and cooperation  
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Bahrain Post announced the issuance of a set of commemorative stamps marking the convening of the 46th Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Summit hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The set features designs that reflect the common path of the Gulf states and illustrate the links and cooperation among the peoples of the Council. The designs also reflect future aspirations for a unified and promising Gulf renaissance in this vital region of the world.

The issuance of these stamps comes as part of Bahrain Post's commitment to documenting key national and regional events and to supporting the cultural role of stamps as a visual record that preserves important occasions for future generations.

## Concerns over medical missteps

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

Doctors' social media adverts have broken Bahrain's medical advertising rules 20 times since 2022, health regulators have told the Shura Council.

In a written response to member Ejlal Bubshait, the Health Ministry said the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) had logged breaches involving both doctors' professional classification and the content of health adverts posted online.

The Authority ordered those involved to correct their status and remove the offending material from all platforms, and later confirmed that they had done so.

## Questions

The questions put to the ministry centred on how NHRA applies Articles 21, 22 and 26 of

Decree-Law No. 7 of 1989 on the practice of human medicine and dentistry.

These provisions bar doctors from combining medical work with advertising for pharmaceutical or medical equipment companies, from promoting themselves in ways that do not match the dignity of the profession, and from disclosing confidential information obtained through their work except in specific cases laid down in law.

The ministry said that, on the basis of Article 22 and its amendments, NHRA had formed an internal committee to oversee and approve health-related advertising.

Its role is to keep medical adverts within the legal and ethical frame while allowing useful health information to reach the public.

## Guide

To guide doctors and other



Ejlal Bubshait

health workers, the committee has produced a health advertising guide and posted it on the NHRA website.

According to the response, the guide is meant to make it easier for those in the sector to follow the Authority's rules and conditions and to cut down the spread of inaccurate or misleading material in the health field.

The committee reviews adverts before approval or after publication, checking that they follow recognised scientific sources and the legal rules gov-

erning medical practice.

## Claims

It examines the claims in each advert against trusted references, and makes sure any advert linked to a doctor, nurse or other practitioner matches the licence issued by NHRA and the terms attached to that licence.

The ministry added that the committee keeps an eye on adverts in print, broadcast and online media, including social media platforms, to see if they meet the Authority's rules. When breaches are found, the committee starts the enforcement steps that led, in the 20 cases mentioned, to written warnings and the removal of posts and clips.

The response noted that members of the public and health practitioners can write to the committee through an e-mail address if they suspect a breach of the advertising rules.

## Shura panel resists cut in contract review threshold to BD100,000

● Lawmakers remain split over issue

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

Upon a second reading, the elected chamber's insistence on sending every government contract above BD100,000, rather than BD300,000, to the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission does not seem to

yield a compromise.

Shura members are now being asked to choose between their earlier stance and Parliament's line.

The draft law would amend item (9) of Article 2 of Law No. 60 of 2006 on the reorganisation of the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission.

It would make all contracts worth more than BD100,000, signed by ministries, public bodies and state institutions, subject to compulsory review by the



Shura Council session in progress

Commission.

At the moment, only contracts of BD300,000 or more must be referred.

Supporters in Parliament say the lower bar would widen legal checks on public contracts and help keep a closer watch on state spending.

This is the second time the Shura Council has been asked to decide on the proposal.

The Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee recalled that it had already submitted a report.

# Violent break-in

Asian suspects face trial for knife threat, assault and robbery inside workers' flat

## Early-morning crime

Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

A group of Asian men allegedly forced their way into a workers' accommodation before dawn, beat four residents, threatened them with a knife and robbed them, according to court papers.

One suspect was caught on the spot and another later arrested, and both are now before the First High Criminal Court, which has fixed a hearing for 7 December and ordered that they remain in custody.

The first victim told prosecutors the incident took place at about 3.30am as he opened the door to the shared accommodation.

## Assault

He said he was confronted by seven to eight men of Asian nationality standing outside, who pushed him aside and burst into the flat, where they assaulted him and his roommates.

According to his statement,



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one of the intruders went to the kitchen, took a knife and pointed it at the men, telling them not to move.

The group then searched the flat for items to steal and, he said, took belongings owned by him and his three colleagues before trying to run off.

The victims followed them, managed to grab one of the men and handed him to the police.

Prosecutors describe this suspect as the first defendant and say his role was to strike the victims before the robbery and escape.

with the first defendant in new accommodation they moved to after the incident because they feared arrest.

He admitted being among those who stole and caused the trouble under investigation.

After the incident he was drinking alcohol at his old accommodation when his accomplices came to him and urged him to move, telling him the first defendant had already been detained.

## Footage

CCTV footage from the building is said to show the suspects entering the residential property where the victims live.

Police enquiries also named the second defendant as one of those involved, leading to his arrest.

Prosecutors have charged the two men, along with unknown others, with robbing the four victims of their movable property by force.

They are accused of assaulting the men, brandishing a knife and threatening them, and using these actions to overpower them, seize the items and flee with the stolen goods.



Hearing is for 7 December while the suspects remain in custody.

In his own interview with the Public Prosecution, the second defendant stated that he lived

# Bahrain takes part in UN space forum

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His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Asiri, Chief Executive Officer of the Bahrain Space Agency, participated in the United Nations Conference on Space Law and Policy 2025, organised by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) at the Vienna International Centre.

The conference, held under the theme "Activating Space Sustainability: Legal and Regulatory Approaches Across the Lifecycle of Space Debris," brought together leading legal experts, policymakers, and astronauts from around the world.

The event focused on translating international principles into practical measures to ensure the long-term sustainability of the outer space environment for future generations.

## Importance

Commenting on his participation, Dr. Al-Asiri highlighted the strategic importance of the conference, saying: "This participation represents a valuable opportunity for the Kingdom of Bahrain to engage directly in the global dialogue on the future of space activities. Challenges such as orbital congestion, the need for legal frameworks to address space debris, and emerging operations like active debris removal and in-orbit services are matters of concern for all countries, including Bahrain."

"Our engagement reflects our commitment to developing national capabilities in space law and contributing effectively to shaping the international



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— H.E. DR. MOHAMMED IBRAHIM AL-ASIRI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BAHRAIN SPACE AGENCY (BSA)

regulatory landscape."

He added: "Our participation comes at a pivotal moment, as the Bahrain Space Agency advances work on the draft National Space Law. The international insights and best practices discussed, particularly in sessions on 'Translating Space Sustainability into National Regulatory Frameworks' and 'The Convention on the Rescue and Return of Astronauts and Spacecraft Revenues in a Practical Framework,' will directly inform our legislative efforts."

"This will ensure alignment with updated international standards, fostering a secure and innovative regulatory environment for a sustainable Bahraini space sector."

## Bahrain-Qatar ties

His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, received H.E. Nasser Abdullah Hassan Al Nassr, the newly appointed Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the Kingdom of Bahrain. The meeting reviewed the longstanding relations between Bahrain and Qatar and their continued development across various domains. The two sides discussed means to strengthen bilateral cooperation to advance shared interests, in addition to exchanging views on issues of common interest. Nawar Abdullah Al Mutawa, Acting Head of the GCC Affairs Sector at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attended the meeting.



## Bahrain-Pakistan relations



His Excellency Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), received Vice Admiral Raja Rab Nawaz, Chief of the Naval Staff of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, Minister of Defence Affairs; Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, Chief of Staff; and Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Adviser for Financial and Technical Affairs at the BDF General Command, were present. During the meeting, the Commander-in-Chief highlighted the strong Bahrain-Pakistan relations and advanced cooperation between the two countries, especially in the military and defence cooperation fields.

# 'Masaken 2' housing project launched in East Hidd City

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The "Masaken 2" housing project in East Hidd City has been inaugurated.

It was held under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Consort of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), and in the presence of Her Highness Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa, member of SCW.



H.E. Amna bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi and Her Highness Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa at the event

The opening ceremony was attended by Her Excellency Amna bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi, Minister of Housing and Urban

Planning, Lulwa bint Saleh Al Awadhi, Secretary General of SCW, a number of members of the Council, and several officials.

HH Shaikha Hessa delivered a speech on behalf of the Supreme Council for Women, conveying HRH Princess Sabeeka's appreciation to the Ministry of Housing for its efforts in advancing projects that enhance the security and stability of Bahraini families.

She thanked the royal leadership.

# BTEA unveils new pearl diving experiences

## Coinciding with Celebrate Bahrain 2025 festivities

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The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) announced the launch of diving and pearling tourism experiences, coinciding with Celebrate Bahrain 2025.

These experiences come as part of the Authority's efforts to diversify tourism offerings and revive Bahrain's authentic heritage, in line with promoting marine activities as a key pillar in the Tourism Sector Strategy 2022-2026.

Dana Osama Al Saad, Deputy CEO of Resources and Projects at BTEA, said that launching these experiences during Celebrate Bahrain 2025 is part of the Authority's efforts to diversify tourism products and enrich the visitor experience by combining Bahrain's maritime heritage with modern tourism and highlighting the Kingdom's long history in diving and pearling.

Al Saad added that the experiences will be available year-round, giving citizens, residents, and tourists a chance to explore an important aspect of the national heritage through a



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— DANA OSAMA AL SAAD, DEPUTY CEO OF RESOURCES AND PROJECTS AT BAHRAIN TOURISM AND EXHIBITIONS AUTHORITY (BTEA)

practical experience that forms part of Bahrain's identity.

She noted that the partnership with Masar Group is central to the success of this tourism product due to their expertise in managing marine activities and providing experiences according to the highest safety standards, enhancing a tourism experience that combines culture, heritage, and marine activities.

The tourism experience trips will depart from Sa'ada and Bu Maher ports, and guided tours will be offered at the UNESCO-listed Pearling Path Visitor Center. The experiences include two main activity categories: the Pearl Diving Experience for licensed divers aged 18 and above, and the Shallow Diving Experience (2-4 metres) for swimmers aged 16 and above.

# International Day of Persons with Disabilities: Zain launches three inclusion initiatives to accelerate WE ABLE 2030 vision

● **Bader Al-Kharafi:** “Redesigning how we hire, develop, procure, and advocate, so that accessibility and disability inclusion are built into every decision we make”

● **First telecom in MENA to partner with Business Disability Forum**

● **Opening applications for a new GROW batch and personalised individual development plans for employees with disabilities to ensure career progression and growth**

**Manama**

Zain Group, a leading provider of innovative ICT and digital lifestyle communications operating in eight markets across the Middle East and Africa, has launched three strategic disability inclusion initiatives to mark the International Day of Persons



with Disabilities on December 3rd. The initiatives advance the company's WE ABLE 2030 vision, powered by its '4WARD - Progress with Purpose' strategy, embedding disability inclusion as a core business and talent differentiator across its footprint.

Together, these three initiatives translate WE ABLE 2030 from vision into action across Zain's entire ecosystem, from how the company buys, hires, and develops, to how it advocates and shows up in the community. They include a new strategic partnership with Business Disability Forum to embed accessibility into procurement; the opening of applications for a new GROW program batch tailored for graduates with disabilities; and the introduction of personalized Individual Development Plans for employees

with disabilities.

Launched earlier this year, WE ABLE 2030 is Zain's long-term vision to ensure people with disabilities are safeguarded and empowered as co-creators of the technologies and experiences shaping the future. It focuses on inclusive hiring and retention practices, accessible products and services, global recognition for storytelling and advocacy, and clear pathways to career progression and leadership for persons with disabilities.

Bader Al-Kharafi, Zain Vice Chairman and Group CEO, commented: “Accelerating our WE ABLE 2030 vision through these three initiatives are part of a deliberate effort to redesign how we hire, develop, procure, and advocate, so that accessibility and disability inclusion are built into every decision we make. We

are moving from commitments to systemic shifts to operationalize our vision across the entire value chain.”

Al-Kharafi added: “By partnering with global leaders, investing in future graduates with disabilities, and personalizing development paths for our own people, we are signalling the kind of region we want to help shape. WE ABLE 2030 is about inside-out transformation. It brings our purpose of ‘Better Lives, Lasting Connections.’ to life by ensuring persons with disabilities are not only included but are leading and influencing the next chapter of digital progress.”

**Strategic partnership with Business Disability Forum (BDF)**

Zain has become the first telecom operator in the MENA region to partner with BDF, a leading international membership organization. This strategic collaboration advances the Accessible Products and Services pillar, as Zain Group's procurement team are integrating accessibility criteria into supplier evaluation processes. The partnership also strengthens the Global Recognition pillar, by opening access to BDF's global network of more

than 600 organizations.

**Opening applications (zain.com/en/grow) for a new GROW program batch for graduates with disabilities:**

As part of the Inclusive Hiring and Retention Practices pillar, Zain is inviting graduates with disabilities to apply for a three-month specialized training and internship track that will be rolled out in 2026 across four Zain operations. The program, designed specifically for graduates with disabilities, will provide equitable access to high-quality learning and a structured internship opportunity at Zain premises.

**Personalized Individual Development Plans (IDPs) for employees with disabilities:**

To ensure employees have tailored development plans and reinforce clear pathways to career progression and leadership. Each IDP is built from a comprehensive 34-question internal survey, capturing individual aspirations and specific support needs.

**From commitments to systems change**

These three initiatives deep-

en the implementation of the WE ABLE 2030 vision and complement Zain's broader efforts, including its long-standing commitments to accessible infrastructure, inclusive training, and assistive technologies.

The impact of the WE ABLE vision is also reflected in significant achievements over the past year, including the global publication of two case studies by PurpleSpace and Be My Eyes, highlighting Zain and WE ABLE's role in driving meaningful change in the region. Throughout the year, more than 20 disability etiquette sessions were delivered to hundreds of employees by Zain personnel with disabilities across the group. Furthermore, Zain employees volunteering on the Be My Eyes platform completed over 1500 successful calls during 2025.

By aligning its disability inclusion agenda with its '4WARD-Progress with Purpose' strategy, Zain is working to set a new regional benchmark where accessibility is not an afterthought, but a catalyst for innovation, value creation, and more inclusive growth across the MENA region. Graduates with disabilities are invited to apply for GROW: [zain.com/en/grow](http://zain.com/en/grow)

## Al Baraka Islamic Bank Celebrates Bahraini Women's Day



**Manama**

Al Baraka Islamic Bank, one of the leading Islamic banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain, recently held a special event at its headquarters in Bahrain Bay to celebrate Bahraini Women's Day, recognising the invaluable contributions of Bahraini women and their vital role in national development and in the Bank's growth and achievements.

The event reflects the Bank's ongoing commitment to sup-

porting Bahraini women and organising programmes and initiatives that contribute to their empowerment while broadening their professional horizons.

The celebration brought together the Bank's female employees in a friendly and engaging atmosphere, followed by a panel discussion featuring leading Bahraini women from various economic sectors. During the session, the speakers shared insights from their professional and leadership journeys, along



**Dr Adel Abdullah Salem, Chief Executive Officer of Al Baraka Islamic Bank**

with their perspectives on enhancing women's participation in decision-making roles and strengthening their presence within the national economic landscape.

The panel was organised as part of the Bank's dedication to providing interactive platforms for knowledge exchange, enabling its female staff to benefit from the success stories of Bah-



rain's distinguished leaders and entrepreneurs.

On this occasion, Dr Adel Abdullah Salem, Chief Executive Officer of Al Baraka Islamic Bank, commented: “Bahraini Women's Day is a national occasion through which we express our pride in the remarkable accomplishments of women who have helped enhance the Kingdom's standing and leadership. Today's event reaffirms our appreciation for the outstanding efforts of our female employees, who play an essential

role in driving the Bank's progress and supporting its strategic ambitions. Our female talent has demonstrated a strong and impactful presence across various departments, contributing significantly to performance development and service quality.”

He added: “We are proud to have hosted the distinguished female leaders who shared inspiring experiences and success stories that enrich the development of our employees and offer them new perspectives for continued growth. Women's em-

powerment remains a core pillar at Al Baraka, and we are committed to providing an environment that supports their advancement and enables them to contribute effectively across all fields.”

The CEO concluded by stating: “As we have been dedicated to for a long time, we will continue to expand initiatives that support women and create further opportunities for them. This is driven by our belief in the vital role they play in the Bank's success and sustainable growth.”

## Bahrain EDB Signs MoU with MISA during fourth meeting of Bahraini-Saudi Coordination Council

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On the sidelines of the fourth meeting of the Bahraini-Saudi Coordination Council co-chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Bahrain Economic Development Board (Bahrain EDB) and the Ministry of Investment of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (MISA) aimed at promoting direct investment.



The MoU was signed by H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development, Chief Executive of the

Bahrain EDB and H.E. Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Falih, Minister of Investment.

Under the agreement, Bahrain EDB and MISA will work together to enhance collaborative efforts in promoting direct investment through the exchange of statistical data on investment flows, existing business prospects, key policies, legislation, and regulation related to direct investment opportunities as well as the broader investment landscape in both countries. The MOU additionally outlines a drive to raise awareness on potential investment opportunities across diverse economic sectors with areas of mutual interest and synergy.

Moreover, this milestone agreement seeks to further facilitate the increased exchange of information on public-private partnership initiatives, increase joint promotional efforts in targeting developers, investors, and potential financiers. In order to deepen collaborative efforts towards direct investment, the MOU outlines mechanisms such as organising exhibitions, workshops, conferences, alongside key events, including hosting an annual Saudi-Bahraini Investment Forum in the first half of 2026, with the aim of showcasing investment opportunities in both countries and inviting companies interested in investing in either market.

Commenting on the occasion, H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development, Chief Executive of the Bahrain EDB, said: “The Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia benefit from a deep-rooted legacy of robust economic and investment ties, which continue to evolve under the vision 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. The MoU signed between Bahrain EDB and MISA not only strengthens our long-standing relationship, but also represents a transformative shift

towards greater public-private sector partnerships between our two nations. We highly value and welcome Saudi investments in Bahrain's key economic sectors, which continue to play a vital role in further advancing Bahrain's sustainable development journey.”

As of year-end of 2024, cumulative direct investments from the Saudi Arabia into Bahrain reached approximately USD 10.13 billion, representing 21.9% of Bahrain's total cumulative direct investment stock for that year. These investments span across several key sectors, including financial services, insurance, industry, and information and communication technology.

News in brief

South Africa will 'take a break' from G20 after US ban



Rubio repeated Wednesday that South Africa would not be invited to the US-run G20, repeating complaints including unfounded claims that the government deliberately discriminated against the white Afrikaner minority.

◆ South Africa said yesterday it was prepared to wait out next year's G20 after being barred by the United States and did not expect other countries to lobby for its inclusion. The United States this month took over the year-long presidency of the group of leading economies after largely boycotting South Africa's tenure, including the November summit, in an escalation of its attacks on Pretoria. Secretary of State Marco

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US Institute of Peace renamed in honor of Trump: State Dept



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Pakistan says to let humanitarian aid into Afghanistan



◆ India's Sarwagya Singh Kushwaha has become the youngest player in chess history to earn an official FIDE rating at the age of three years, seven months and 20 days.

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Indian boy earns official chess rating -- aged three



◆ India's Sarwagya Singh Kushwaha has become the youngest player in chess history to earn an official FIDE rating at the age of three years, seven months and 20 days. The chess prodigy edged out the previous record of compatriot Anish Sarkar, who was three years, eight months and 19 days when he reached the milestone in November last year. Kushwaha, who is enrolled in nursery school in the Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, holds a rapid rating of 1,572. To achieve a rating from FIDE, the International Chess Federation, a player needs to beat at least one FIDE-rated player.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Thief swallows Faberge egg, caught before beating it



AFP | Auckland

A New Zealand thief with expensive taste has been arrested after snatching and swallowing a diamond-encrusted green Faberge egg from a high-end jewellery store.

The 32-year-old gulped down the egg late last week from a store in the country's largest city, Auckland, but was arrested before he could flee.

Police said Wednesday they were yet to recover the ornate trinket -- valued around US\$20,000 -- but had assigned an officer to watch over the man while waiting for nature to take its course.

"At this stage the pendant has not been recovered," they

said in a statement.

The special edition locket was inspired by the James Bond film "Octopussy", which revolves around a plot to steal a rare Faberge egg.

"The exterior of the egg closely follows the design of the Faberge egg featured in the film Octopussy, with a beautiful 18k gold lattice framework which is delicately set with blue sapphires and white diamonds in a floral-like design," reads an online description.

A small golden octopus was nestled inside.

Russia's House of Faberge gained international fame in the late 19th century by designing opulent Easter eggs decorated with gold and precious gems.

# Putin arrives in India for defence talks

Prime Minister Modi personally welcomed the Russian leader at the airport

● Putin arrives for two-day visit

● Possible deals on S-400 systems and Su-57 jets

AFP | New Delhi

Russian President Vladimir Putin landed in India yesterday for a two-day visit aimed at deepening defence ties.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was at the airport to welcome the Russian leader in person, greeting him on the red carpet with a hug, before riding together in the same car.

Putin, on his first visit to India since the Ukraine war, is accompanied by his Defence Minister Andrei Belousov, with possible



Russia's President Vladimir Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi sit in a car as they depart Palam Air Force Base following the Russian leader's arrival in New Delhi

deals on fighter jets and air defence systems expected to be discussed.

In an interview with India Today, Putin said he was "very happy" to be meeting "my friend" Modi.

"The range of our cooperation with India is huge," he said in remarks translated by the broadcaster, citing ship and aircraft manufacturing, nuclear energy and space exploration.

The Indian premier said he was "delighted to welcome my friend, President Putin to India".

"Looking forward to our in-

teractions later this evening and tomorrow," Modi said in a post on X.

He hosted Putin for a private dinner yesterday evening, which will be followed by a summit meeting today.

"India-Russia friendship is a time tested one that has greatly benefitted our people," Modi added, posting a picture of them from inside the car.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said talks to expand the supply of Russia's advanced S-400 air defence systems had an "important place on the agenda".

Indian media reports suggested Moscow may also offer co-production of Russia's Su-57 fighter jets.

India is one of the world's top arms importers, and Russia has long been a principal supplier.

But New Delhi has also sought alternative suppliers, as well as boosting domestic production -- with the Russian share of India's arms imports falling from 76 percent in 2009-13 to 36 percent in 2019-23, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed Putin at the airport with a hug, and the two leaders then rode together in the same car, signaling close personal ties

## European leaders in phone call voiced distrust of US over Ukraine: report

AFP | Berlin

European leaders in a conference call this week voiced distrust of US efforts to negotiate an end to Russia's war in Ukraine, according to German news weekly Der Spiegel, which said it had obtained written notes on the call.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and French President Emmanuel Macron had expressed scepticism in the call Monday with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky and others that US negotiators would safeguard Kyiv's interests, the report said.

The magazine quoted Macron as saying during the call that "there is a chance that the US will betray Ukraine on territory without clarity on security guarantees".

An Elysee source told AFP the reported quote did not match the French presidency's own record of the call.

"The president has publicly stated his position on the ongoing negotiations between Russia and the United States, which is no different in private," the source added.

According to the report, Merz



German Finance Minister and Vice Chancellor Lars Klingbeil (L) greets German Chancellor Friedrich Merz as Bavaria's State Premier Markus Soeder passes by

warned Zelensky to be "very careful in the coming days" and added that "they are playing games with both you and us".

The German chancellery told AFP: "We cannot comment on individual media reports. Furthermore, we cannot, as a matter of principle, report on confidential conversations."

Zelensky's communications

'Protect' Zelensky

According to the magazine, Finland's President Alexander Stubb expressed distrust of US President Donald Trump's envoy Steve Witkoff and son-in-

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FINLAND'S PRESIDENT ALEXANDER STUBB

law Jared Kushner, who went to the Kremlin for talks earlier this week.

"We cannot leave Ukraine and Volodymyr alone with these guys," Stubb said, Der Spiegel reported.

His office told AFP: "We do not comment on confidential discussions held by the President of the Republic."

NATO chief Mark Rutte said in the call that "we must protect Volodymyr", Der Spiegel said, citing what it said were notes on the call, not a verbatim transcript, without naming the author of the notes.

A NATO official said: "As a general rule, we do not comment on leaks. As for the Secretary General's stance on the ongoing work to end the war against Ukraine, he has been clear in his support for the efforts led by President Trump and his team."

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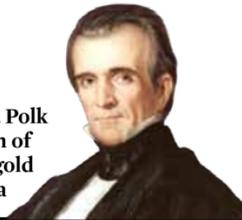
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# Israel launches fresh strikes on south Lebanon after warnings

Israeli strikes target Hezbollah, a day after the first direct civilian talks in decades

● Raids hit southern Lebanon towns

● Pope's visit provided brief reprieve

AFP | Beirut

Israeli raids hit south Lebanon yesterday as Israel's military said it was striking Hezbollah targets, a day after Lebanese and Israeli civilian representatives held their first direct talks in decades.

Despite a November 2024 ceasefire that was supposed to end more than a year of hostilities between Israel and the Iran-backed armed group, Israel has kept up strikes on Lebanon and has also maintained troops in five south Lebanon areas it deems strategic.

The visit from Sunday to Tuesday of Pope Leo XIV had provided Lebanon with a window of reprieve from Israeli air strikes, which had intensified in recent weeks, and the pontiff urged an end to hostilities during his visit.

But yesterday, the Israeli army said it "began conducting strikes on Hezbollah terror targets in southern Lebanon", after warning it would strike buildings in south Lebanon's Mahrouna and Jbaa.

It subsequently issued warnings it would strike further Hezbollah "military infrastructure" in Majadal and Baraasheet, also



United Nations peacekeepers patrol with Lebanese army forces in vehicles of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in the Buwayda region of Marjayoun near the border with Israel in southern Lebanon

in the south.

Lebanon's official National News Agency said "Israeli warplanes launched a strike on the town of Mahrouna" while other raids targeted buildings in Jbaa, Majadal and Baraasheet.

An AFP photographer saw smoke rising from the site of the strike in the town of Jbaa.

Lebanon's government has committed to disarming Hezbollah but the group has rejected the idea and many in the country fear a return to expanded Israeli military operations.

## 'Not yet at peace talks'

Lebanese and Israeli civilian representatives held surprise talks Wednesday under the auspices of the ceasefire monitoring mechanism at the UN peacekeeping force's headquarters in Lebanon's Naqura near the border with Israel.

Representatives of the ceasefire monitoring committee -- the United States, France, Lebanon, Israel and the UN force -- regularly convene in Naqura.

Lebanon and Israel have tech-

nically been at war since 1948, and Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam cautioned the new diplomatic contact did not amount to broader peace discussions.

The United States has been piling pressure on Lebanon to rapidly disarm Hezbollah, and has pushed for direct talks between the two neighbours.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said the atmosphere at the talks was "positive", and that there had been agreement "to develop ide-

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**Lebanese and Israeli civilian representatives held their first direct talks in decades on Wednesday, but Lebanon's Prime Minister emphasized these were not yet peace talks**

as to promote potential economic cooperation between Israel and Lebanon".

Israel also made it clear it was "essential" that Lebanese militant group Hezbollah disarm regardless of any progress in economic cooperation, the premier's office added.

Salam said the new discussions were strictly limited to fully implementing last year's truce.

"We are not yet at peace talks," he told journalists, including AFP, on Wednesday.

He said the talks only sought "the cessation of hostilities", the "release of Lebanese hostages" and "the complete Israeli withdrawal" from Lebanon.

Until now, Israel and Lebanon, which have no formal diplomatic relations, have insisted on limiting participation in the ceasefire mechanism to military officers.

## Probe found Hegseth's Signal use could have put US troops at risk: reports



U.S. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth looks at his mobile phone during an event at the White House

AFP | Washington

The Pentagon's independent watchdog said US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's use of commercial messaging app Signal to discuss strikes on Yemen could have put American troops at risk, US media reported.

The probe by the inspector general's office concluded that Hegseth did not, however, violate rules on classification because he has the authority to declassify information, the reports said, citing sources familiar with

the results of the investigation.

The watchdog's conclusion -- which has been transmitted to Congress -- is nonetheless likely to reignite debate over conduct by Hegseth, who is already under fire over US strikes on alleged drug-trafficking boats that experts say amount to extrajudicial killings.

Asked earlier this week whether he retains confidence in Hegseth, Republican Senate majority leader John Thune said "others can make those evaluations," according to the Washington Post newspaper.

## Chaos after India's biggest airline cancels 1,200 flights

AFP | New Delhi

Chaos gripped Indian airports yesterday after the country's biggest airline IndiGo cancelled over 1,200 flights, stranding thousands of passengers.

The company blamed the disruption on "unforeseen operational challenges," including technical glitches, bad weather and new rules for workers.

India's aviation watchdog ordered an investigation and demanded that IndiGo respond with plans to ease the interruptions, which have persisted since Monday.

Passengers vented their anger online, with one airport user on X describing "complete mayhem" with delays of up to eight hours and no staff on hand to help.

Some 1,232 IndiGo flights had been cancelled as of Wednesday, according to the company. The number of delays was not clear.

IndiGo said it was offering customers alternative travel arrangements and refunds while restoring its services.

The company acknowledged its "significantly disrupted" operations were partly due to



Labourers work atop an under-construction building as an IndiGo aircraft prepares to land at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru

new crew rostering rules having a "negative compounding impact".

The rules came into effect last month and aim to give pilots and crew more rest periods to enhance passenger safety.

In a meeting yesterday with senior officials from the airline and from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, IndiGo acknowledged that "more cancellations will continue for the next 2-3 days," according to a statement issued by the aviation watchdog.

Airline officials also said that "corrective actions are underway" with the aim of fully re-

storing operations by February 10, the statement added.

It said the aviation body demanded IndiGo submit "a detailed roadmap covering projected crew recruitment".

The disruption is another setback to the no-frills carrier, which has built its reputation on punctuality.

Last week, 200 of its planes were affected when Airbus issued an alert for an urgent upgrade for 6,000 aircraft worldwide.

India is one of the world's fastest growing aviation markets, hitting 500,000 daily flyers last month for the first time.



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With my government, families who need early support the most will get it. That's why we've rolled out school-based nurseries and free breakfast clubs. And now, we are putting Best Start Family Hubs in the heart of communities, to provide families with local support.

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Lumber, steel, aluminum -- key materials for building homes -- now cost more thanks to Trump's tariffs. Higher construction costs. Slower projects. Fewer affordable housing options for working people. Great work.

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It's often the most vulnerable Canadians who don't file their taxes and miss out on the benefits they need or have paid into. So we're introducing Automatic Federal Benefits -- pre-filing taxes for up to 5.5 million lower-income Canadians.

@MarkJCarney

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**Health Cooperation Discussed Between Bahrain and China**



Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Al-Ansari, CEO of the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA), received H.E. Mr. Ni Ruoji, the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Bahrain. Dr. Al-Ansari welcomed the Ambassador, emphasizing the deep and continuously developing bilateral cooperation between Bahrain and China across various fields. The meeting focused on discussing ways to enhance cooperation between the two friendly nations. They also reviewed and exchanged experiences in the areas of health regulation and control, aiming to support efforts to improve the quality and efficiency of health services in both countries.

**Delmon Poultry Honors Female Employees on Bahraini Women's Day**



Delmon Poultry Company celebrated Bahraini Women's Day to recognize women's crucial role in supporting the Kingdom's economic and social development. The company honored female employees from various departments, acknowledging their dedicated efforts in enhancing performance and achieving company goals. The celebration reaffirmed Delmon Poultry's commitment to providing a stimulating and inclusive work environment. Mr. Abdulhadi Mirza, CEO, stated that Bahraini women are a cornerstone of success, and the company is proud of its female employees who exemplify dedication and creativity. He emphasized that this recognition reflects their ongoing commitment to supporting and empowering women.

**College Trip Highlights Bahraini Heritage**



Bahrain University College organized a trip to the Al Jasra Handicrafts Center to promote Bahraini identity and connect students with their national heritage. During the visit, students explored various traditional crafts for which Bahrain is famous, including pottery, weaving, palm frond crafts, basket making, and carpentry. They observed skilled artisans at work, learning about the history of these practices and their role in shaping Bahraini society. This unique opportunity allowed students to appreciate the value of local heritage and understand the efforts made to preserve cultural traditions. The experience, which combined knowledge and practical observation, significantly enriched their cultural understanding.

**Bahrain Polytechnic Celebrates Bahraini Women's Day**



Bahrain Polytechnic celebrated Bahraini Women's Day under the theme: "Bahraini Women: Excellence, Creativity, Innovation." The event was attended by CEO Professor Kieran O'Caahoon, Deputy CEO Dr. Rawya Khalifa Al-Mannai, and numerous officials and employees. The celebration also featured special guests: Ms. Hala Sulaiman, Director of the Executive Office of the National Plan (Our Bahrain), and Hajar Al-Fadhala, an expert in heritage, who shared inspiring insights on women's advancement, creativity, innovation, and excellence.

**Joz Group Celebrates 90 Years of Excellence and Unity**



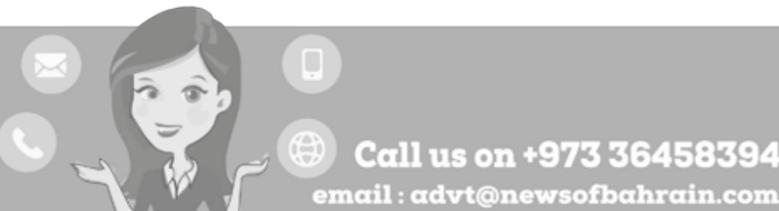
Joz Group W.L.L. hosted its Annual Party at The Great Kabab Factory in Saar, uniting employees, management, and guests for an evening of celebration and recognition. The highly anticipated event marked 90 years of outstanding accomplishments, innovation, and growth. The festive program included a warm welcome, dynamic entertainment, and special acknowledgments. A major highlight was the tribute to the company's founder, Mr. Mohammed Joz, celebrating his enduring legacy and vision. The celebration continued with a ceremonial cake cutting, symbolizing gratitude for past successes and excitement for upcoming milestones.

**BUB Team Shines in AI GameDay Challenge**



The British University in Bahrain (BUB) team secured third place in the challenging AI GameDay competition, showcasing the students' excellence and creativity. This interactive event tested participants' skills in artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and solving real-world problems under intense pressure. The challenge was officially supported and sponsored by Amazon Web Services (AWS) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The competition provided BUB students with a valuable opportunity to gain practical experience, significantly enhancing their digital and technical abilities. This victory highlights the students' strong commitment, creativity, and outstanding performance against strong competition.

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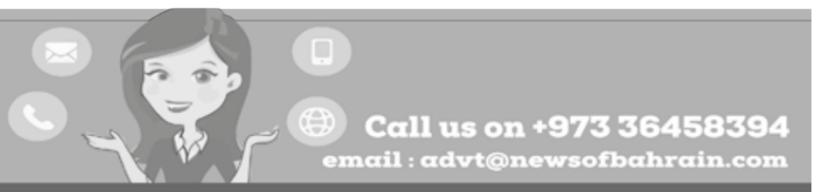
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## Tsunoda vows to return to F1 grid after 'tough' Red Bull axing



Yuki Tsunoda

AFP | Abu Dhabi

Japan's Yuki Tsunoda said that it was "incredibly tough" to lose his Red Bull seat for next season but has vowed to return to the Formula One grid.

The 25-year-old was on Tuesday replaced by French rookie Isack Hadjar as Max Verstappen's partner at Red Bull for 2026.

Having also been overlooked for a return to sister team Racing Bulls, Tsunoda will become a Red Bull test and reserve driver.

"I'm not finished yet," he wrote on social media.

"Finding out I won't have a race seat in 2026 was incredibly tough, but I'm determined to work harder than ever with Red Bull as test and reserve driver, and prove I deserve a place on the grid."

Tsunoda replaced New Zealand's Liam Lawson at Red Bull two races into this season, stepping up from Racing Bulls.

Since then, however, Tsunoda has scored 33 points in the world championship compared with Verstappen's 396.

# Abu Dhabi showdown - how the F1 title can be won

An assessment on how the 2025 Formula One drivers' title can be won at the season finale in Abu Dhabi this weekend

TDI | Manama

After 23 races of the 24-race season Lando Norris leads the championship on 408 points, 12 clear of Red Bull's four-time champion Max Verstappen and 16 clear of his McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri. This is the first time more than two drivers have been in with a shot of claiming the title since 2010.

### Norris

"All" Norris has to do to claim his maiden title is finish on the podium at Yas Marina, irrespective of where his two title rivals finish.

A top-three result is all the Briton requires - sounds straightforward given McLaren's overall dominance - they wrapped up the constructors' crown two months ago in Singapore.

But on a cautionary note Norris has failed to make the top three in six races this year, including his disqualification from second in Las Vegas due to a technical infringement.

On the plus side, the 26-year-old won in Abu Dhabi last year.

### Verstappen

Verstappen has happy mem-



Red Bull Racing's Max Verstappen (C), McLaren's Lando Norris (L) and McLaren's Oscar Piastri (R) after the qualifying session ahead of the Italian Formula One Grand Prix

ories of the last time he lined up at Yas Marina with the title in play - in 2021 he controversially denied Lewis Hamilton on the final lap to claim the first of his four successive championships.

His relentless drive to keep in the hunt for a fifth title secured him a seventh win of the season in Qatar last weekend. That lifted him into second in the standings, having been well

out of the picture, 104 points behind, after the Dutch Grand Prix back in August.

To complete his remarkable season Verstappen needs to win on Sunday and Norris finish no higher than fourth and the 2025 crown is his.

### Piastri

The Australian's chances are slim, but given how this season has thrown up the unexpected

time and time again the coolest customer on the grid cannot be ruled out.

After one of his best weekends of the season in Qatar he readily admitted he will "need a lot of things to go in my direction" to end up champion.

His task is clear if not simple - he will take the title if he finishes first or second and both Norris and Verstappen have an off day.

## Root's superb first ton in Australia guides England to 325-9

AFP | Brisbane

Joe Root finally scored his maiden Test century in Australia on his fourth Ashes tour to guide England from a precarious 5-2 to 325-9 at stumps after a pulsating first day of the second Ashes Test in Brisbane yesterday.

Mitchell Starc became the most successful left-arm fast bowler in history as he claimed 6-71, but the opening sessions of the day-night contest were dominated by Root, who scored a masterful 135 not out.

Number 11 Jofra Archer thrilled the travelling army of fans as he smashed a career-best unbeaten 32 off 26 balls with two sixes to provide some late fireworks.

His unbroken 10th-wicket partnership of 61 with Root was a record for England at the Gabba.

The world's top-ranked batsman, Root had failed to reach triple figures on three previous Ashes tours.

But the man who is second on the all-time run-scoring list behind only Sachin Tendulkar silenced the critics who said he couldn't be considered a true batting great until he had made a century in Australia.

"Unbelievable day for Joe. He has had that coming for a long time. I'm chuffed for him," said Zak Crawley, who made 76 and shared a 117-run stand for the third wicket with Root.

"He's the best player I've ever played with or against. A champion bloke."



Joe Root of England shakes hands with Australia captain Steve Smith as he leaves the field at stumps



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ZAK CRAWLEY

Coming to the crease in the third over at 5-2 with Starc swinging the new pink ball, he embarked on an epic knock, bringing up his century with a leg glance to the fine leg boundary off Scott Boland.

Starc's six wickets moved him to 418 in Tests, surpassing Pakistan great Wasim Akram's 414 as the most prolific left-arm

paceman in Test history.

"Wasim's still the pinnacle, I think he's still better than me," said Starc.

Starc again was the destroyer at the top of the order, removing Ben Duckett in his first over and Ollie Pope in his second to reduce a shell-shocked England to 5-2.

But unlike in the first Test defeat in Perth, England showed some grit with the partnership between Root and Crawley moving the score onto 122.

### Lyon left out

Both teams wore black arm-bands in memory of former England batsman Robin Smith, who died unexpectedly this week.

Australia, who won the opening Test inside two days, went into this match without regular skipper Pat Cummins.

## Arteta fears injury woes will hamper Arsenal title charge



Arsenal's Spanish defender #03 Christhian Mosquera leaves the pitch after being substituted off injured

AFP | London

Mikel Arteta fears Arsenal's mounting injury problems will hamper their bid to win the Premier League title after Declan Rice and Cristhian Mosquera limped off in Wednesday's 2-0 win against Brentford.

Arteta's side moved five points clear of second-placed Manchester City thanks to goals from Mikel Merino and Bukayo Saka at the Emirates Stadium.

The Gunners extended their unbeaten run to 18 matches in all competitions with an eighth successive home victory.

But Arteta, already without first-choice centre-backs Gabriel Magalhaes and William Saliba through injury, was dealt a blow when Spanish defender Mosquera was forced off just before half-time.

Even more alarmingly, England midfielder Declan Rice appeared to be nursing a calf injury when he was substituted 10 minutes from full-time.

"Obviously it's never good news. Declan had to come off. We don't know. We have to see tomorrow what he's got," said Arteta, who is also without Kai Havertz and Leandro Trossard due to injuries.

"Declan can walk. He cannot play. The thing is, he's played a lot of minutes but as well, now we played Wednesday night and we have to play Saturday morning as well."

With Arsenal having battled through a gruelling week featuring wins over Tottenham and Bayern Munich and a draw with title rivals Chelsea, Arteta had taken the opportunity to give a rest to Saka, Jurrien Timber and Eberechi Eze against the Bees.

# Final dash at Bahrain karting finals

Rotax MAX grand finals set for exciting climax to week-long karting battles at BIKC

Manama

The Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals (RMCGF) 2025 are headed to the final two days of high-octane action this weekend at Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC) in Sakhir.

Following four days of action-packed running from Monday to today, including non-qualifying practices, qualifying practices, and qualifying heats, the stage is now set for the sessions that matter the most – the pre-finals happening today and finals tomorrow.

All eight categories in the RMCGF are set to feature on both days of intense grassroots motor racing, namely the Micro MAX, Mini MAX, Junior MAX, Senior MAX, DD2, DD2 Master, E20 Senior, and E20 Master.

The RMCGF is one of the biggest events in the world of karting held each year, and it has brought nearly 400 of the sport's very best to the Kingdom, representing 60 nations worldwide.



All are welcome to attend the last two days of racing and enjoy the incredible wheel-to-wheel battles featuring roaring

Rotax engines, screeching tyres, packed grids, and moments that will be cherished for a lifetime. Entrance is free of charge and

will be on a first-come, first-served basis. BIKC will be opening its gates to fans from 10am until the end of track activity

on each day, except today, when spectators can access the circuit from 4.30pm.

Amongst the field of karters competing this week are Team Bahrain, who are represented by 11 drivers.

Flying the Kingdom's flag on their home track are Tariq Soofi racing in the Micro MAX class, Shaikh Ahmed bin Saqer Al Khalifa and Jude Andrews in the Mini MAX, Demir Abali and Rashid Hilal in the Junior MAX, Tye Mejia in the Senior MAX, Abdulla Sajjad and Abdulkader Qasem in the DD2, and Yousif Alaali, Vedant Menon, and Mohammed Alhasan in the E20 Senior.

The Team Bahrain talents have been holding their own against their counterparts from overseas – showcasing the quality and impressive prowess of the Kingdom's motorsport-loving community.

This year's RMCGF marks the third time in five years that Rotax karting's most prestigious occasion is being held in Sakhir,

following the success of the previous events in 2023 and 2021.

The competitors are lighting up BIKC's 1.414-kilometre CIK-FIA track with sessions in both daytime and night conditions.

BIKC was designed to the highest international standards and is capable of hosting world championship races under the CIK-FIA. The track made motorsport history in 2012 when it became the first karting venue ever to host a world championship-level event at night, thanks to BIKC's high-specification floodlight system.

Drivers such as Max Verstappen, Charles Leclerc, Lando Norris, George Russell, and many more, who are all amongst the biggest stars in Formula 1 today, have competed at BIKC during the early years of their careers.

For more information on this year's RMCGF, visit bahraingp.com, call the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000, or follow the circuit's official social media channels.

## Tunisia Stay Perfect as Bahrain Fall in Straight Sets

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Bahrain's senior men's volleyball team were unable to stop Tunisia's relentless march at the Arab Challenge Cup yesterday, falling 0-3 (29-31, 19-25, 20-25) at Princess Sumaya Hall in Amman. The match carried no impact on the title race after Tunisia had already secured the championship with a round to spare, yet the North Africans still approached it with full intensity as they aimed to maintain their spotless record.

Bahrain pushed Tunisia to the limit in a tightly contested opening set – even producing a three-point scoring run and 13 points won on serve over the match – but the Tunisians'



Abdulwahed, Yaqoob and Alafyah leap to block a Tunisian spike

composure in key rallies told the difference. After edging the first set 31-29, Tunisia tightened their grip, taking the next two sets 25-19 and 25-20 to complete yet another straight-sets victory.

The result confirms Tunisia's dominance in Amman, having swept every opponent they have faced in the league-format tournament. For Bahrain, it marked their third consecutive defeat after earlier setbacks against Egypt and Kuwait, despite opening the competition with a confident 3-0 win over Palestine.

The Reds now shift focus to today's final outing, meeting hosts Jordan at 5pm as they seek to close their campaign on a positive note

## Ravindra, Latham tons put New Zealand in command of West Indies Test



New Zealand's Rachin Ravindra (R) is congratulated by Tom Latham after scoring 150 runs

AFP | Christchurch

Big centuries by Tom Latham and Rachin Ravindra put New Zealand firmly in control of the first Test against the West Indies with a lead of 481 at stumps on day three in Christchurch yesterday.

The pair put on 279 for the third wicket before Latham was out for 145. Ravindra followed soon after for 176.

At stumps, Will Young was 21, Michael Bracewell was on six and New Zealand were 417-4 to go with their 64-run first innings lead.

The West Indies would need to break their own record fourth innings chase to overhaul New Zealand, having reached 418-7 to beat Australia in 2003.

After two days of overcast skies favouring swing and seam bowling, the pitch flattened out under bright sunshine as day three progressed.

The West Indies attack was not so threatening and they also suffered from a lack of discipline, conceding runs to fielding lapses and giving away 23 extras including 11 wides.

Latham and Ravindra presented contrasting styles as they set a New Zealand-best third wicket partnership against the West Indies and Latham passed 6,000 Test runs.

New Zealand captain Latham laid the foundations of the innings in a clinical 84-run opening stand with Devon Conway, who made 37.

After a brief partnership with Kane Williamson, who fell for nine, Latham was on 40 when he was joined by Ravindra in an aggressive move.

While Latham was methodical and largely chanceless, Ravindra took to the bowling in one-day mode and made the West Indies suffer for dropping him on eight and 13.

His 176 came off 185 deliveries, with one six and 27 fours, including one from the first ball he faced.

He also smacked fours to pass the 50, 100 and 150 milestones.

Latham faced 250 deliveries for his 145 and hit 12 fours.

For the West Indies, Kemar Roach had both Latham and Williamson caught behind to return figures of 2-61.

## Norris rejects idea of team loyalty before Formula 1 title showdown

AFP | Abu Dhabi

Lando Norris yesterday rejected the idea of asking title rival and McLaren team-mate Oscar Piastri to support him this weekend in the decisive season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix even if it is the only way he can beat Red Bull's Max Verstappen to the title.

The 26-year-old Briton, who holds a 12-point lead on four-time champion Verstappen and a 16-point advantage on Piastri, said he would welcome help in certain scenarios, but would not seek it -- because it was not how he, personally, felt about it.

He and Piastri made clear that McLaren had not discussed team orders for the race and would continue racing under



Lando Norris

'papaya rules' that encourage them to race each other with equal team backing.

"I don't think I would ask for it because -- and I don't know -- it's up to Oscar, if he would allow it," Norris told reporters before Sunday's showdown.

"I don't think it's necessarily down to me.

"It's the same if it's the other way around. Would I be willing to or not? Personally, I think I would -- just because I feel like I'm always like that and that's just how I am."

### 'Not a fair question'

The three drivers sat together answering questions of which some focused on the possibility that if Verstappen was leading with Piastri third and Norris fourth, it would mean the Dutchman took his record-equalling fifth consecutive title unless the two McLaren men swapped positions.

"I'm not going to ask it," he continued.

"I don't want to ask it because

I don't think it's necessarily a fair question, but at the same time if that's how it ends and Max wins, then well. That's it.

"Congrats to him and look forward to next year. It doesn't change anything. It doesn't change my life. He will deserve it over us."

Verstappen, who has won five of the last eight races, appeared to be the most relaxed of the trio while Norris seemed understandably tense and Piastri, who was deprived of a likely victory by bungled team strategy last weekend in Qatar, composed if edgy.

"It's not something we've discussed," said the 24-year-old Australian, bidding to be his country's first champion since Alan Jones in 1980.