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Parliament Session Officially Adjourned



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HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued a royal order ending the fourth session of the sixth legislative term of the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives, according to an official decree.

The order, numbered (14) of 2026, follows earlier provisions including Royal Order (30) of 2025, which called for the convening of the two chambers.

According to the decree, the fourth session of the current legislative term will formally adjourn as of Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

Investing in Youth

Scholarships described as key to preparing future national talent

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa met the 27th intake of the Crown Prince’s International Scholarship Programme (CPISP) at Riffa Palace, alongside their parents and members of the programme’s board.

He said that investing in Bahraini youth through scholarships and academic support remains central to preparing future generations to support the country’s long-term development under HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The Crown Prince congratulated the students on their selection, commending their “dedication and excellence” and noting that their achievements reflected the “ambition and capabilities” of Bahraini citizens.

He also praised parents for supporting their children’s education and wished the students



HRH Prince Salman with the youth scholars

success in their academic and professional journeys.

The Crown Prince also thanked CPISP staff and partner institutions for supporting the programme since its inception.

The 27th intake of scholarship recipients includes students from various schools in Bahrain and abroad.

These students expressed gratitude for the programme, stating that it encouraged them to pursue academic excellence

and contribute to national development.

Recipients

The recipients of the 2026 Crown Prince’s International Scholarship Programme (CPISP) include Aaya Mohamed Merza Ashoor from Arabian Pearl Gulf School, Ahmed Hussain Sameer Abdulrahman from Hawar International School, Ali Husain Ali Mahdi, Carma Khalid Naji

El Ali, Hussain Fared Hamza Rahimi and Omid Hasan Ghulam Abdali from St. Christopher’s School, Dana Hassan Ali Al Saffar from Jidhafs Secondary Girls School, Dana Mohamed Radhi Al Qumaish and Sayed Yousif Sayed Adnan Al Mousawi from The British School of Bahrain, Hasan Ammar Mohamed Al Saad from Bahrain School, Jena Salman Ali Al Sairafi from the International School of Geneva, Mariam Ahmed Mahdi Alghanemi from

Saar Secondary Girls School, Mohamed Adel Mohsen Abdulla Mohsen from Nasser Centre for Science & Technology, Nabeel Abdulnabi Jawad Ali Jasim from Shaikh Isa Bin Ali Secondary Boys School, Ronin Abdulla Salman Ahmed from Ahlia School, Sarah Hussain Mahdi Al Jaidoom and Yousif Khalid Abduljabbar Al Awadhi from Ibn Khuldoon National School, and Yousif Yaqoob Yousif Ahmed from Al Taawon Secondary Boys School.

‘Solid foundation’

Historic Bahrain-UK defence ties reaffirmed during meeting



HRH Prince Salman with Vice Admiral Edward Ahlgren

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister stressed the strength of his country’s long-standing ties with the United Kingdom, describing the relationship as rooted in “solid foundations” of partnership and coordination.

He made the remarks during

a meeting at Riffa Palace with senior British defence official Vice Admiral Edward Ahlgren, UK Defence Senior Advisor to the Middle East and North Africa and his accompanying delegation.

He said both countries were committed to expanding cooperation across multiple sectors, particularly in security and defence, supported by existing agreements including the Comprehensive Security Integration

and Prosperity Agreement.

The Crown Prince also highlighted Britain’s role alongside regional and international partners in promoting security, stability and development in the Middle East and beyond.

He underlined the importance of building on strategic partnerships in defence and military cooperation, saying this would serve the shared interests and aspirations of both countries.

Bahrain, UK reaffirm strategic security partnership

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HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Adviser reaffirmed strong strategic ties with Britain during talks with a senior UK defence official.

HH Shaikh Nasser praised the ongoing coordination between Bahrain and the United Kingdom and stressed the importance of further strengthening joint efforts in line with existing strategic agreements. They discussed regional and



HH Shaikh Nasser with a senior UK defence official.

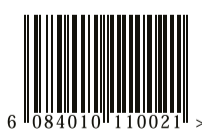
international developments and exchanged views on security issues of mutual concern.

Field marshal Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force, also received British defence officials. The Bahraini commander described relations with the United Kingdom as “deep-rooted and historic”, praising continued collaboration across defence and military fields. He stressed the importance of strengthening cooperation through training, expertise exchange, and joint coordination in line with shared strategic interests.



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