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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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