

HRH Prince Salman reaffirms commitment to vital Bahrain-US military partnership



HRH Prince Salman with Admiral Charles Bradford Cooper II
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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and Prime Minister, af-

firmed the importance of advancing the Kingdom of Bahrain and the US bilateral partnership across various fields, particularly within military and defence.

He stressed the strategic importance of furthering existing

collaboration and agreements, particularly the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (CSIPA).

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with Admiral Charles Bradford

Cooper II, the Commander of the US Central Command (CENTCOM) and an accompanying delegation, on his visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain, at Riffa Palace.

His Royal Highness highlighted the strength of the historic re-

lations between Bahrain and the US, which continues to develop across various sectors.

The latest regional and international developments, as well as issues of mutual interest, were also discussed in the meeting.

His Excellency General Shai-

kh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, and H.E. Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, Minister of Cabinet Affairs, also attended the meeting.



Strong wind, rain and snow to batter Europe

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Europe was set to be buffeted by weather ranging from severe winds to snow and freezing temperatures with the arrival of Storm Goretti yesterday, with forecasters issuing warnings from Britain to Germany.

Britain's Met Office issued a "rare" red wind warning for the Isles of Scilly and Cornwall in southwestern England between 1600 GMT and 2300 GMT - its highest level of alert.

"Exceptionally strong winds" of up to 160 kilometres (100 miles) per hour were expected, it said, warning that "very large waves will bring dangerous conditions to coastal areas".

Hamad Town fire

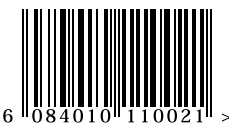
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Civil Defence rescued eight people and extinguished a fire in a house in Hamad Town.

The National Ambulance took the necessary measures at the site.

An investigation was launched to determine the cause of the fire.

220 fils (includes VAT)



Empowering citizens through skills development

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the Kingdom's commitment to supporting and upskilling the national workforce, creating opportunities that enable citizens to achieve their ambitions, in line with the far-reaching visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. HRH Prince Salman made the remark while meeting with Eng. Ameen Radhi and Eng. Maysam Alnasser, on their recognition among the Best Architects in the Middle East 2025 by Niche Magazine Middle East, at Riffa Palace. He congratulated and wished them success in their future endeavours. His Royal Highness affirmed that achievements like these are an embodiment of the collective determination and skill of the national workforce. He stressed that these accomplishments reflect the capabilities, skills, and creativity of Bahrainis across various sectors, including in engineering. Eng. Radhi and Eng. Alnasser expressed their gratitude for His Royal Highness's commitment to supporting Bahrainis.

Unsafe trust

Sharing your PIN can lead to unauthorised withdrawals and heavy financial losses

Police warning: Victims losing money despite cards in hand

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LOSE BD1,000 while your card is in your wallet! Keep your Personal Identification Numbers (PIN) to yourself. That's how you avoid money withdrawal.

Hidd Police Station Head Colonel Dr. Osama Bahar was speaking on the Interior Ministry's Al Aman social media program, where he highlighted a recent case involving a Bahraini citizen who lost a substantial amount of money.

Col. Dr. Bahar has urged people to keep their PIN strictly confidential, warning that sharing it even with trusted individuals like family members may sometimes lead to unauthorised access to accounts, unauthorised withdrawals, and significant financial loss.

The warning comes amid a rise in cases reported to police involving money being withdrawn from bank accounts; surprisingly, the card was still in the victim's wallet when he lost BD1,000.

"A citizen filed a case stating that several amounts of money had been withdrawn from his bank card at different locations across Bahrain," he said. "This makes identifying the suspect very difficult."

Col. Dr. Bahar stressed that



the primary cause in such cases is the disclosure of PINs, whether intentionally or unknowingly. "To prevent this from happening, people must never share their PIN with anyone, no matter who it is," he said. "If you believe

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— COLONEL DR. OSAMA BAHAR, HIDD POLICE STATION HEAD

you have shared your PIN with someone for any reason, you should change it immediately."

He warned that unauthorised withdrawals are not always the result of strangers.

In other cases, criminals rely

on deceptive methods to obtain PINs, such as observing victims at ATMs or point-of-sale terminals.

"Once the PIN is known, the card may be stolen later through pickpocketing or theft, allowing criminals to carry out unauthorised transactions," he explained.

Col. Dr. Bahar also cautioned against scams in which fraudsters pose as bank employees, claiming they need the PIN for "verification" or a "security update."

He advised anyone who suspects fraud to immediately contact their bank to block the card or change the PIN and then file a police report

Crimes related to electronic fraud should also be reported without delay via the cyber-crime hotline on 992.