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Advances Humanitarian Action



Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the International Human Rights Affairs Committee Dr. Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani affirmed that Bahrain has adopted a firmly rooted humanitarian and diplomatic approach based on solidarity and international cooperation, supporting peace, justice, co-existence and sustainable development.

Marking the International Day of Charity, Dr. Al Zayani highlighted Bahrain's initiatives to advance charitable work, rooted in its religious and humanitarian values. He stressed the close connection between international solidarity, peace and stability, and sustainable development for all.

Hawar Circle Eyes Future of Arbitration



The Council for International Dispute Resolution of Bahrain is hosting the second edition of the Hawar Circle on the Hawar Islands from September 6 to 8, bringing together prominent arbitration practitioners from London, Brazil, Singapore, France, Nigeria and India.

Building on the inaugural gathering, which brought together 14 leading arbitration practitioners, the event focuses on developing the core principles of international arbitration. Discussions this year centre on immunity, professional ethics and the right of representation.

The participants are examining practical challenges in international arbitration and exchanging expertise to further develop the Hawar Principles, which were initiated during the first edition.

Cabinet Reviews National Priorities

Weekly meeting reviewed priority laws, regional cooperation and national achievements.

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The Cabinet reviewed key national developments, preparations for the new academic year and the Kingdom's participation in regional and international forums during its weekly meeting chaired by His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, at Gudaibiya Palace.

The Cabinet highlighted the meeting between His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, noting discussions on the longstanding Bahrain-UAE partnership and multisectoral cooperation.

It also commended His Majesty's visit to the Gadeha Junior "Up to the Challenge" training



camp, praising its diverse programmes and practical experiences. The camp was held under the directives of Lieutenant General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and supervised by Colonel His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The Cabinet followed up on directives to hold Parent Induction Day across public schools and re-

Six key decisions approved by the Cabinet:

- Priority legislation: Draft laws aimed at supporting development and benefiting citizens.
- Bahrain Development Bank: Amendments to provisions of the law establishing the bank.
- International Space Summit: Approval of the summit's declarations.
- Bahrain Polytechnic: MoU with the Cyprus Marine and Maritime Institute.
- Urban development: Property expropriation for public benefit to support urban development.
- Parliamentary matters: Government responses to proposals from the Council of Representatives and draft laws submitted by the Shura Council.

viewed preparations to manage traffic around educational areas. It also stressed the importance of road projects completed ahead of the school year.

Bahrain's two awards at the Gulf Green Mobility Forum 2026 were also welcomed.

The Cabinet approved several measures, including priority draft laws, amendments con-

cerning Bahrain Development Bank, International Space Summit declarations, a memorandum between Bahrain Polytechnic and the Cyprus Marine and Maritime Institute, and property expropriation for public benefit.

It also reviewed ministerial reports covering agriculture, energy, technology, green mobility, healthcare, youth and sports.

Under-16s Banned From E-Bikes

Authority outlines age limits, speed restrictions and safety requirements for electric bikes and scooters

The General Directorate of Traffic reminded the public of the legal requirements for using electric bicycles and scooters, stressing the importance of following safety rules to prevent accidents and protect other road users.

Under the regulations, children below 16 years of age are not allowed to ride electric bicycles. Children under seven are also prohibited from riding electric scooters unless supervised by a parent or guardian.

The directorate warned that allowing underage children to ride without the required supervision can result in legal responsibility for the parent or guardian.

It also stressed the importance of protective equipment. Electric bicycle riders must wear safety helmets, while electric scooter riders must use helmets and protective gear for their shoulders, hands and legs.

According to Decision No. 58 of 2026, electric bicycles and scooters cannot be used on ex-



ternal roads or roads where the maximum speed exceeds 50 kilometres per hour. Their use is also prohibited on vehicle lanes, road shoulders and emergency lanes.

The maximum permitted speed for both electric bicycles and scooters is 25km/h. Carrying an additional passenger, riding against traffic, or operating the vehicle in a way that endangers the rider or others is prohibited.

The Traffic Directorate urged users to give priority to pedestrians and other vehicles where required and stressed that families have an important role in educating children about the rules.

Authorities said awareness



Electric Bike & E-Scooter Rules

Minimum age for e-bikes: 16 years
E-scooters under age 7: Only under parent/guardian supervision
Maximum speed: 25 km/h
E-bike safety gear: Safety helmet mandatory
E-scooter safety gear: Helmet + shoulder, hand and leg protection
Additional passenger: Not allowed
Wrong-way riding: Prohibited
External roads: Not permitted
Roads with speed limits above 50 km/h: Not permitted
Vehicle lanes: Not permitted
Road shoulders/emergency lanes: Not permitted

campaigns and field monitoring taken against violations that put would continue, with legal action road users at risk.

Diamond League Win



His Highness Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, congratulated His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, on Bahraini runner Berhanu Balew's victory in the 2026 Diamond League 5,000m title. Balew completed the race in 12:40.70, setting new Asian and Arab records.

HH Shaikh Khalid praised Balew's outstanding performance throughout the Diamond League season, saying his title and record-breaking run add to Bahrain's growing athletics achievements and demonstrate the ability of the Kingdom's athletes to compete with the world's elite.

Musanada Applications Open Until September 30



Tamkeen Executive Vice President of Programme Design and Delivery Khalid Al Bayat said applications for all tracks of the Musanada programme will remain open until September 30, 2026, allowing eligible Bahraini businesses additional time to access financial support.

Al Bayat said the programme is helping Bahraini enterprises affected by the Iranian attacks maintain business continuity, retain their workforce and strengthen liquidity. He noted that micro and small enterprises account for the largest share of beneficiaries as the programme addresses current financial and operational challenges.

New Fines for Fundraising Violations

The Ministry of Social Development has announced new measures to regulate public fundraising by civil society organisations, aiming to simplify procedures, clarify requirements and strengthen compliance with the law.

Decision No. 51 of 2026 introduces unified forms for collecting, receiving, transferring and accepting funds for public purposes. Decision No. 52 sets administrative fines ranging from BD100 to BD10,000 for violations, including collecting funds without a licence, using funds for unauthorised purposes and failing to submit required reports.

Bahrain Hands Arab League Leadership to Tunisia

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Bahrain participated in the 166th Ordinary Session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the Ministerial Level, held at the headquarters of the League's General Secretariat in Cairo.

The Kingdom's delegation was headed by Fawzia Zainal, Ambassador of Bahrain to Egypt and Permanent Representative to the League of Arab States.

Ambassador Zainal delivered Bahrain's statement in the King-



dom's capacity as President of the Council's 165th Ministerial Session, conveying the greetings of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and his wishes for the success of the new session in

advancing Arab countries' interests and strengthening joint Arab action.

She congratulated Tunisia on assuming the presidency of the 166th Session, expressing

Bahrain's confidence in Mohamed Ali Nafti, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad, to lead the Council's work with efficiency and competence.