



HM King attends wedding of minister’s grandson



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, accompanied by his sons, attended the wedding of H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Nasser bin Khalid bin Ahmed bin Salman Al Khalifa, grandson of H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of the Royal Court, held at his majlis in Riffa. The Royal Court Minister expressed gratitude to HM the King for attending the wedding of his grandson Shaikh Khalid bin Nasser and for His Majesty’s congratulations.

Four arrested for
shrimping with
banned nets

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The Coast Guard seized a boat carrying four Asians in possession of shrimp caught using banned bottom trawl nets (karaf), in violation of Ministerial Resolution No. (205) of 2018 prohibiting bottom trawling.

The Interior Ministry announced the arrest was part of ongoing efforts to address violations related to fishing practices and tools, and to ensure fishermen’s compliance with laws and regulations.

The Coast Guard explained that the seized boat was found in violation of several other requirements, including covering its registration plates, lacking an Automatic Identification System (AIS) device, safety equipment, and legal documentation related to the vessel and crew.

20,000 sign
up for Hajj

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The Supreme Committee for Hajj and Umrah Affairs announced that over 20,000 people have registered for Hajj 1447 AH / 2026 since the electronic registration has opened last Wednesday.

The committee confirmed that those who meet the conditions will receive preliminary acceptance notifications after the registration period ends on September 16.

Model Sports
Schools unveiled

Transitional
year proposed

Ministry youth
committee leads

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His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), yesterday placed education and sport at the centre of Bahrain’s next phase of youth empowerment, announcing the launch of the Model Sports Schools Project for the 2025–2026 academic year.

The project will assign each participating school a specific sport and combine it with a



HH Shaikh Nasser and HH Shaikh Khalid chair the meeting

comprehensive educational programme that balances academic rigour with athletic training, nutrition, and gender-inclusive participation. HH Shaikh Nasser described the initiative as “a strategic step towards building an integrated generation capable of excelling in sports and academics,” urging all stakeholders to ensure its success.

The SCYS meeting also reviewed a groundbreaking proposal - the introduction of a transitional year between school and university. The recommen-

dation, presented by the Ministry of Legal Affairs, aims to give students more clarity on their academic and professional paths, while strengthening career guidance and ensuring education aligns with labour market demands. HH Shaikh Nasser directed that the proposal be submitted to the Education Minister for consideration.

In parallel, the Council spotlighted the expansion of the ‘Try To Work’ Community Partnership Programme, presented by the Bahrain Chamber of Com-

merce and Industry. The initiative, now in its fourth edition, immerses 15 to 18-year-olds in private-sector career tracks ranging from engineering to entrepreneurship and content creation. The Council directed the Chamber to widen participation and position the programme as a national model for equipping youth with practical, market-ready skills.

Adding weight to the meeting’s outcomes, the Ministry of Works received commendation for establishing the first youth

What SCYS
Agreed

Launch of Model Sports Schools Project for 2025–2026

Study to create a transitional year before university

Expansion of ‘Try To Work’ career programme

Establishment of first government youth committee at Ministry of Works

Call for other authorities to set up youth committees

committee within a government agency. The move, hailed as a pioneering step, aims to deepen communication between young professionals and senior leadership while embedding innovation and excellence in government work. The SCYS urged other authorities to replicate the model, highlighting its potential to reshape institutional culture.

Bahrain witnesses rare ‘blood moon’ total lunar eclipse



Bahrain was treated to a total lunar eclipse yesterday evening. The Moon turned a deep red as it passed fully into Earth’s shadow – an effect popularly known as a “blood moon.” The next event of this kind is not expected until December 2028. The partial phase began around 7:30 p.m., totality following shortly after, peaking at 9:11 p.m., and ending at 10:56 p.m. Mosques across the Kingdom held eclipse prayers, following the prophetic tradition observed during solar and lunar eclipses. Worshippers gathered to perform the prayers and reflect on the occasion’s religious significance. The spectacle drew wide interest from residents and citizens alike, blending scientific wonder with spiritual meaning. With the Moon draped in red, Bahrain’s night sky offered an exceptional natural scene. A total lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon moves completely into Earth’s umbra (the darkest part of its shadow), filtering sunlight through the atmosphere and giving the Moon its reddish hue. (Pictures by Aji Mathai)