



Bahrain skies set for rare lunar eclipse tonight

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Bahrain and the Arabi-an Gulf will witness tonight a rare total lunar eclipse.

Astronomers call it one of the year's most significant celestial events, lasting five hours and 27 minutes.

The moon rises at 5:44 p.m., enters Earth's penumbra at 6:28 p.m., and the partial eclipse begins at 7:27 p.m.

The total eclipse starts at 8:30 p.m., peaking at 9:11 p.m., turning the moon dark red, before fading by 11:55 p.m. **(Detailed report on Page 3)**

17-year-old held in France for 'plotting attacks'

AFP | Paris

French authorities have detained a 17-year-old on suspicion of plotting attacks against embassies or official buildings, sources close to the investigation said yesterday.

The teen was formally put under investigation and locked up on Friday, they said, confirming information first given by Le Parisien daily.

He was arrested on Monday at his parents' home where he lived in the western Sarthe region and suffered light injuries as he tried to escape police.

'Causing trouble'

AFP | Beijing

China said yesterday that its military monitored the passage of Australian and Canadian warships through the Taiwan Strait, criticising their presence in the sensitive waterway as "causing trouble".

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Bahrain Adopts AI Policing

Crackdowns show results as fugitives arrested

AI to combat transnational crime

9 arrests and 17 extraditions

96 AML intel exchanges

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Bahrain is taking international policing into the age of artificial intelligence. On the eve of the International Day of Police Cooperation, His Excellency Lieutenant-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior, stressed that modern technologies and AI applications are now central to tackling organised crime across borders.

The Minister said that comprehensive security cooperation, powered by advanced technology, was essential to outpace criminals operating on a global scale. H.E. noted that the Ministry's approach follows the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, with the support of the government led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Concrete results

The Interior Minister's remarks were not just forward-looking rhetoric. Bahrain has already handed over nine internationally wanted individuals to requesting countries, while 17 fugitives were extradited from abroad.

In drug enforcement, the General Department of Criminal Investigations and Evidence exchanged 97 intelligence reports



H.E. Lieutenant-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa

with 12 countries, carried out 18 operations in partnership with seven nations, and intercepted four people at border crossings with narcotics.

The National Financial Investigation Center also exchanged 96 separate pieces of information with foreign counterparts in efforts to combat money laun-



INTERPOL's databases process more than 20 million searches a day from police agencies worldwide, underscoring the scale of global cooperation needed to tackle crime.

today's interconnected policing environment. H.E. highlighted Bahrain's alignment with the goals of INTERPOL and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, positioning the Kingdom's initiatives within a global security framework.

Bahrain also paid tribute to the role of INTERPOL in supporting police worldwide, affirming its commitment to deeper collaboration with international organisations.

Future direction

The Ministry also pledged to continue enhancing the use of AI and emerging technologies in law enforcement, with the goal of faster response and more effective international coordination. Officials said Bahrain's ongoing contribution to INTERPOL networks would help cut crime rates and reinforce global stability.

Israel 'warning'

Gaza residents must leave for 'humanitarian zone'

AFP | Jerusalem

The Israeli army urged Gaza City residents to leave for a "humanitarian zone" in the south yesterday ahead of a planned offensive to capture the territory's largest urban centre.

In a message to the city's residents posted on social media, army spokesman Avichay Adraee said: "Take this opportunity to move early to the (Al-Mawasi) humanitarian zone and join the thousands of people who have already gone there."

Adraee did not specify when



A boy walks with a sack on his shoulder at the mound of rubble at the site of the collapsed Sussi Tower, which was destroyed earlier by Israeli bombardment, in Gaza City. (AFP)

the new offensive would start, and another spokesman has previously said it would not be announced in advance to preserve the element of surprise.

The UN estimates there are about a million people in and around Gaza City, warning of a coming "disaster" if the Israeli military goes ahead with its plans to seize the city.

Israel has come under mounting pressure at home and abroad to call off the offensive and end the war in Gaza.

Its foe Hamas agreed to a ceasefire proposal last month

that involved a temporary truce and the staggered release of hostages held in Gaza.

Israel, however, has demanded the Palestinian group release all the hostages at once, lay down its arms and give up control of Gaza, among other conditions.

In a separate statement yesterday, the military said the humanitarian zone in the south had essential "infrastructure such as field hospitals, water pipelines, and desalination facilities, alongside the continued supply of food, tents, medicines, and medical equipment".



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