



HM King Issues Order

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued Order (28) of 2026 appointing Bahrain's representatives to the Advisory Body of the Supreme Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

The members are Dr. Shaikha Maryam bint Hassan bin Ali Al Khalifa, Sa-beeka Khalifa Al Fadhalah, Dr. Mohammed Ali Hassan, Ahmed Sabah Al Saloom and Hassan Eid Bukhamas. They will serve a three-year term, with the order taking effect from its publication in the Official Gazette.

Muharraq Governor Praises



Muharraq Governor Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai highlighted the role of sports media in documenting Bahrain's sporting achievements and preserving the history of national teams and clubs.

The governor made the remarks while receiving sports journalist Nasser Mohammed, Head of the Sports Section at Al Ayam newspaper, who presented him with an archival photograph documenting the 2008 King's Cup football final, when Muharraq Club won the title.

Strategic Ties Discussed in Washington



Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United States, participated in a roundtable discussion organised by the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington.

The discussion focused on the strong strategic partnership between Bahrain and the United States and opportunities to further expand cooperation amid current regional and international developments.

Unified Gulf Healthcare

HRH Prince Salman highlights Bahrain's commitment to Gulf integration and urges stronger coordination to improve healthcare quality and medical preparedness

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, met with the heads of delegations participating in the 12th meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Health Ministers at Riffa Palace.

His Royal Highness affirmed Bahrain's commitment, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, to supporting initiatives that advance the shared aspirations of GCC countries and strengthen cooperation and integration across the region.

HRH Prince Salman noted that the historic ties and common



ambitions of the GCC countries provide a strong foundation for further advancing Gulf cooperation, aligning with the aspirations of the GCC leaders.

He also stressed the importance of implementing health-care-related measures put for-

ward by GCC leaders, noting their role in further improving health-care services and strengthening joint medical preparedness among GCC countries.

The heads of delegations expressed their appreciation for His Royal Highness's support

for joint Gulf action, particularly in the healthcare sector, as well as efforts to further develop healthcare systems and enhance preparedness across the GCC.

They also wished the Kingdom of Bahrain continued progress and prosperity.

Strengthens Fight Against Cross-Border Crime

Bahrain handed over 11 internationally wanted persons and received 19 fugitives in 2026.

Bahrain reaffirmed its commitment to international police cooperation and the exchange of security information to combat cross-border crime, as the Kingdom marks the International Day of Police Cooperation today.

Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa said international security cooperation has become increasingly important as criminal activities extend beyond national borders and evolve with

advances in technology and communications.

The minister highlighted Bahrain's cooperation through the International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol), which supports the exchange of information, tracking fugitives and joint security operations.

During 2026, the Directorate of International Affairs and Interpol



handed over 11 internationally wanted persons to requesting countries and received 19 fugitives.

In efforts to combat drug trafficking, the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science exchanged 65 pieces of information with nine countries.

The Financial Intelligence Nation-

al Centre also received 49 requests and issued 30 in cooperation related to money laundering and terrorist financing, in addition to 37 requests through other cooperation mechanisms.

General Shaikh Rashid stressed the importance of modern technologies, artificial intelligence and data analysis in strengthening police capabilities and tackling cybercrime, organised crime and other emerging threats.

Gulf Health Systems Brace for New Challenges

Health ministers discussed strategic stocks, medicine supplies, expatriate screening and joint preparedness amid regional challenges

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Strengthening Gulf health systems and ensuring the uninterrupted supply of medicines and essential medical supplies took centre stage as GCC health ministers met in Bahrain amid heightened regional security and supply chain concerns.

Dr. Jaleela bint Al Sayed Jawad Hassan, Minister of Health, stressed the need for closer health cooperation and integration among GCC countries, alongside stronger mechanisms for coordination and the exchange of expertise and information.

She said enhanced cooperation would strengthen health system readiness, support sustainable health services and protect vital supply chains, while improving the GCC's ability to respond to rap-



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DR. JALEELA BINT AL SAYED JAWAD HASSAN

idly evolving health challenges.

The minister also addressed current security and regional developments and their repercussions for the countries of the region.

Dr. Jaleela condemned the Iranian attacks on Bahrain, GCC countries and the Hashemite

Kingdom of Jordan, describing them as violations of international law, the UN Charter and UN Security Council Resolution 2817.

She highlighted the impact of the attacks on lives and infrastructure, as well as transportation and supply chains, including the movement of essential and medical supplies.

The minister further highlighted concerns over threats to the security and safety of maritime navigation in the Strait of Hormuz, warning of potential repercussions for energy security, international trade and the availability of food, medicines and humanitarian aid.

She stressed the importance of strengthening joint Gulf preparedness and coordination to ensure resilient supply chains and the continuity of health services

during regional disruptions.

Dr. Jaleela also called for sustained joint Gulf efforts and greater integration across health sectors in line with regional and international developments.

She said coordinated action would enhance the efficiency and preparedness of health systems across GCC countries and strengthen their ability to maintain uninterrupted services for the health and safety of citizens and residents.

The meeting reviewed the implementation of GCC Supreme Council decisions related to the health sector, strategic stocks of food, medicines and medical supplies, the GCC Strategy to Combat Drugs for 2025-2028, expatriate worker screening and other priority issues related to joint Gulf health cooperation.

Bahrain Greeted Brazil



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable of congratulations to His Excellency Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on the occasion of Brazil's Independence Day.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, also sent a cable of congratulations to the Brazilian President on the national occasion.

Strengthen Maritime Links



His Excellency Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, met with Her Excellency Marina Hadjimanolis, Deputy Minister of Shipping to the President of the Republic of Cyprus, during her official visit to Bahrain.

Following the meeting, the two officials signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on maritime cooperation between Bahrain's Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications and Cyprus' Shipping Ministry.

The MoU covers maritime safety and security, search and rescue, marine environmental protection, training, exchange of expertise, innovation and modern maritime technologies.

Japan Anime Fest



The Embassy of Japan in Bahrain has announced the return of Japan Anime Fest 2026, running from October 1 to 8. The eight-day festival will showcase Japanese animation and storytelling under the theme “Stories Connect, Hearts Heal, and Magic Unfolds.”

The festival will feature eight films at Epix Cinemas in Dana Mall and Bahrain Polytechnic.