

Bahrain economy grows 4% in third quarter of 2025

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Bahrain's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 4.0% in the third quarter of 2025, according to preliminary national accounts data issued by the Information and eGovernment Authority.

The growth was driven by a 9.3% increase in oil activities and a 3.1% rise in non-oil sectors, highlighting the combined contribution of both sectors to the Kingdom's economic expansion.

The figures were published yesterday in the Bahrain Economic Quarterly Report for Q3 2025 by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy.

The report highlighted the pivotal role of non-oil activities, which contributed 85.0% to the Kingdom's real GDP during the period.

Among these sectors, real estate led growth at 5.4%, followed by financial and insurance activities at 5.0%.

Transportation and storage, as well as construction, each recorded 4.4% growth, while manufacturing grew by 3.9% and wholesale and retail trade rose by 3.3%. Information and communication increased by 2.1%, and accommodation and food services expanded by 1.5%.

Brazil highlights global priorities



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Continuing the series on how 2026 is reshaping the global order, Brazil highlights food security, clean energy, and critical minerals as emerging drivers of global influence. Read the perspective of H.E. Mr. Adriano Silva Pucci, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on Page 2.

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Job expansion

HRH Prince Salman reaffirms government focus on creating 'quality' employment for Bahrainis



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister with H.E. Yousif bin Abdulhussain Khalaf
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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday reaffirmed the Kingdom's commitment to creating quality opportunities for Bahrainis.

He said this reflects His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's emphasis that citizens are central to the Kingdom's progress and development.

During a meeting at Gudaibiya Palace with His Excellency Yousif bin Abdulhussain Khalaf, Minister of Labour and Legal Affairs, HRH Prince Salman emphasised that "providing meaningful employment opportunities for our citizens remains a top priority of the government."

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister also praised the Ministry of Labour for its efforts



in implementing government programmes aimed at creating jobs for Bahrainis.

Opportunities

"The dedicated work of the Ministry ensures that citizens can access quality opportunities that support their growth and strengthen national development," he said.

His Royal Highness noted that the Ministry had successfully exceeded its target by present-

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- HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

ing three job opportunities to 18,657 job seekers, resulting in 4,746 citizens being employed to date.

HRH Prince Salman further commended the private sector's cooperation, describing it as "a vital partner in achieving our shared goals for national prosperity."

Emphasising the importance of continued collaboration, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister said: "Cooperation

across government and private sectors is essential to deliver tangible benefits to citizens and to realise His Majesty the King's vision for sustainable development."

Gratitude

H.E. Khalaf expressed gratitude for HRH Prince Salman's ongoing support, reaffirming his commitment to advancing the Kingdom's objectives and contributing to Bahrain's growth and prosperity.

The meeting was attended by His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court; H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister; H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior; H.E. Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, Minister of Cabinet Affairs; and several senior officials.

Labour goals surpassed

4,746 citizens employed under national initiative



HRH Prince Salman chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

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The Cabinet reviewed progress on the implementation of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa's directives for the Ministry of Labour to provide three job opportunities for every registered job seeker by the end of 2025.

The initiative is aligned with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's vision to expand

employment opportunities for Bahraini citizens.

To date, three job opportunities have been presented to 18,657 job seekers, exceeding the initial target, with 4,746 citizens employed so far.

The weekly Cabinet meeting, chaired by HRH Prince Salman at Gudaibiya Palace, also followed up on the Ministry of Social Development's implementation of directives to increase financial support for low-income families through the cost-of-living allow-

ance, starting this month.

The Cabinet expressed satisfaction with the economic success of the Celebrate Bahrain Season, praising government agencies and private sector sponsors for their organisational efforts.

In other developments, the Cabinet welcomed Bahrain International Airport receiving a five-star rating from Skytrax for the fifth consecutive year, highlighting the Kingdom's commitment to world-class service

standards.

The Cabinet also discussed regional matters, noting Bahrain's support for the Yemeni initiative to convene a conference bringing together southern parties to seek fair resolutions.

Appreciation was expressed to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the conference, considering it a positive step toward diplomatic solutions that uphold Yemen's national interests and strengthen regional security and stability.

Rodriguez takes over Venezuela

AFP | Caracas

Venezuela's parliament swore in Delcy Rodriguez as interim president yesterday, two days after US forces seized her predecessor Nicolas Maduro to face trial in New York.

Rodriguez, who has indicated she will cooperate with Washington, took the oath of office during a ceremony in the National Assembly, telling lawmakers she did so "in the name of all Venezuelans".

She said she was "in pain over the kidnapping of our heroes, the hostages in the United States," referring to Maduro and his wife Cilia Flores, who face drugs charges along with other Venezuelan officials.

The parliament denounced the capture of leftist leader Maduro while vowing support for his stand-in Rodriguez after the US military attack that shocked Caracas and the world.