

**Georgia hand Bahrain defeat in Tbilisi friendly**

Bahrain's senior men's national team suffered a 2-0 defeat to Georgia last night in the first of their two international friendlies during their European training camp. | P12

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## Breaking barriers, building leaders



**Bahraini women move from empowerment and progress toward leadership**

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Bahrain is stepping up efforts to expand women's leadership roles as the Kingdom moves beyond empowerment initiatives towards greater participation in decision-making and national development, according to the Supreme Council

for Women.

The move forms part of the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women (2025-2026), titled "Bahraini Women: From Empowerment and Progress to the Pursuit of Leadership."

The plan, launched by the Supreme Council for Women

under the chairmanship of Her Royal Highness Princess Sa-beeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, aims to strengthen women's leadership capabilities and enhance their competitiveness at regional and international levels across a range of sectors.

The council said Bahrain continues to build on policies

designed to support women's participation in public life, reflecting the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

According to statistics released by the Supreme Coun-

cil for Women covering 2025 and the first half of 2026, Bahraini women have continued to strengthen their presence across key sectors, including politics, diplomacy, finance, the economy and development.

The council said the figures demonstrate the impact of equal-opportunity policies and

national programmes aimed at supporting women's advancement and increasing their contribution to the Kingdom's development. A detailed analysis of the latest data is expected to provide further insights into the growing role of Bahraini women across various sectors of national life.

**US sanctions Iranian LPG export and 'shadow banking' networks**  
Washington, United States

The United States yesterday imposed sanctions on a network allegedly exporting Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) from Iran to South and Eastern Asia by falsely flagging it as originating in Oman, the Treasury said.

The network used front companies in the United Arab Emirates and China and a "shadow fleet" of vessels, according to a Treasury statement.

The system, designed to evade existing US sanctions, moved LPG worth hundreds of millions of dollars, it added.

**Bitcoin drops below \$60,000, a first since October 2024**  
Washington, United States

Bitcoin dropped below \$60,000 yesterday, its lowest level since October 2024, just before Donald Trump's election, which propelled it to a record high.

The currency fell by about 6% around 1615 GMT, to \$59,7709, before paring its losses slightly.

# At 100 days, Gulf resilience proven

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The Iran-US war is nearing its 100th day, a grim milestone in a conflict that has redrawn regional alliances, rattled global markets and heightened fears of a wider Middle East confrontation.

Even as a ceasefire has largely held since April, reports of fresh tensions in the Gulf of Oman and stalled negotiations between Washington and Tehran have underscored the fragility of the truce and the uncertainty surrounding a lasting settlement.

Yet amid the turbulence, the Gulf has demonstrated remarkable resilience. Despite disruptions to shipping routes and heightened security concerns, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries have maintained stability, protected critical infrastructure and ensured the continued flow of trade and energy supplies.

Concerns over maritime security, particularly around the Strait of Hormuz, have kept the Gulf at the centre of global attention. Nevertheless, ports, airports and logistics hubs across the region have continued to operate efficiently, reinforcing the GCC's reputation as a reliable



- STRATEGIC CHOKE POINT**  
The Strait of Hormuz is a vital energy corridor, through which around 20% of the world's oil passes daily.
- TALKS STALLED**  
Efforts to extend the ceasefire and resume talks between Washington and Tehran remain unsuccessful.
- TENSIONS PERSIST**  
Recent confrontations in the Gulf of Oman highlight the fragility of the truce.
- ENERGY AT STAKE**  
About 20 million barrels of oil and petroleum products transit the strait every day.
- GULF RESILIENCE**  
GCC countries continue to safeguard security, keep trade and energy flows steady and drive economic growth.
- DIPLOMACY ACTIVE**  
GCC nations advocate dialogue, restraint and de-escalation to prevent a wider regional conflict.

**As the conflict approaches the 100-day mark, the Gulf's experience highlights the value of preparedness, cooperation and strategic planning.**

economic and trading hub. The region's economic resilience has been equally evident. While markets reacted to developments in the conflict, Gulf economies pressed ahead with

development projects, diversification plans and long-term reforms, reflecting confidence in their economic foundations. The GCC has also played an important diplomatic role, con-

sistently advocating dialogue, restraint and de-escalation. Its balanced approach has helped preserve channels of communication at a time of heightened regional tensions.

**Leak on space station triggers brief safety alert**  
Washington, United States

Astronauts working on the International Space Station briefly sheltered in a docked capsule yesterday as Russian colleagues assessed leak repairs, NASA said.

Five astronauts had briefly entered the docked Dragon spacecraft as a precautionary measure -- the capsule functions as a lifeboat of sorts in the case an evacuation is needed.

NASA gave the all clear and the astronauts were able to return to their stations.



**Iran ex-PM hospitalised after years under house arrest: aide**  
AFP | Paris, France

Iran's former prime minister Mir Hossein Mousavi, who was the focus of a 2009 mass protest movement and has spent the last 15 years under house arrest, has been hospitalised after his health deteriorated, an advisor said yesterday.

Mousavi, the last person to serve as Iran's premier before the post was abolished, had claimed to be the rightful victor of the disputed 2009 presidential elections.

