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BDF Commander Met Interior Minister



The Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, received Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa.

During the meeting, both officials reviewed frameworks for cooperation and coordination between the BDF and the Ministry of Interior, focusing on efforts to maintain security and stability across the Kingdom.

Strengthening Bonds

Bahrain and India Affirm Strategic Partnership



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar at the Royal Court on Monday, in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Indian minister conveyed warm greetings from President

Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with their best wishes for Bahrain's continued prosperity. His Majesty reciprocated with greetings to India's leadership and people.

During the meeting, both sides reviewed ways to strengthen the historic partnership between the two nations, with His Majesty

describing Bahrain-India ties as strategic and deeply rooted in mutual respect, cooperation, and understanding built over decades.

His Majesty also expressed appreciation for India's solidarity with Bahrain in the face of recent Iranian violations, and for India's broader efforts alongside the international community to uphold regional security and global peace.

Talks also covered regional and international developments of mutual concern, including ongoing efforts to consolidate stability across the region.

Minister Jaishankar praised His Majesty's role in advancing bilateral relations across all sectors, expressing gratitude for the warm reception extended to him during his visit.

Government Expands Developer Collaboration



Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, met with the President and members of the Bahrain Real Estate Development Association (BREDA), reaffirming the ministry's commitment to expanding cooperation with the private sector as a key driver of sustainable development.

The minister highlighted the vital role real estate developers play in supporting construction, urban growth, and investment. He stressed the ministry's intention to continue strengthening coordination with BREDA to enhance service quality for citizens, residents, and investors alike.

Enforcement Payments Now Processed in Real Time



The Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf has launched a new electronic payment service for enforcement claims and monthly maintenance payments in collaboration with Benefit Company, as part of efforts to modernise public services and advance digital transformation.

The new system enables instant electronic settlement of payments related to enforcement cases, reducing processing time from three working days to real-time transactions. It also cuts the number of required documents by half, streamlines procedures into no more than four steps, and introduces an improved digital interface to enhance user experience.

Sabah Tariq Adhbi Al Jalahma, Director of the Judicial Accounts Directorate at the ministry, said the platform allows individuals, companies, and organisations subject to civil and Sharia enforcement rulings to complete payments electronically through the application, with funds transferred directly to beneficiaries' bank accounts using IBAN details.

Bahrain Praises India's UN Support

Foreign Minister Dr. Al Zayani met India's External Affairs Minister Dr. Jaishankar in Manama, reaffirming the deep historical friendship between both nations and stressing the need to activate the Joint Ministerial Committee to advance shared interests.

Al Zayani thanked India for condemning Iranian aggressions and supporting UN Security Council Resolution 2817, submitted by Bahrain on behalf of

GCC states and Jordan. He also praised the Indian community's vital contributions to Bahrain's development.

Jaishankar described the bilateral relationship as a model of constructive cooperation and expressed optimism over growing economic and investment ties. Both sides agreed to reinvigorate joint committees and activate existing agreements to deepen the partnership.



Community Engagement



Dr. S. Jaishankar engages with the Indian community in Bahrain, acknowledging their contributions as a vital bridge between India and the Kingdom of Bahrain while listening to their views on strengthening bilateral ties.

Hamas Hands Over Gaza Rule

Gaza's New Rulers Wait in Cairo as Hamas Holds Its Guns

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Hamas announced Monday the dissolution of the governing body that administered the Gaza Strip for nearly two decades, clearing the path for a US-backed technocratic committee to take over administration of the territory.

The decision marks a significant political pivot for Hamas, which seized control of Gaza in 2007 after defeating rival Palestinian faction Fatah following legislative elections the previous year.

"The head of the government's emergency committee Mohammed al-Farra has officially submitted his resignation," said Ismail al-Thawabta, head of Hamas's government media office. The committee

has been dissolved to ease the transition to the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza, he added.

NCAG Ready to Step In

The National Committee for the Administration of Gaza (NCAG), currently based in Cairo, was established by the Board of Peace created by US President Donald Trump when he brokered the Gaza ceasefire in October 2025.

NCAG chief Ali Shaath said the committee was fully prepared to assume governance once the necessary resources and capabilities are in place. The Board of Peace also called for all weapons in Gaza to be consolidated under NCAG authority, stating its core principle of "one authority, one law and one weapon."



A girl fills containers with water drawn from the leftovers of underground pipes at a camp for people displaced by war in the Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood of Gaza City.

Disarmament Remains Unresolved

Despite the announcement, analysts and Gaza residents remain sceptical. Political expert Mkhaimar Abusada described the move as a "symbolic gesture," stressing that Hamas has

not agreed to disarm — the central condition for any durable settlement.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces now control nearly 70 percent of Gaza's territory, and at least 1,072 Palestinians have been killed since the ceasefire took effect, according to the territory's health ministry.

Chamber Resolves 88% of SME Complaints



Bahrain Chamber resolved 88% of complaints submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) by the end of June 2026, successfully addressing 55 of the 62 complaints received. Four complaints remain under review, while three were referred to the relevant authorities because they were outside the department's jurisdiction.

Issa Murad, Director of the SME Support and Member Complaints Department, said the results reflect the Chamber's continued efforts to support SMEs by providing practical solutions and maintaining close cooperation with government ministries and service providers. He noted that the department was established as a priority under the Chamber's 31st Board of Directors to improve communication with businesses and help remove obstacles affecting their operations.



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BD300 warning stickers on bins under study

Proposal aims to curb littering, improve cleanliness, and highlight fines directly on garbage bins

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Garbage bins across the Northern Governorate may soon feature warning stickers displaying cleanliness guidelines and BD300 fines, under a proposal currently being reviewed with the cleaning committee and a contracted sanitation company.

The initiative, submitted by Northern Municipal Council member Abdulla Abdulhameed Ashoor, seeks to reduce littering, prevent random waste disposal, and discourage practices that attract stray animals and rodents.

A ministerial response confirmed that the proposal is under technical and design review in coordination with the cleaning committee and service provider. The assessment will focus on sticker design, wording, guidance content, and language clarity.

The Northern Municipal Council had unanimously approved the proposal earlier, aiming to place clear instructions

directly on waste bins to increase public awareness at the point of disposal.

Abdulla Abdulhameed Ashoor said the measure is intended to address repeated improper behaviour, including leaving garbage outside bins and relocating containers from their designated positions.

A sample sticker attached to the proposal includes warnings against feeding birds and animals, placing waste outside bins, and moving containers. It also highlights a BD300 fine for violations related to feeding animals and birds.



“Placing guidance directly on bins will help address repeated daily behaviour”

- ABDULLA ASHOOR

Officials said the goal is to make regulations more visible to residents, workers, and passers-by, rather than relying solely on general awareness campaigns.

The proposal also cites broader objectives, including improving neighbourhood cleanliness, reducing the spread of pests, and supporting municipal waste management operations.

Council members noted that improper bin usage negatively affects the appearance of residential areas and contributes to unhygienic conditions. They added that simple, direct instructions on bins could significantly improve compliance.

Watermelon Demand Rises in Bahrain Heat

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Watermelon is flying off market stalls across Bahrain as heat and humidity push shoppers toward the summer fruit.

It has become one of the most bought items in local markets, selling for BD1 per three kilograms.

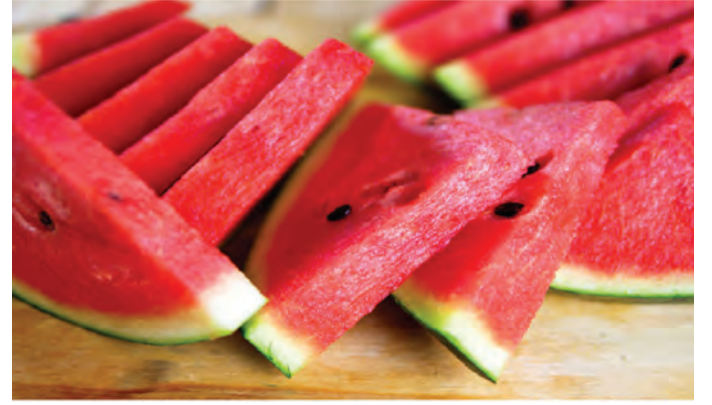
Vendors said shoppers turn to watermelon as temperatures and humidity rise, drawn by its high water content, lower prices and wide supply across the kingdom.

Markets carry imported watermelon from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Syria, Egypt and Iran, along with Jordanian yellow watermelon. Traders said Jordanian red watermelon is leading the market now, both in volume and demand.

Redha Al Bustani, chairman of Al Bustani Fruits and Vegetables Group, said the market is well supplied with imported watermelon, mainly from Jordan, Oman, Syria and Egypt.

He said Bahrain is now in the peak of the watermelon season, with demand expected to stay high over the coming weeks as the summer weather continues.

Al Bustani said shoppers choose watermelon because it is cooling, water-rich and suited to Bahrain's climate. He said the supply has helped keep prices stable and meet



Redha Al Bustani "Patience is the secret to perfect fruit—let it ripen on

demand.

Watermelon is widely eaten in Bahrain and neighbouring Gulf states during summer. It is eaten on its own, served in salads or made into chilled juice.

Growers say the fruit should not be picked too early because it does not ripen the same way after being cut from the plant. Buyers are advised to choose fruit without bruises, cuts or soft patches.

A ripe watermelon is often

round or oval, rather than uneven in shape. Traders say a fruit that feels heavy for its size is usually the better choice, as this points to higher water content.

Another sign is the yellow patch on the underside. A larger yellow mark often means the fruit spent longer on the ground and had greater exposure to the sun before being picked.

Some buyers also tap the fruit with their fingers. A clear, drum-like sound is often taken as a good sign, while a duller sound can point to weaker ripeness, though vendors say this test is not final.

Traders also advise shoppers not to rush into buying watermelon before the main season, saying fruit bought in season is more likely to have had enough sun. They said local produce, when available, is often preferred because imported fruit can be affected by transport and storage.

Medicine on Wheels: How Healthcare Reached Bahrain's Villages

From a Model T Ford to a satellite-tracked ambulance fleet, Bahrain's emergency care journey began one village at a time

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Before paved roads and bridges linked Bahrain's scattered villages, reaching a doctor often meant a donkey ride or a boat trip to Muharraq. For many communities, medicine



Fouad Al Shakar

took the wheel of a small motor car,

simply did not come to them. That began to change with a man named Salaam — a former patient who stayed on at the hospital and

ferrying a physician to those who could not make the journey themselves. The vehicle was nicknamed "The Little Traveller", and by around 1920 it had become Bahrain's first ambulance.

According to historian Fouad Al Shakar, the mission was straightforward: an early Ford doubling as a

mobile dispensary, a doctor, a nurse, and medicines handed directly to villagers who turned out in numbers for care they had never before accessed.

From that single car, emergency services steadily expanded. The Bahrain Petroleum Company opened a hospital with ambulance transport in

Awali in 1937. The Ministry of Health launched its own service in 1950.

By 2007, the system had unified under a single national emergency number — 999 — with GPS-tracked ambulances, advanced life-support equipment, and free care for citizens, closing in minutes the distances Salaam once crossed in hours.



Salaam with the Ford medical car during a visit to one of Bahrain's villages

From The Court

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Rehab Mohammad

Cassation Court Upholds 3-Year Jail Term Over Arad Building Collapse

Restaurant owner held responsible for fatal gas explosion that killed two and injured six

The Court of Cassation has upheld a three-year prison sentence against a restaurant owner convicted over the fatal Arad building collapse caused by a gas explosion. The explosion occurred on February 12, 2025, after a gas leak at the restaurant, killing two people and injuring six others. Investigations found the restaurant began operations without mandatory Civil Defence approval and in-

stalled unapproved gas detection and shut-off systems, allowing gas to accumulate before the blast.

The Public Prosecution charged the owner with causing deaths and injuries through negligence and violating fire safety regulations. The Court of Cassation's ruling makes the three-year prison sentence final.



The Arad building collapsed after a gas explosion on February 12, 2025

Woman Cleared, Man Gets 15 Years in Bahrain Drug Trafficking Case

Court exempts woman for cooperating with authorities; orders deportation of both defendants.

The First High Criminal Court sentenced a man to 15 years in prison and fined him BD10,000 after convicting him of drug trafficking, while exempting a woman from punishment for helping authorities arrest him.

The case began after customs officers at Bahrain In-

ternational Airport discovered 5.4kg of marijuana concealed in a travel bag arriving from an Asian country via a Gulf state. The woman admitted she had been paid to deliver the drugs and later cooperated with investigators, leading to the arrest of the intended recipient.

Authorities also seized methamphetamine, an electronic scale and drug-packaging materials from the man's residence. The court ordered the permanent deportation of both defendants after the completion of their sentences and confiscation of the seized items.

Man Faces Human Trafficking Charges Over Domestic Worker

Worker alleges she was forced to work for nearly a year without full pay

High Criminal Court has heard the case of a man in his thirties accused of human trafficking and exploiting a domestic worker in forced labour.

Prosecutors allege the man employed the worker starting in May 2025 without paying her full wages, forced her to work under unsuitable conditions, and unlawfully withheld part

of her salary. The worker told investigators she was promised a monthly wage of BD100 but received only BD200 during nearly a year of employment.

The defendant denied the allegations, claiming he regularly paid her salary and provided accommodation, food, internet access and leave. He said financial hardship and his

mother's illness prevented him from paying her wages for several months, adding that he had informed the worker of his situation. He also admitted failing to renew her residency permit after it expired.

Police said the defendant later pledged to pay BD1,000 in outstanding wages. The case remains before the court.

Court Replaces Jail Term With Community Service in Assault Case

Victim suffered 7% permanent disability after being slapped

High Criminal Court of Appeal upheld a one-year prison sentence against a man convicted of assault but ordered the sentence to be served as community service.

The case involved the assault of a 62-year-old man who mistakenly tried to enter a house

while looking for a mosque. According to court records, the homeowner slapped the victim, causing a perforated eardrum and permanent hearing loss assessed at 7%.

The court said it considered the defendant's age, personal circumstances and clean crimi-

nal record before replacing the prison sentence with community service. Prosecutors said the defendant admitted confronting and removing the victim from his property, while forensic evidence confirmed the injuries and resulting permanent disability.

Appeal Court Orders Psychiatric Evaluation in Domestic Worker Assault Case

The First Criminal High Court of Appeal ordered a psychiatric evaluation for a man convicted of assaulting his domestic worker to determine whether he was mentally responsible at the time of the incident.

The defendant was previously

sentenced to three years in prison after the assault left the victim with a permanent 7% disability to her left ear. The hearing has been adjourned to July 19 pending the medical assessment.

According to court records, the assault followed an argument over the defendant's mo-

bile phone. The victim alleged she was attacked, pushed to the ground and suffered a severe ear injury. The defendant admitted biting the victim but claimed any injury to her ear was accidental. Witness testimony and forensic evidence formed part of the prosecution's case.

RHF Signs Landmark Agreement to Support Education and Orphans

● Agreement signed in Türkiye to support girls' education in Jerusalem.

● Project expands education and supports orphan care.

● Partnership promotes sustainable community development.

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The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) signed a cooperation agreement with the Jerusalem Empowerment Fund for De-

velopment to support the Bahrain Endowment for Education and Orphans, launching Jerusalem's first endowment project dedicated to education and orphan care.

The agreement was signed in the Republic of Türkiye by His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Jerusalem Empowerment Fund for Development, and Eng. Ebrahim Dalhan Aldoseri, Acting Secretary-General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation.

Prince Turki Al Faisal



praised the agreement and commended the Royal Humanitarian Foundation for its continued humanitarian efforts in supporting brotherly and friendly nations. He highlighted that Bahrain is the first country to establish an

endowment project in Jerusalem, making the Bahrain Endowment for Education and Orphans the first initiative of its kind in the city.

The agreement aims to establish a sustainable endowment that will support the operational budget of Dar Al-Tifel Al-Arabi Girls' School in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood of Jerusalem. The project is designed to enhance

educational opportunities for students while providing long-term support for orphan care through sustainable development initiatives that create lasting social impact.

The initiative reflects the Royal Humanitarian Foundation's commitment to expanding partnerships with humanitarian and development organisations and implementing strategic programmes that promote education, orphan welfare, and sustainable development. It also reinforces the Foundation's humanitarian mission of investing in people and supporting communities through long-term development projects.

Toy Festival Hosts Inclusive Visit for BAPF Members

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The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) organised a recreational visit for members of the Bahrain Association for Parents and Friends of the Disabled (BAPF) to the Bahrain Toy Festival, held at Exhibition World Bahrain in strategic partnership with Beyon Al Dana Amphitheatre. The initiative reflects BTEA's ongoing commitment to social



responsibility and inclusive community engagement.

The visit provided BAPF members with the opportuni-

ty to experience the festival's wide range of family entertainment activities, interactive attractions, and recreation-

al zones designed for all age groups.

This initiative is part of a broader programme by BTEA

to host various civil society organisations and government entities throughout the festival's duration, strengthening

community partnerships and encouraging wider participation in national events.

Now in its third edition, the Bahrain Toy Festival is the largest and most diverse so far. Running for 35 consecutive days until August 5, it stands as one of Bahrain's longest summer entertainment events, featuring expanded venues, interactive experiences, and several new attractions introduced in the Kingdom for the first time.

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Record Entries for Bahrain Film Festival

Bahrain International Film Festival Heads for Biggest Edition Ever

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The Bahrain International Film Festival is set to take a major step forward this year, with its sixth edition receiving 894 film submissions from 55 countries and opening its competition to international entries for the first time.

Artistic Director Ammar Zainal of The Bahrain International Film Festival commented that preparations for the festival are well underway, with this year's edition marking a new chapter in the event's growth.

Launched in 2021 by the Bahrain Cinema Club, the festival began as a platform to support Bahraini filmmakers and celebrate Arab cinema. The inaugural edition, held after a pandemic-related delay, attracted more than 200 submissions from 14 Arab countries. This year, the festival reached a new milestone with a record 894 entries from 55 countries, reflecting its growing international appeal.

In addition to the film competition, the festival will organise



Ammar Zainal - Artistic Director, The Bahrain International Film Festival

workshops, seminars and training programmes to help Bahraini filmmakers build their skills. More details about these activities will be announced soon.

Zainal said the festival is also expected to welcome well-known actors, directors and filmmakers from Bahrain and overseas, giving local filmmakers the chance to connect with industry professionals from different countries.

He said the move towards an international competition is part of the festival's vision to strengthen Bahrain's film industry and introduce Bahraini stories to a wider audience. The organisers are also working on regional and international

partnerships to create more opportunities for Bahraini filmmakers.

Zainal added that Bahrain has always promoted values of openness and cultural exchange, and the film festival reflects those values by bringing together filmmakers and creative talent from around the world.

The official competition is open to both amateur and professional filmmakers. Films must have been produced after January 1, 2024, must not have been previously shown in cinemas, on television or online, and should be no longer than 30 minutes.

The competition includes five categories: Bahraini films, short fiction, documentaries, animation and student films.

With a record number of submissions and its first international competition, the sixth Bahrain International Film Festival is expected to be its biggest edition yet, while continuing to give Bahraini filmmakers a platform to showcase their work.

BD3,000 Appeal for Paralysed Bahraini's Treatment

Community rallies to support elderly man's recovery

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A humanitarian appeal has been launched to fund six months of physiotherapy for a nearly 70-year-old Bahraini man left paralysed following a spinal cord injury.

Northern Municipal Council member Abdulla Mubarak Al Qobaisi is calling on authorities and benefactors to cover

the estimated BD3,000 treatment cost, warning that the patient's financial hardship has forced him to halt specialist-recommended sessions.

The retired citizen, currently receiving care at a Health Ministry hospital, relies on a pension that fails to meet his basic needs or existing debts.



While some donors have already helped adapt his home with a suitable room and bathroom, further assistance is still needed for treatment costs and essential household items.

Al Qobaisi said the appeal reflects the council's duty to voice citizens' needs and urged those able to help to act quickly.

Central Bank of Bahrain Governor meets with Bahrain Bourse

To discuss Regulatory Enhancement Initiatives to Advance Capital Markets Development Plan

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His Excellency Khalid Humaidan, Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain met with the Chairman of Bahrain Bourse, Mr. Yusef Abdulla Al-Yusef, and the Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse, Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa to discuss regulatory enhancement initiatives aimed at supporting the implementation of Bahrain's Capital Markets Development Plan 2026-2028 "Elevate", thereby reinforcing the Kingdom of Bahrain's position as a leading regional financial center and enhancing the com-

petitiveness and efficiency of the Kingdom's capital markets ecosystem.

His Excellency Khalid Humaidan, Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain, reaffirmed the Central Bank's commitment to supporting initiatives and efforts aimed at developing and enhancing the Kingdom's capital markets through a progressive regulatory framework aligned with international best practices that strengthens the efficiency and competitiveness of the financial markets. He also emphasized the importance of ongoing collaboration among all relevant stakeholders to achieve the strategic objectives



of the financial services sector and further reinforce the Kingdom of Bahrain's position as a leading financial hub. For his part, Chairman of Bahrain Bourse, Mr. Yusef Ab-

dulla Al-Yusef expressed appreciation for the Central Bank's ongoing efforts in advancing Bahrain's financial sector, noting that regulatory enhancement remains a critical enabler for achieving the objectives of the Capital Markets Development Plan 2026-2028 "Elevate".

During the discussion, both parties exchanged views on key initiatives designed to support the continued development of Bahrain's capital markets, including measures to facilitate investment, broaden market participation, enhance market

liquidity and efficiency, and strengthen investor confidence. The meeting also highlighted the importance of maintaining a regulatory environment that balances innovation and growth with robust governance and market integrity in line with international standards.

The meeting focused on opportunities to enhance the regulatory framework governing capital market activities, with particular emphasis on fostering market growth, increasing competitiveness, promoting innovation, and aligning regulatory practices with international standards and evolving market needs.

NBB and INJAZ Bahrain Celebrate Emerging Entrepreneurs at Entaliq Closing Ceremony

Showcasing Youth-Led Ventures with Commercial Potential

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB), in partnership with INJAZ Bahrain, recently hosted the closing ceremony of the Entaliq with INJAZ programme. Organised at the NBB Auditorium at INJAZ Bahrain Headquarters, the event brought together members of the Bank's Executive Management Team, mentors, representatives from relevant departments, and INJAZ Bahrain leadership to celebrate the progress of student-led ventures developed through the programme. The event focused on the 2025 and 2026 batches, who presented their business concepts, development journeys, and future plans to the attendees.

This year's cohort featured projects with direct relevance



to key areas of focus for NBB, including sustainability, technology, accessibility, and community impact. The teams showcased Link, a device designed to extract humidity from the air and convert it into drinkable water; Simply Sign, a sign language translation programme

that converts gestures into voice and voice into gestures; and Sporsista, a community platform developed to support women's participation in sports across Bahrain.

The event also invited last year's participants to highlight the progress of their projects,

including ForNature, which transforms recycled paper into furniture; Tech-Nik, a solar-powered mobile phone charging solution; and Crooz, an application that rewards users for safe driving. Their development from early-stage ideas into more structured ventures reflects the programme's role in supporting young entrepreneurs as they refine practical solutions with potential for wider market application.

Through its collaboration with INJAZ Bahrain, the Bank continues to invest in initiatives that equip youth with entrepreneurial skills, exposure to business mentorship, and access to opportunities where their ideas can be assessed and advanced for implementation

Bahrain EDB Commences Strategic UK Visit to Strengthen Economic Ties

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A delegation from the Bahrain Economic Development Board (Bahrain EDB), led by H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development, Chief Executive of Bahrain EDB,

has commenced a five-day visit to the United Kingdom (UK) as a part of its ongoing international outreach efforts to strengthen economic ties, deepen investor engagement, and showcase the Kingdom as a resilient destination for investment. The visit's agenda features a series of high-level meetings, investor roundtables, and engagements with business leaders and industry stakeholders across key priority sectors.

The recent UK-GCC Free Trade Agreement signed earlier this year represents a significant



milestone in the trade relations between the two regional blocs and is expected to enhance market access for goods and services and create new investment pathways for businesses operating across

both regions. Further building on the longstanding economic partnership between Bahrain and the UK, as both countries explore new opportunities for collaboration, the programme underscores Bahrain EDB's commitment to fostering strategic international partnerships that support the Kingdom's economic development objectives. Discussions throughout the visit will highlight Bahrain's agile, business-friendly environment, highly connected economy, and role as a gateway to regional markets.

Green Mobility Brings XPENG to Bahrain, Introducing a New Era of Intelligent Electric Mobility

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Green Mobility has officially launched XPENG in the Kingdom of Bahrain, marking the arrival of one of the world's leading intelligent electric vehicles (EV) brands. The launch represents a significant step in Bahrain's transition toward sustainable transportation while reinforcing Green Mobility's commitment to bringing innovative mobility solutions to the Kingdom.

Recognised globally for combining advanced technology with premium design, XPENG offers a new generation of intelligent electric vehicles built around smart connectivity, driver assistance systems, artificial intelligence, and zero-emission performance. The brand's arrival provides customers in Bahrain with access to electric vehicles that deliver comfort, safety, and technology in equal measure.

The launch event welcomed senior management from Green Mobility, executives from XPENG Global, represent-



atives from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Bahrain, officials from Bahrain's sustainability and environmental sectors, as well as representatives from universities and organisations specialising in technology, artificial intelligence, and robotics.

XPENG's Bahrain line-up in-

cludes four fully electric models designed to meet a range of customer needs. The XPENG X9 is an ultra-intelligent luxury MPV, while the XPENG G9 serves as the brand's flagship luxury SUV. The XPENG G6 offers a sporty coupe SUV design, and the XPENG P7+ is an advanced fastback sedan,

combining performance with intelligent features.

Commenting on the launch, Mr. Saad Alzowayed, Assistant General Manager of Green Mobility, said, "The launch of Green Mobility and our partnership with XPENG represent a significant milestone in our journey to shape the future of



transportation in Bahrain. We are not simply introducing electric vehicles; we are bringing an integrated intelligent mobility ecosystem powered by the latest artificial intelligence technologies. This supports the Kingdom of Bahrain's sustainability ambitions while offering our customers a smarter, safer, and more connected driving experience."

The introduction of XPENG

reflects Green Mobility's vision of supporting the Kingdom of Bahrain's sustainability goals by expanding access to intelligent electric mobility solutions and encouraging the adoption of cleaner, future-ready transportation.

For more information and updates, follow @xpeng_bh on social media, call 17 500 900, or visit the XPENG showroom in Sitra.

India charges Pakistan-based leader in 2025 attack

AFP | New Delhi, India

India filed charges on Monday against the founder of a Pakistan-based militant group in connection with a deadly attack on tourists in India-administered Kashmir last year.

The April 2025 attack near the tourist resort of Pahalgam killed 26 people, mostly Hindu tourists, sparking an intense four-day conflict between the nuclear-armed neighbours.

New Delhi has accused Pakistan of backing the attack, claims Islamabad has repeatedly denied.

India's National Investigation Agency said it had charged

Hafiz Saeed in "his individual capacity and also as the chief of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba terror outfit and its active proxy organisation, The Resistance Front".

Saeed was charged with "waging war against India and hatching a conspiracy from across the border", according to a statement from the agency.

Pakistan's foreign ministry did not immediately respond to request for comment, but Islamabad has previously called for an independent inquiry, saying there was no Pakistani involvement in the attack.

Jewellery worth millions stolen in French museum burglary

AFP | Strasbourg, France

Burglars stole millions of euros' worth of jewellery from the museum of French luxury glassmaker Lalique in a daring early-morning raid on Sunday, just months after a stunning gem heist at the Louvre in Paris.

A gang of masked thieves broke in to the museum in Wingen-sur-Moder in northeastern France around 5:30 am (0330 GMT), forcing a door before heading for the jewellery room and smashing open six display cases, a source close to the investigation told AFP.

"Around twenty pieces of jewellery were stolen. The loss



is currently being assessed but could amount to several million euros, likely close to four mil-

lion," the source said. Another source close to the investigation said the stolen

jewellery was crystal, without precious gems, and could not be melted down.

The museum said on its website that it will be closed for several days because of the burglary.

"An alarm went off, but by the time the security company had completed its checks, it was a cleaning lady who arrived first on the scene and called the police," the first investigation source added.

The CCTV footage is currently being examined.

The museum, dedicated to the Art Nouveau and Art Deco jeweller and glassmaker Rene Lalique, was opened in 2011 near the company's factory.

China says test-fired 'strategic' missile in Pacific Ocean

AFP | Beijing, China

A Chinese submarine test-fired a "strategic" missile carrying a dummy warhead into the Pacific Ocean yesterday, Beijing said, drawing immediate condemnation from nations in the region.

China made the rare show of its military might on the same day Australia and Fiji signed a major defence treaty, bolstering their ties as Canberra seeks to outmanoeuvre Beijing in the strategically important South Pacific.

New Zealand described the test as involving a nuclear-capable

"long-range ballistic missile", but China's defence and foreign ministries did not confirm whether an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) had been used.

Monday's test followed two years after China's elite Rocket Force fired an ICBM into the sea near French Polynesia, its first launch of such a missile over international waters in more than 40 years.

A nuclear submarine launched a "strategic missile carrying a training simulation warhead" at 12:01 pm (0401 GMT), a Chinese navy statement said, adding that it had "accurately land(ed) in the designated sea area".



Damage but no casualties reported from Pacific super typhoon

● Worst hit was the small island of Rota

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AFP | United States

Authorities in the Northern Marianas and Guam reported extensive damage including fallen trees and downed power lines Monday after a super typhoon with the force of a category-five hurricane hit the US Pacific territories.

No casualties had been reported as of early evening, although with treacherous conditions throughout much of the day hindering clear-up operations, a full picture was yet to emerge.

Worst hit was the small is-



A car lies overturned after being flipped by strong winds brought by Super Typhoon Bavi in Guam

land of Rota, hit by the full force of Super Typhoon Bavi early Monday with winds of up to 180 miles (290 kilometers) per hour, knocking out power, water and communications for many of its 1,500 people.

A spokeswoman for the Rota Municipal Operations Center, Lou Rosario, said that there had been reports of "major damages".

"A lot of telephone and power lines down. I think this is a major, major storm," said Juan Pan Guerrero, president of the Rota Chamber of Commerce.

"We've been out of power and communications for almost eight hours," he said.

The National Weather Service had warned before that a direct hit by Bavi would make most of Rota "uninhabitable for weeks, perhaps longer".

The island of Tinian, northern parts of Guam and the southern tip of Saipan experienced winds equivalent to a category-one hurricane, NWS meteorologist Marcus Landon Aydlett said.

On Guam, AFP saw downed trees, fallen streetlamps, debris strewn over roads and at least

one car flipped over by the wind. Around 10 major roads were impassable due to flooding, fallen trees, downed utility lines, rockslides and other storm-related damage, Guam authorities said.



A typhoon, hurricane and cyclone are actually the same type of storm – a powerful tropical cyclone. The only difference is where they occur:
Typhoon: Northwest Pacific Ocean (near countries such as Japan, China and the Philippines)
Hurricane: Atlantic Ocean and Northeast Pacific
Cyclone: Indian Ocean and South Pacific

Indonesia, Singapore say key oil passage will remain 'accessible'

AFP | Jakarta, Indonesia

Indonesia and Singapore vowed yesterday that the Strait of Malacca, a critical oil transit chokepoint in the region, will remain "accessible" even as Iran imposes fees on ships traversing the Strait of Hormuz.

Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto discussed the matter with Singaporean Prime Minister Lawrence Wong in Jakarta as Southeast Asia reels from the effects of oil prices pushed sky-high by the Middle East war.

The Strait of Malacca, surrounded by Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand, is the world's largest oil chokepoint in terms of transit volume, according to the US



Energy Information Administration (EIA).

More than 23 million barrels -- 29 percent of total maritime oil flows -- crossed the strait in the first half of last year, the latest EIA data shows.

In April, Indonesian Finance Minister Purbaya Yudhi Sadewa floated the idea of charging vessels to cross the strait, but later backtracked.

Building collapse kills six in Mumbai as torrential rain batters city

AFP | New Delhi, India

Six people including five children were killed when a building collapsed in Mumbai, officials said yesterday, as monsoon rains pounded India's financial capital, flooding roads and leading to school closures.

A dilapidated residential building collapsed Sunday in

the megacity's east, trapping residents under the debris, Mumbai Mayor Ritu Tawde said in a statement.

The deaths came as heavy rainfall paralysed parts of the city, with the India Meteorological Department recording more than 200 millimetres (7.8 inches) of rain within 24 hours.

NATO allies to unveil arms contracts worth 'tens of billions'

● Trump will join leaders from the 32-nation alliance

AFP | Ankara, Turkey

NATO allies will unveil billions in new arms contracts at their summit in Ankara, Secretary General Mark Rutte said Monday, as they look to show US President Donald Trump they are delivering on a defence spending vow.

Trump will join leaders from the 32-nation alliance in the Turkish capital today after lashing out at Europe over its response to his war in Iran.

"Just one year later, we already see transformational progress," Rutte told journalists in Ankara.

Rutte said that "European Allies and Canada are already investing around four percent



Defence Industry Agency's president Haluk Gorgun (L) greets NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte as he arrives at Esenboga Airport ahead of the 36th NATO Heads of State and Government Summit in Ankara

of their GDP in defence and security" and would set out clear plans on how to reach the ultimate target.

In a bid to display to Trump how allies are now putting their money where their mouth is, NATO allies have lined up a series of eye-catching arms deals to be announced at an industry forum on the sidelines of the summit.

"We will announce tens of billions in new contracts that will provide the crucial kit we need to deter and defend," he told a news conference in Ankara.

Last year, European Allies and Canada spent nearly 20% more on core defence than they had the year before, he said. "Looking at 2025 and 2026 combined, that's \$258 billion in extra in-

vestment.

"We are investing in our own security. Ensuring we have what we need to safeguard our societies today and tomorrow. Because the threats we face are real -- including from Russia."

Rutte said that beyond taking greater responsibility for their own defence, European countries were now "spearheading support to Ukraine".

President Volodymyr Zelensky will attend part of the summit.

"Right now, Ukraine is changing the dynamics on the battlefield, thanks to the bravery, dedication, and ingenuity of their fighting forces. But they need our continued support, especially in air defence," he said.

Diplomats say Europe and Canada are set to pledge at the summit to keep at least 70 billion euros of military aid flowing to Kyiv each year in both 2026 and 2027, as Trump has largely halted US support.

Hernán Cortés and the Tlaxcalans defeat a numerically superior Aztec force in the Battle of Otumba in Mexico

French Emperor Napoléon Bonaparte and Russian Tsar Alexander I meet on a raft in the middle of the Neman River and sign the first Treaty of Tilsit



Japanese and Chinese troops clash at the Marco Polo Bridge near Beijing, beginning the Second Sino-Japanese War

Coordinated terrorist bomb blasts strike London's public transport system during the morning rush hour, killing 52 and injuring 700

Microsoft cuts 4,800 jobs as it revamps Xbox

Washington, United States

Microsoft said yesterday it was eliminating about 4,800 jobs -- roughly two percent of its global workforce -- in a cost-cutting move that will deliver a sweeping restructuring of its struggling Xbox gaming division.

The cuts include the deepest overhaul in Xbox's history, with approximately 3,200 gaming jobs to be shed over the coming fiscal year, four game studios being spun off or sold, and a fifth entering a review process that could lead to closure, the company said.

The announcement is the latest in a string of mass layoffs by the technology giant as it spends massive amounts of money to stay in the artificial intelligence race, with companies investing tens of billions of dollars in AI-ready data centers and computing power.

Ebola outbreak confirmed death toll tops 500: WHO

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

More than 500 people have now died in the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo, World Health Organization figures showed yesterday.

Newly updated figures from the UN health agency showed that in the DR Congo, there have been 1,561 confirmed cases in the outbreak declared in mid-May, including 506 confirmed deaths. Two others have also died in neighbouring Uganda.



Sri Lanka prison riot kills 23, wounds more than 100

AFP | Colombo, Sri Lanka

Clashes in a Sri Lankan jail have killed 23 people, including four guards, and wounded more than 100 in the country's deadliest prison riot in more than five years, officials said Monday.

The wounded were rushed to the Negombo hospital, north of the capital Colombo, following overnight clashes between inmates from two drug gangs at the area's main prison, police said.

Hospital director Pushpa Gamlath said there were 23 bodies at her state-run health facility, and more than 100 wounded inmates and guards were also admitted.



A 15-day-old female Sumatran elephant calf named Nona Seroja and a caretaker are pictured alongside her 55-year-old mother, Ria, at the Flying Squad Camp in Tesso Nilo National Park, Riau Province,

Clooney to get lifetime award at Venice film festival

Rome, Italy

US actor, director and producer George Clooney will receive a lifetime achievement award at this year's Venice film festival, organisers said on Monday.

Clooney, 65, called the award "a tremendous honour".

"It also probably means I'm old, but I'll take it," he said in a state-



ment released by the annual festival.

This year's edition will run between September 2 and 12 and the jury will be led by US actress Maggie Gyllenhaal.

Clooney, who is also known for his political activism and humanitarian work, is a regular at the gathering on the Venice Lido.

Netanyahu urges US not to sell F-35 fighter jets to Turkey

AFP | Washington, United States

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday urged the United States not to sell its F-35 fighter jets or components to Turkey, arguing it would "upset the power balance" in the region.

US President Donald Trump travels later Monday to Ankara for a NATO summit, and his visit could be seen by the Turks as an opportunity to secure acquisition of dozens of jet engines and potential readmission to the F-35 fighter jet program. The Israel prime minister, however, warned that it would be a mistake for Washington to reward Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, whom Netanyahu said "calls openly for the annihilation of Israel," with ad-

vanced military technology.

"I don't think they should be given F-35s or the engines for their fighter jets, because that'll upset the power balance in the Middle East, which is ultimately guaranteed by Israeli air superiority and also by, I think, by America's posture in the Middle East," Netanyahu told Fox News morning show "Fox & Friends."

Analysts say Turkey wants to secure the new engines for use in its flagship KAAAN stealth fighter project, as Ankara seeks to join the exclusive club of nations producing fifth-generation combat aircraft, notably the United States, China and Russia. In 2017 however, Turkey acquired a Russian S-400 missile defense system, a move that infuriated Washington.



UK fighters intercept Russian plane near aircraft carrier

London, United Kingdom

Russian patrol aircraft staged "unsafe" activity near the UK's flagship aircraft carrier as it conducted NATO air defence operations off Iceland, Britain's defence ministry said Monday.

The Bear-F plane "repeatedly approached" the carrier group last week,

passing the HMS Prince of Wales aircraft carrier "unnecessarily close" at low altitude and dropping numerous sonar devices nearby, according to the ministry.

Two UK F-35 warplanes were dispatched from the carrier to intercept and escort the patrol plane until it departed, it added.

"This activity was unsafe and unprofessional," a ministry spokesperson said of Thursday's in-

cident in the Norwegian Sea in the so-called High North.

The allegations emerged as the ministry said Defence Secretary Dan Jarvis and Icelandic Foreign Minister Thorgerdur Katrin Gunnarsdottir had visited HMS Prince of Wales over the weekend.

The Royal Navy carrier is leading the group on a mission to defend the North Atlantic "against increasing Russian

threats", according to the ministry.

The mission has seen F-35 jets conduct NATO air defence operations from a European aircraft carrier for the first time, and comes amid heightened tensions with Russia.

Military experts and European leaders say Russia has ramped up its "hybrid war" tactics in the strategic region.



A British Royal Navy F-35B fighter jet intercepting a Russian Tupolev Tu-142 'Bear-F' maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare (ASW) aircraft

Japan releases snowman-like asteroid image after flyby

AFP | Tokyo, Japan

Rare images taken by a Japanese space probe during a flyby of a near-Earth asteroid have revealed that the space rock resembled a snowman, scientists said yesterday.

The fridge-sized Hayabusa2 skimmed asteroid Torifune on Sunday in a mission that demonstrated the ability to deflect a potentially dangerous space rock away from Earth.

A new image released by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) on Monday could aid such efforts, as researchers say near-Earth asteroids vary in their size, shape and surface characteristics.

"The moment I actually saw this image and the scientific



A view of the asteroid Torifune during a flyby of the Hayabusa2 space probe.

data -- it really gave me goose-

bumps," JAXA scientist Yuya Mimasu told reporters, adding the asteroid "personally looked

like a snowman".

The black-and-white image, captured by a telescopic camera, showed what appeared to be

two round objects joined together.

"You can actually see the rocks...I really hadn't expected to be able to take a photo like this, so I'm absolutely over the moon," he said.

The mission follows NASA's successful 2022 test that changed the orbit of the asteroid Dimorphos by deliberately smashing it with a spacecraft.

Torifune was known to have an elongated shape, but its details were unknown.

Moving at a speed of more than 18,000 kilometres (11,185 miles) per hour, the probe was due to fly within 800 metres (2,625 feet) of the asteroid, but JAXA said they would analyse the distance later.



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France has deployed mine countermeasures assets to the Middle East, including two minehunters in particular. Accompanied by two frigates and a maritime patrol aircraft, these assets are ready to contribute, alongside our partners, to the full resumption of navigation and to ensure the safety of traffic in the Strait of Hormuz...

@EmmanuelMacron

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The computing power, the data & the talent behind the most advanced systems are concentrated in a handful of companies, in a handful of countries. When power imbalances are hardwired into technology, inequality becomes part of the code. Every country must have a seat at the table when it comes to AI governance.

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Last night, Kyiv came under a massive Russian attack. Russia launched 68 missiles and 351 attack drones.

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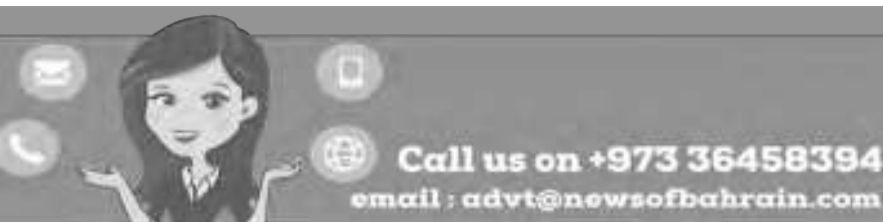


One of the greatest England matches I've ever seen. We are through to the quarter finals!

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GCC, Italy Ink Memorandum to Deepen Political and Economic Collaboration



The Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Jaseem Mohamed Albudaiwi, said that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the GCC General Secretariat and the Republic of Italy aims to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the two sides while expanding partnerships across several sectors of mutual interest.

The agreement was signed in Rome by Albudaiwi and Antonio Tajani, Italy's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Albudaiwi said the MoU is designed to enhance political dialogue, facilitate the exchange of expertise, and develop mechanisms for joint action, reinforcing cooperation in areas that serve the shared interests of both parties.

He noted that relations between the GCC member states and Italy continue to grow across various fields, supported by close ties and common interests. He stressed both sides' commitment to elevating the partnership to broader horizons in a way that promotes mutual interests while contributing to security, stability, and sustainable development.

Both sides also expressed confidence that the agreement will open new avenues for cooperation, strengthen communication and coordination, and support their shared aspirations for greater collaboration and prosperity.

Qatar, Ireland Sign MoU to Strengthen Diplomatic Cooperation

Discussions focus on regional stability following the US-Iran memorandum of understanding



His Excellency Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Qatar, received Her Excellency Helen McEntee, Ireland's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Defense, in Doha on Monday during her official visit.

The two officials reviewed bilateral relations and explored ways to further strengthen cooperation across various sectors. They also discussed the latest regional developments, focusing particularly on diplomatic efforts to promote security and stability following the signing of the memorandum of understanding between the United States and Iran. A number of other issues of mutual interest were also addressed during the meeting.

Following the talks, Shaikh Mohammed witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding establishing political consultations between the Foreign Ministries of Qatar and Ireland. The agreement aims to enhance regular diplomatic dialogue and deepen cooperation between the two countries.

The memorandum was signed on behalf of Qatar by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sultan bin Saad Al Muraikhi, while Ireland was represented by Minister Helen McEntee. The agreement marks a new step in strengthening diplomatic engagement and expanding bilateral relations between Doha and Dublin.

250 Umrah Guests Arrive in Madinah



The first group of 250 Umrah pilgrims from 16 Asian countries arrives in Madinah under the special hosting program sponsored by King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

Bahrain sailors win two medals in Morocco



Mohammed Darwish
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Bahrain's sailing team returned from Morocco with two medals after Ameena Mohammed Sadeq won bronze in the girls' ILCA 6 and Malak Al Doseri took silver in the girls' ILCA 4 at the International Nautical Week in M'diq.

The Bahraini squad ended its campaign after taking part in the regatta in the Moroccan coastal city, where sailors from nine countries across Europe, Africa and the Gulf competed in Optimist, ILCA 4, ILCA 6 and ILCA 7 classes.

Bahrain was represented by Khalifa Al Doseri, Ameena

Mohammed Sadeq and Malak Al Doseri, with the team led technically by coach Qasim Bin Jumaian.

Ameena's bronze came in the ILCA 6 girls' event, while Malak's silver in ILCA 4 formed part of her build-up for the Arab Girls Championship, due to be held in Oman at the end of October 2026.

The team's class entries were shaped by a technical decision from the coach, who took account of the wind conditions expected during the event.

The results mark a strong outing for Bahrain's young sailors and give the squad a boost before its next regional assignments.

U18 stars target Asia Cup after Arab glory

● **Back-to-back Arab champions take Gulf qualifying campaign to Doha**

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Bahrain will open their Gulf Under-18 Basketball Championship campaign against Saudi Arabia in Doha on Friday, July 17, as they seek one of three places at next month's FIBA U18 Asia Cup in India.

The tournament will run from July 17 to 22 at Al Gharafa Sports Hall, with Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Oman taking part. The top three sides will qualify for the Asian finals, to be held in Ahmedabad from August 13 to 23.

Bahrain's second match will be against Kuwait on Saturday, July 18, before they face Oman on Sunday, July 19. The team



will have a rest day on Tuesday, July 21, and will close their group campaign against hosts Qatar on Wednesday, July 22.

The national side heads into the Gulf event in high spirits after retaining the Arab Under-18 Basketball Championship title

in Sfax, Tunisia, where they beat Egypt 85-73 in the final.

That win has raised hopes for the young Bahraini squad seeking to carry its Arab form into the Gulf qualifiers and book a place among Asia's leading youth teams.

The Bahrain Basketball Association will look for the team to build on its recent run and maintain the country's growing standing in regional basketball, with qualification for the Asian finals now the main target.

Paralympic Committee Holds Second Board Meeting



● **Board reviews international results, elite athlete programme, and upcoming world championships**

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The Bahrain Paralympic Committee's Board of Directors held its second meeting of 2026. Shaikh Mohammed bin Daij Al Khalifa chaired the meeting, which saw full board attendance.

The chairman praised Bahrain's para-athletes for their performances in recent international competitions, describing the results as a reflection of the Kingdom's growing strength in Paralympic sport.

The board approved minutes from its previous session

before reviewing updates on overseas participation and hosting duties. Members discussed the elite athlete report and received a briefing on Bahrain's hosting of the 2026 World Para Badminton Championships, including key technical outcomes.

The athlete support programme was also on the agenda, aimed at strengthening preparation systems and creating optimal training environments.

The board additionally reviewed organisational progress for the upcoming World Powerlifting Championships, reaffirming Bahrain's standing as a trusted host of major international events.

The chairman closed the meeting by reiterating the committee's commitment to its strategic plan for developing Paralympic sport across the Kingdom.

Subotic takes charge of Bahrain basketball

● **Trophy-winning coach tasked with strengthening FIBA campaign**

Mohammed Darwish
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Slovenian coach Slobodan Subotic has been handed Bahrain's senior men's basketball team as the kingdom turns to a seasoned European figure before its next Asian qualifying campaign.



The Bahrain Basketball Association has signed Subotic to lead the side through its coming matches, led by the first Asian

qualifying round on the road to the FIBA Asia Cup.

Subotic has coached some of Europe's best-known clubs, including Panathinaikos, Olympiacos, Aris and AEK Athens. He has also taken charge of the national teams of Slovenia and Lebanon.

His honours include the FIBA Korac Cup, two Greek league titles and the Greek Cup. He was twice named coach of the year in the Greek league.

The appointment gives Bahrain an experienced hand as they seek to build a stronger campaign in Asian basketball.

AUBH Student Maria AlAwadhi Makes History as First Bahraini Woman to Join McLaren Racing

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The American University of Bahrain (AUBH) has officially announced that student Maria Alawadhi has been awarded a year-long international internship opportunity with McLaren Racing. The placement will be situated at the renowned McLaren Technology Centre (MTC) in Surrey, United Kingdom.

Alawadhi, a high-achieving student in her final year of the Bachelor of Business Administration in Human Resources Management program and a recipient of AUBH full scholarship, makes history as the first Bahraini woman to join the McLaren Racing Team. She is slated to complete her degree this coming June.

This collaboration between AUBH and McLaren Racing – both entities within the Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat) portfolio – reflects Mumtalakat's commitment to fostering synergies among its subsidiaries. The



initiative serves as a strategic investment in the education and professional development of Bahraini youth, equipping them with the specialized expertise required to excel in the global workforce.

Al-Awadhi is expected to commence her professional tenure in England in September

2026, where she will engage directly with the sophisticated operational frameworks of McLaren Racing operations.

Dr. Wafa Almansoori, Interim President and Provost of the American University of Bahrain, stated, "The University takes immense pride in Alawadhi's selection for this pres-

tigious placement at one of the world's most iconic racing organizations. This achievement is a testament to the academic excellence maintained by our students and reflects the growing international confidence in the professional competencies fostered at AUBH. The University remains deeply appreciative of its strategic alliance with Mumtalakat, a partnership that is vital to broadening the professional scope for our students and catalyzing their success within the global marketplace."

Reflecting on the appointment, Maria Alawadhi expressed her profound honor in securing a position with a global leader like McLaren Racing, characterizing the upcoming internship as a defining milestone in her academic and professional evolution. She conveyed her appreciation to AUBH, attributing her achievement to the institution's rigorous empowering academic environment and continuous opportunities.

Paolini ends Eala run to reach Wimbledon quarters

AFP | London

Jasmine Paolini reached her first Grand Slam quarter-final for two years, edging out rising Filipina star Alexandra Eala in a tense last 16 match at Wimbledon yesterday.

Italian 13th seed Paolini

ended the run of Iga Swiatek's conqueror Eala with a gritty 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 victory on Centre Court.

"I feel so lucky to have this opportunity and so lucky to get the win," said Paolini, before addressing the watching Roger Federer in the royal box.

Haaland knocks Brazil out

Nyland's heroics and Haaland's double send Norway into historic first World Cup quarter-final

● Haaland nets two late goals

● Norway defeat Brazil 2-1

● Nyland saves crucial penalty

● Neymar scores consolation in stoppage time

AFP | East Rutherford

Erling Haaland scored two late goals to send Norway through to a first World Cup quarter-final with a stunning 2-1 win over Brazil that condemned the five-time champions to their earliest exit since 1990.

Norway goalkeeper Orjan Nyland produced a sensational display and saved a first-half penalty from Bruno Guimaraes before Haaland struck twice in the last 11 minutes to shock Brazil at MetLife Stadium.

Neymar pulled a goal back deep into stoppage time with Brazil's second spot-kick of the match, his final contribution in a record-breaking international career, but one that ultimately never delivered World Cup glory.

Haaland's brace took him level with Lionel Messi and Kylian Mbappe on seven goals for the tournament as

7 goals is the tally Haaland now shares with Lionel Messi and Kylian Mbappe after his brace in Norway's 2-1 win over Brazil at MetLife Stadium

Norway booked a showdown against either England in Miami on July 11.

For Brazil, who hired Carlo Ancelotti in a bid to end a 24-year World Cup drought, it is the sixth straight tournament where they have been knocked out by European opposition.

The last time Brazil failed to reach at least the quarter-finals came 36 years ago, when they lost 1-0 to arch-rivals Argentina in the last 16.

"This is just an insane day," said Haaland.

"It is one of the most

sane days in Norwegian history."

Gabriel Martinelli was rewarded for scoring the stoppage-time winner against Japan in the previous round, as the Arsenal winger replaced the injured Lucas Paqueta in the lone change to Brazil's line-up.

Patrick Berg thought he had given Norway the lead inside three minutes, but his effort was ruled out for offside in the build-up.

Inspired Nyland

After a rocky start, Brazil won a penalty when Kristoffer Ajer clattered into Matheus Cunha in the box.

The Brazilians were left furious as referee Ismail Elfath initially waved away their appeals, but VAR intervened and the decision was overturned.

Guimaraes stepped up, but 35-year-old Nyland guessed correctly, diving to his left to

push away the Newcastle midfielder's tame penalty.

Nyland again came to Norway's rescue, getting a crucial touch to Martinelli's low drive as it flashed across goal, denying Guimaraes a simple tap-in.

When Martin Odegaard lost possession on the edge of his own box, Nyland once more saved Norway as he stuck out a leg to thwart Vinicius Junior.

Haaland had struggled to make a significant impact, but his strength created a glorious opening for Norway before half-time.

The striker caused problems for Gabriel Magalhaes and Marquinhos in the Brazil defence before the ball broke kindly for Odegaard, whose effort was well saved by Alisson Becker.

Norway coach Stale Solbakken brought on Oscar Bobb and Andreas Schjelderup at the break for Antonio Nusa and Alexander Sorloth, but it was the introduction of Endrick that almost changed the game immediately.

Vinicius slipped Endrick through on goal with a delightful outside-of-the-foot pass, only for the teenager to dink wide as Nyland closed him down.

Nyland continued to frustrate Brazil, producing a good save to claw away

Ryan's fierce strike before another outstanding stop to deny Guimaraes, although it was offside.

The arrival of Neymar in the 67th minute drew huge roars from the largely pro-Brazil crowd.

Neymar calls time on Brazil career

Brazil superstar Neymar indicated Sunday that his international career was over after the five-time World Cup winners went out of the tournament.

Neymar came on as a late substitute at the MetLife Stadium and scored a penalty deep in injury time.

The 34-year-old is Brazil's all-time top scorer and ironically he got his first goal for his country in the same stadium, in a 2-0 win against the United States back in 2010.

"I tried and I tried. Now it's over. It began here and it ends here," Neymar said in a brief exchange with a journalist from Brazil's Globo Esporte after the game.

He collapsed in tears when the final whistle went, and had to be consoled by teammates.



Worn down by injuries in recent years, the former Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain player, now back at first club Santos, was a surprise inclusion in Carlo Ancelotti's Brazil squad for the World Cup.

Injury prevented him from featuring in Brazil's first two group games at the tournament, but he did come on in the 3-0 win over Scotland in Miami which completed the opening round.

That was his first international appearance since October 2023, but his only other appearance in the United States came against Norway.

It was Norway who eventually broke the deadlock though, and it came through an inevitable source.

Schjelderup whipped in a cross from the left and Haaland soared above Gabriel to power a header into the corner.

As Brazil desperately chased an equaliser, an incredible fingertip save from a backpedalling Nyland prevented Ajer from looping the ball into his own net. Haaland gave Norway breath-

ing space as he hammered low into the corner from the edge of the box in the 90th minute.

It proved vital when Neymar converted a penalty in the 10th minute of stoppage time, preceded by an unseemly spat with 'keeper Nyland, following an elbow on Casemiro.

Neymar slumped to the turf in tears at the end, his 16-year and 80-goal career in a Brazil shirt over in the very stadium where it started.



Erling Haaland #9 of Norway celebrates after scoring his team's first goal

FIFA have 'crossed a red line' in Balogun reprieve: UEFA

AFP | Lausanne

FIFA "crossed a red line" with the controversial decision to suspend US star Folarin Balogun's one game ban for a year, European football's governing body UEFA said yesterday.

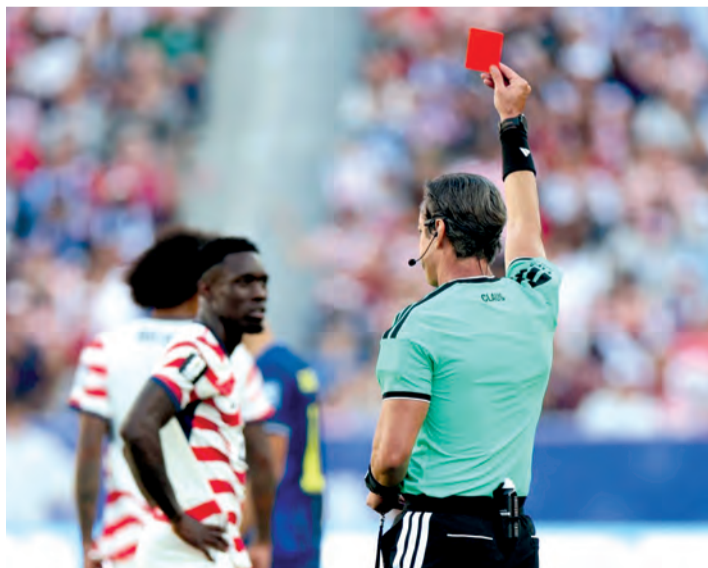
FIFA's ruling, which came after the intervention of Donald Trump, permitted Balogun to play in the co-hosts' World Cup last 16 match with Belgium later yesterday.

"Yesterday's decision to suspend for a probationary period of a year the implementation of the one-match automatic suspension following the red card issued to the player Folarin Balogun crossed a red line," read UEFA's strongly worded statement.

"Football, like any other sports, relies on rules, which are the basis for fair, honest and transparent competition. Sometimes rules are open to interpretation. In this case not."

UEFA warned of the ramifications for the sport as a whole.

"Football is the most loved



Referee Raphael Claus shows Folarin Balogun #20 of the United States a red card

sport in the world because it is a beautiful game and is trusted because it is played everywhere with the same laws," it said.

"A tournament is never a pure standalone and, if the tournament in question is the World Cup, it has the power to drive positive or negative consequences on the game as a whole.

"We express our disbelief at such an unprecedented, incomprehensible and unjustifiable decision."

Balogun, who has scored three goals at the World Cup, had been set to miss the clash in Seattle after receiving a straight red

card following a video review for stepping on a Bosnia-Herzegovina defender's foot in the round-of-32 match the US won 2-0.

Under FIFA rules, a straight red card automatically triggers a one-game ban.

Trump called FIFA chief Gianni Infantino asking him to review Balogun's punishment, two sources familiar with the matter said.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio also publicly called for the card to be rescinded.

The decision to suspend the ban was taken by FIFA's disciplinary committee.

World football's governing body said Sunday the ban will now be suspended for a year, in a stunning move for which no specific explanation was offered.

"Thank you to FIFA for doing what was right, and reversing a great injustice!" Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform.

The Belgians were stupefied by the ruling.

'Our game, not theirs': Klopp

Former Liverpool coach Jurgen Klopp, who is set to become the next Germany manager after Julian Nagelsmann's resignation on Friday, hit out at the decision.

"It's a red card, even if it's a shame because Balogun can't play, but it's there in the rules," Klopp said.

"This is our game, not theirs... If Trump and Infantino really worked this all out between

themselves, that's crazy. It calls everything into question..."

"These two individuals, neither of whom has a clue about football, shouldn't have anything to do with it," the 59-year-old added.

German FA (DFB) president Bernd Neuendorf demanded an explanation from FIFA, saying the decision jeopardised the tournament's credibility.

Blatter questions 'political power' after Trump's FIFA phone call

Disgraced former FIFA president Sepp Blatter said he questioned the football governing body's decision to suspend the red card ban.

"Red cards are not overturned by political phone calls," scandal-hit Blatter said on X.

"They are overturned by

rules, evidence and independent bodies.

"If a US President intervenes with the FIFA President - and a player is suddenly cleared before a World Cup knockout match - the question is unavoidable: Quo vadis (Where are you going), FIFA?"



Last-Gasp Spain Knock Out Portugal

AFP | Arlington

Substitute Mikel Merino scored a late winner to put Spain into the quarter-finals with a 1-0 victory over Portugal, ending Cristiano Ronaldo's World Cup career on Monday.

The European champions will face the United States -- the only co-host remaining -- or Belgium on Friday in Los Angeles.

In front of an expectant crowd of 70,649 at the air-conditioned home of the Dallas Cowboys, a match that promised so much on paper failed



Lamine Yamal and midfielder #09 Gavi react after winning

to really deliver.

Extra time looked certain, before fellow substitute Ferran Torres slipped in Merino to settle the contest in the first minute of injury time.

It meant a sour final World Cup match for the 41-year-old Ronaldo, now playing in Saudi Arabia, who had confirmed on the eve of the encounter that this would be his last dance on football's biggest stage.

The neighbours entered the contest both unbeaten, but while Portugal had not been entirely convincing, Spain had not even conceded a goal in the tournament.

One of the pre-tournament favourites, they still haven't

shortly before kickoff when a black-and-white image of the late Portugal forward Diogo Jota flashed up on the giant screen that looms over the field.

Spain should have been ahead with less than 10 minutes gone when Dani Olmo played in Mikel Oyarzabal but with only goalkeeper Diogo Costa to beat, he somehow pulled it well wide.

Portugal skipper Ronaldo had his first chance to add to his three goals in North America, stinging the palms of goalkeeper Unai Simon from a tight angle.

Luis de la Fuente's Spain cranked up the pressure, Yamal and Alex Baena tested Costa twice in quick succession, the second requiring a wonderful fingertip save.

Ronaldo -- jeered and cheered in equal measure -- was a marginal presence in the central attacking role he now occupies in the twilight of his career.



Cristiano Ronaldo

World Cup Schedule (Round of 16)

Today

Time	Match	Venue
07:00 PM	Argentina vs Egypt	Atlanta Stadium
11:00 PM	Switzerland vs Colombia	Vancouver Stadium

(All games in Bahrain time)

Pogacar wins Tour de France 3rd stage, takes yellow



UAE Team Emirates - XRG's Slovenian rider Tadej Pogacar cycles to the finish line

AFP | Les Angles

Reigning champion Tadej Pogacar won the third stage of the Tour de France on Monday to snatch the leader's yellow jersey from rival Jonas Vingegaard.

The world champion and Vingegaard are dead level on time but Pogacar took over the race lead by virtue of his better finishing positions in the opening three stages.

The Slovenian finished two seconds ahead of the Dane and also earned four more bonus seconds than Vingegaard to wipe out his six-second deficit from the start of the day.

Former Giro d'Italia winner Richard Carapaz came past French teenage prodigy Paul Seixas to take third in the same time as Vingegaard at the end of a 196km stage which started in Granollers, Spain and

finished in Les Angles in the French Pyrenees.

Despite a plea from organisers for fans to stay away because of raging wildfires just 70 kilometres away from the finish, there were plenty of people by the side of the roads in France.

Olympic champion Remco Evenepoel was eighth at 4sec and remains third overall but fell to 23sec off the lead.

Sunday's stage two winner Isaac Del Toro is fourth overall at 24sec after finishing eighth, with Spaniard Juan Ayuso (27sec) and Seixas (48sec) rounding out the top six.

After Pogacar let his UAE Team Emirates team-mate Richard Carapaz come past French teenage prodigy Paul Seixas to take third in the same time as Vingegaard at the end of a 196km stage which started in Granollers, Spain and

Bellingham powers 10-man England past Mexico, into quarters

● Bellingham nets two quick goals early

● England defeat Mexico 3-2

● Kane scores from penalty spot

● Quansah sent off in second half

AFP | Mexico City

Jude Bellingham's double inflicted a rare defeat on Mexico at the Estadio Azteca as 10-man England won a nerve-racking World Cup classic 3-2 to reach the quarter-finals.

Harry Kane also scored from the penalty spot as the Three Lions overcame Jarell Quansah's red card, high altitude and a fervent home support to keep their quest for a first major tournament win in 60 years alive.

England have relied on Bellingham and Kane throughout the tournament and that duo have carried them into a last eight showdown with Erling Haaland's Norway.

"When the going gets tough, they never give up, they never lose belief. It was one step more," said England boss Thomas Tuchel.

"We need to take this in. This is Azteca, it's Mexico, a crazy



England's forward #09 Harry Kane celebrates scoring his team's third goal with England's midfielder #10 Jude Bellingham

game. We left everything out there, every single one of us. We need to take this in, now it's full steam ahead."

Bellingham struck twice in 98 seconds in the first half to condemn Mexico to just a third defeat in 90 matches at the Azteca.

Julian Quinones and Raul Jimenez reduced the Mexican arrears but they fell short of a place in the quarter-finals.

Victory also helped to erase some of England's nightmarish memories at the Azteca in the quarter-finals of the 1986

World Cup when Diego Maradona scored a double for Argentina, including the infamous "Hand of God" goal.

The match was delayed by an hour after a thunder storm and heavy rain lashed the Mexican capital for hours before the planned 6.00pm (0000 GMT) kick-off time.

Despite the sodden conditions, over 80,000 fans crammed into the stadium to create a deafening noise.

Tuchel was wary of a fast start from Mexico as his side adjust-

ed to the altitude 2,240 metres (7,350 feet) above sea level.

Mexico had flown out of the traps when they won a World Cup knockout game for the first time in 40 years against Ecuador 2-0 last Tuesday.

This time England managed to keep Javier Aguirre's side at bay, but did need a crucial intervention from Jordan Pickford to deny Jimenez opening the scoring with a diving header that was headed for the bottom corner.

Tuchel made three changes to the side that needed a heroic

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seconds separated Jude Bellingham's two first-half goals that transformed England's World Cup last-16 clash with Mexico

wiped out by half-time.

Quinones blasted in his fourth goal of the tournament to spark the Mexico rally after England failed to clear a free-kick.

Jimenez drilled wide and saw another header saved by Pickford before Bellingham made a last-ditch intervention to deny Cesar Montes a certain equaliser.

Nico O'Reilly nearly restored England's two-goal cushion at the start of the second half as his deflected shot cannoned off the post.

Quansah was shown a straight red card on 54 minutes after a VAR review for a mistimed lunge on Jesus Gallardo.

But just six minutes later the 10 men had added to their lead when Gordon was wiped out by Mexico goalkeeper Raul Rangel and Kane emphatically dispatched the penalty.

The England captain's sixth goal of the tournament puts him just one behind Haaland, Lionel Messi and Kylian Mbappe in the race for the Golden Boot.

The game took another huge momentum swing when this time Kane was penalised for a foul inside his own box and Jimenez slotted home the penalty to set up a frantic final 20 minutes.

England though stood tall, defending at times frantically to resist the Mexican wave during 11 minutes of additional time and reach a third consecutive World Cup quarter-final.

performance from Kane to prevent an embarrassing early exit to DR Congo.

Quansah was forced to deputise at right-back with Reece James not fit to start for a third consecutive game, opening up Tuchel to criticism over his decision not to select more specialist cover in that position.

Anthony Gordon and Bukayo Saka also started out wide and both made telling contributions.

Saka's cross picked out Bellingham to power in a header for the first goal Mexico had conceded in five World Cup games.

The hosts failed to compose themselves as within two minutes the Real Madrid midfielder had doubled England's lead.

Kane's ball across fell perfectly for Bellingham to power in his fourth goal of the tournament.

Yet what should have been a comfortable lead was nearly