



# HM King affirms support for Palestinian cause

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa reiterated the Kingdom of Bahrain's firm support for the Palestinian cause and its backing of all efforts aimed at achieving a peaceful and lasting resolution.

HM the King was speaking as he received His Excellency Taha Mohammed Abdel Qader, Ambassador of the State of Palestine to Bahrain, at Al Safriya Palace.

## Longstanding ties

HM King Hamad reviewed the longstanding ties between Bahrain and Palestine, commending their progress and development.

He expressed appreciation



HM the King receives H.E. Palestinian Ambassador Taha Mohammed Abdel Qader and awards him the Order of Bahrain (Wisam al Bahrain), First Class

for the Ambassador's efforts to enhance Bahraini-Palestinian relations and wished him continued success.

His Majesty honoured the

Ambassador with the Order of Bahrain (Wisam al Bahrain), First Class, in recognition of his contributions to deepening the close cooperation between the

two countries.

## Pride

Ambassador Qader expressed pride in receiving the award.



He praised HM the King's leadership and Bahrain's steadfast support for the Palestinian cause, based on the strong relations between the two countries,

and conveyed his gratitude for His Majesty's commitment to enhancing bilateral relations and fostering Bahraini-Palestinian cooperation.

## HM King Hamad holds call with Palestinian leader

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa held a telephone call yesterday with His Excellency Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine.

Both sides reviewed the strong bilateral relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Palestine and discussed means to support and enhance cooperation across various domains.

The call also discussed regional developments and issues related to the Palestinian cause.

HM the King reiterated the Kingdom's firm stance on the Palestinian cause, supporting all efforts aimed at reaching a peaceful and lasting solution.

## Three-vehicle collision kills Gulf woman

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A tragic traffic accident involving three vehicles occurred on Bahrain Bay Street, resulting in the death of a Gulf woman.

Emergency responders and competent authorities arrived promptly at the scene and have initiated necessary procedures in accordance with legal and safety regulations.

An investigation into the cause of the collision is underway.

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# Nursing Surge

## Bahrain Marks Nursing Scholarship Milestone

330 students enter nursing

1,870 total scholarship applicants

60 grants for special cases

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The Ministry of Education has awarded the largest-ever number of nursing scholarships in Bahrain's history, with 330 students accepted into the field this year, as part of the 2024–2025 national scholarship programme.

The figures were revealed by Education Minister H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Jumaa during a reception for top high school achievers from public



The Education Minister with nursing scholarship recipients

and private schools.

Students scoring 99 percent and above were congratulated personally by the minister, who praised their dedication and their families' support.

## Focus on healthcare

All applicants who selected nursing were granted scholarships, underscoring the country's strategic investment in healthcare education. The min-

istry described it as a milestone reflecting Bahrain's growing need for qualified medical professionals and the sector's prioritisation within government planning.

A total of 1,870 students applied for scholarships this year. About 80 percent of them received either their first or second choice, which the ministry said was a reflection of accuracy and fairness in the selection

process.

## Inclusive support

In a move to ensure equal opportunity, the ministry allocated 60 scholarships and grants to students with special needs and cancer patients. Officials said this reflected a commitment to inclusive education for all.

Additionally, 2,300 financial grants were awarded to students with academic averages



H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Jumaa

between 90 and 94.9 percent, expanding support beyond just the top scorers.

Students can view their results on the ministry's official website. Grievance submissions are open until Wednesday, August 7.

H.E. the minister expressed his gratitude to the leadership for its continued support of education and national development.

## UN stern warning

# Expanded Gaza war risks 'catastrophic consequences'

AFP | United Nations

A top UN official warned yesterday that expanding Israeli military operations inside Gaza would risk "catastrophic consequences," as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reportedly considered total occupation of the Palestinian territory.

A widening of the war "would risk catastrophic consequences for millions of Palestinians and could further endanger the lives of the remaining hostages



Palestinians rush to collect aid parachuted from a military plane over Nuseirat in central Gaza. (AFP)

in Gaza," Miroslav Jenca, UN assistant secretary-general for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas, told a Security Council meeting.

"There is no military solution to the conflict in Gaza or the broader Israeli-Palestinian conflict," Jenca said.

During a visit to an army training facility earlier yesterday, Netanyahu said: "It is necessary to complete the defeat of the enemy in Gaza, to free all our hostages and to ensure that Gaza

will no longer pose a threat to Israel."

Over the 22 months of war, Israeli forces have devastated large parts of the Gaza Strip, where repeated warnings of famine have increased pressure on Netanyahu's government to halt the fighting.

The war was sparked by Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack, which resulted in the deaths of 1,219 people, mostly civilians, according to a tally based on official figures.