

'A nation of peace'

HM King: Bahrain continues to embody compassion, solidarity, and human unity amid regional tensions

● **Royal address on final 10 days of Ramadhan**

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to peace and regional cooperation in a royal address marking the final 10 days of the Holy Month of Ramadhan.

"Bahrain has always been, and will remain, a nation of peace that has never initiated hostility toward any party, and has consistently pursued the path of cooperation and good neighbourliness," HM the King said.

He underscored the Kingdom's enduring dedication to stability amid regional tensions.

Faith

HM King Hamad emphasised: "In doing so, we embody the greater purposes of our faith that elevate our societies to the highest ideals of compas-

sion, solidarity, and human unity."

Addressing the nation during these spiritually significant nights, His Majesty also praised the Kingdom's armed forces and civil authorities for their swift and effective response to recent security threats.

"Through their firm response, these attempts were thwarted, and the security of the nation and the safety of citizens and residents were preserved. It is an effort of which we are deeply proud and one that will remain etched in the nation's memory," he said.

Cohesion

HM the King highlighted the role of the Bahraini people in safeguarding national cohesion.

"We are proud of our citizens for the sincere national spirit they have demonstrated through their loyalty and deep sense of belonging during these critical times. They have consistently proven true to the trust placed in them, capable of overcoming challenges and confront-



HM the King addresses the nation



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— HIS MAJESTY KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA

ing threats, regardless of their source," he stated.

His Majesty also acknowledged the support the Kingdom has received from regional and international partners, including the Gulf states.

Backing

"Bahrain has been fortunate to receive genuine support and backing from its brethren, most notably the Gulf solidarity that has once again manifested itself in its finest form," he noted.

Amid ongoing challenges, HM the King affirmed Bahrain's continued commitment to balanced policies both regionally and internationally.

He cited the Kingdom's participation on the Board of Peace for Gaza reconstruction as an example of Bahrain's efforts to promote stability and lasting peace.

Concluding his address, HM King Hamad extended greetings for the upcoming Eid Al Fitr, praying for continued dignity, pride, and security for the Kingdom and its people.

Religious leaders foster unity and solidarity

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, affirmed the importance of religious leaders serving as role models within their community.

He emphasised that they play a key role in spreading awareness and fostering a sense of unity and solidarity, especially in the face of conflicts.

HRH Prince Salman made the remarks as he met yesterday with several religious leaders at the Ahmed Al-Fateh Islamic Center.

Directives

The meeting took place as part



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister with religious leaders

of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's directives to protect the Kingdom, and its people, in line with developments following the ongoing hostile Iranian aggression.

During the visit, His Royal Highness conveyed the greetings of HM the King to the re-

ligious leaders, as well as his wishes for them to promote tolerance and understanding during the blessed Holy Month of Ramadan.

He also highlighted the importance of enhancing the spirit of responsibility and cooperation for the benefit of the Kingdom

and its people.

Coexistence

HRH Prince Salman affirmed that the Kingdom is resolute in its efforts to promote coexistence within the community.

He noted that the strength of the country is rooted in the

resolution and determination of its people.

His Royal Highness emphasised the profound importance of gathering in a place of worship, which serves as a living embodiment of the Kingdom's values of unity and solidarity, and a steadfast rejection of all

efforts to incite discord or division.

He affirmed that these enduring values, rooted in the Kingdom's faith and heritage, are integral to preserving its national institutions and maintaining its stability and security in confronting all challenges.

Model of coexistence and tolerance



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, affirmed that throughout its long history, Bahraini society has been a model of coexistence and tolerance among various religions and cultures. He noted that the Kingdom is committed to building a social environment that is founded on mutual respect and coexistence. HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with Christian religious leaders at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Arabia in Awali, to ensure the wellbeing of Bahrain's Catholic community. Upon arrival, His Royal Highness was received by Bishop Aldo Berardi, Apostolic Vicar of Northern Arabia. His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, and H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, were also present.

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Water supply 'stable'

Many consumers admit purchases 'driven more by fear than by actual shortages'

● **Desalination plant in Kingdom hit by Iranian drone**

● **Shoppers rush to supermarkets to buy bottled water**

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A surge in precautionary shopping was seen at supermarkets across Bahrain yesterday after reports that an Iran drone had struck a water desalination plant in the Kingdom.

Soon after the incident, residents rushed to nearby supermarkets and grocery stores to stock up on bottled drinking water.

Many supermarkets in the Kingdom reported a sudden surge in customers purchasing large quantities of water bottles yesterday, with many shoppers saying they wanted to secure supplies as a precaution.

The rush came despite assurances from the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) that the



Delivery drivers rush to collect bottled water amid high demand



“We are receiving unusually large orders, with some customers requesting between 200 and 500 cans at a time.”

— LOCAL WATER SUPPLIER

The Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) has assured that damage to the desalination plant has not affected the operation of the national water network.

that the purchases were driven more by fear than by actual shortages.

“I’m buying water bottles just as a backup. One can’t manage without it,” said a resident speaking to The Daily Tribune while loading multiple packs of bottled water into a trolley. A local water supplier said demand

for bottled water has surged sharply following the incident.

“We are receiving unusually large orders, with some customers requesting between 200 and 500 cans at a time,” the supplier said.

While there is no shortage of water itself, the supply of water cans which comes from Saudi Arabia is under pressure, and

the overwhelming demand is intensifying the strain.

Authorities urge people to stay calm, reassuring that water supply is secure.

While Bahrain depends on desalination because freshwater is limited, officials said production and distribution are running normally.

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— RESIDENT

Iraq support for Bahrain



HM the King

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a telephone call from Iraq President Dr. Abdul Latif Rashid, who expressed his country’s solidarity with the Kingdom of Bahrain and condemned the Iranian aggression.

President Rashid affirmed his full support for all measures the Kingdom takes to protect its sovereignty, security, and achievements.

Appreciation

HM the King expressed his appreciation for the position of the Republic of Iraq and the solidarity conveyed by the Iraqi leader.

His Majesty affirmed that the people of Bahrain uphold the values of tolerance and coexistence, and that the Kingdom will continue to support peace initiatives and all measures that promote security and stability both regionally and internationally.

Safety advisory for British nationals

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His Excellency Alastair Long, the UK Ambassador to Bahrain, has issued guidance to British citizens residing in the Kingdom amid ongoing regional security developments.

He warned that the situation may persist for some time.

Options

In a statement published on the British Embassy’s website, H.E. Ambassador Long outlined two primary options for British nationals.

The first is to remain in Bahrain and follow the instructions of local authorities, commending their efforts to safeguard residents and maintain the se-



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— H.E. ALASTAIR LONG, THE UK AMBASSADOR TO THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

curity of civilian infrastructure.

The second option is to leave the Kingdom via the King Fahd Causeway into Saudi Arabia, which remains open to British visitors.

Travel

The Ambassador advised citizens to consult with their travel companies or airlines regarding available travel arrangements, adding that the embassy is actively coordinating with carriers to support departures.

He also noted that British nationals who remain uncertain about their options can contact the British Embassy directly for guidance, with contact details provided on the embassy website.

Bahraini families, institutions unite for Kingdom

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Amid the Iranian attacks targeting Bahrain and other Gulf countries, Bahraini families, community leaders, business figures, sports and cultural clubs, and civil society organisations have issued statements emphasising their support for the Kingdom, national unity, and loyalty under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Additional statements were issued by 1,000 Bahraini families, community leaders, business figures, sports and cultural clubs, and civil society organisations, bringing

The Ministry of Interior and its personnel expressed great pride in Bahrain’s dedicated teams, who are leading the efforts with proficiency and a strong national spirit across multiple domains of work.

the total issued statements to 8,500.

The statements confirmed their unity around the national leadership under His Majesty

the King and expressed confidence in the measures taken by the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to confront the Iranian attacks.

They commended the Bahrain Defence Force and its personnel for their high readiness, competence, and vigilance in responding to assaults targeting civilian sites and private property, describing these attacks as serious violations of the principles of good neighbourliness and as a direct threat to regional peace and security.



Invitation to attend the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting (referred to as the "Annual General Assembly").
For Al Abraaj Restaurants Group Company B.S.C. (referred to as the "Company")

The Board of Directors of the Company is pleased to invite the Company’s shareholders to attend the Annual Ordinary General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting scheduled to be held at 11:00 AM (Bahrain time) on Monday, 30th March 2026, via Zoom, to discuss and approve the agenda items listed below. In the event that a quorum is not reached for the meeting to proceed, the second meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7th April 2026. If a third meeting is required, it will be held on Tuesday 14th April 2026, at the same time and on the same platform. Please refer to the notes below and the proxy form for further details and information on participation and registration.

First: The agenda for the Ordinary General Assembly meeting is as follows:

- Approval of the minutes of the previous Ordinary General Assembly meeting of the company held on 27th March 2025.
- Discussion to approve and acknowledge the Board of Directors’ report on the company’s activities for the financial year ending 31st December 2025.
- To review the external auditor’s report for the financial year ended 31st December 2025.
- Discussion to approve and acknowledge the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2025.
- Approval of the Board of Directors’ recommendation to allocate profits for the financial year ending 31st December 2025, as follows:
 - Transfer of 10% of the net profit of 77,746 Bahraini Dinars to the statutory reserve in accordance with Article 224 of the Commercial Companies Law.
 - Transfer of the amount of 699,716 Bahraini Dinars to retained earnings.
- Approval of the reappointment of the company’s auditors for the financial year ending 31st December 2026, and authorization of the Board of Directors to determine their fees (subject to obtaining the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain).
- Notification of transactions that took place during the financial year ended 31st December 2025 with any of the related parties as described in the Note 26 of the audited financial statements, in accordance with Article 189 of the Commercial Companies Law.
- Approval to repurchase the company’s shares (treasury shares) not exceeding 10% of the total issued shares for the purpose of supporting the liquidity, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain.
- Discussion and approval of the Corporate Governance Report for the financial year ending 31st December 2025, regarding the company’s compliance with the requirements of the Central Bank of Bahrain and the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.
- To absolve the members of the Board of Directors from liability for the financial year ended 31st December 2025.
- To discuss any other matter that may arise in accordance with Article 207 of the Commercial Companies Law.

Second: The agenda for the Extraordinary General Assembly meeting is as follows:

- Approval to amend Article (4) "Objects of the company" of the Company’s Memorandum & Articles of Association for the purpose of adding a "general trading" activity ISIC4 code 469-1 according to the procedures followed before the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and subject to the approval of the regulatory authorities.
- Approval to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Directors or his deputy to take all necessary actions to implement the above, and to sign the amendment to the company’s articles of incorporation and bylaws on behalf of the shareholders before the Notary Public in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Please Note:

- Any shareholder whose name is registered in the company’s shareholder registry on the date of the meeting has the right to attend in person or to authorized other shareholders or others to attend on his behalf via proxy, provided that the proxy is someone other than the Chairman, members of the Board of Directors, and employees of the company, without prejudice to the right of proxy to first-degree relatives, in accordance with the provisions of Article (203) of the Commercial Companies Law.
- If the shareholder is a legal person (a company), the authorized person who attends the meeting must submit a proxy form from the shareholder authorizing him/her to attend and vote on his behalf, and the proxy form must be in writing and issued by the authorized person in the company and stamped with the company’s seal.
- Proxy Forms can be obtained from the website for the Share Registrar www.bahrainbourse.com or the Company’s website www.alabraajgroup.com or from the office of Bahrain Clear Company – Bahrain Financial Harbor, 4th Floor, Phone: +973 17108833, Fax: +973 17228061, email: registry@bahrainbourse.com.
- Proxyholders shall present an identity card with signature as proof of identity.
- Please e-mail the completed and signed Proxy Forms (digitally signed or scanned copy of the physically signed Proxy Form) to registry@bahrainbourse.com at least 24 hours prior to the AGM.
- Registration for the AGM: Registration for participation in the virtual AGM will take place on Sunday, 29th March 2026. Attendees will be sent a registration link followed by access details to attend the AGM.
- For any inquiries, you may contact Investor Relations at +973 1759 6161 or email ir@alabraajgroup.com

On Behalf of the Board of Directors


Hamad Rashed Isa

Chairman

Infant dies due to neglect and lack of medical care

● Verdict set for April 14

Rehab Mohammad
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The First High Criminal Court has set April 14 for the verdict in a case involving the death of an infant under seven months old, who suffered neglect and mistreatment by his parents and a family associate.

According to investigations, the mother (35), father (26), and the mother's colleague (39) failed to provide necessary medical care for the infant during and after birth.

They also did not report the birth or death to the authorities and buried the child near the mother's workplace without notifying the proper authorities.

It was also revealed that the mother and her colleague were residing in the country illegally, with expired residency permits.

Witnesses, including a colleague who worked with the mother, stated that the mother initially claimed the baby was healthy. However, the mother's colleague later revealed that the child had died two days after birth and was buried near the workplace.

'Grave security threat'

Shura chairman backs Kingdom right to defend itself against Iran aggression

● Royal leadership hailed

Mohammed Darwish
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Shura Council chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh opened yesterday's sitting by condemning Iran's missile and drone attack on Bahrain, and backing the Kingdom's response and its right to defend itself under international law.

At the start of the session, Al Saleh said the strike on Bahrain and other Gulf states was "a flagrant violation of the sovereignty of states" and "a grave threat to the security and stability of the region".

He said the Council stood behind His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and backed the steps taken to protect Bahrain's security, sovereignty and the safety of citizens and residents.

He said Bahrain retained "its legitimate right to respond in accordance with international laws and conventions".

Royal care

Al Saleh also praised HM the King's close watch on developments in the region, saying it



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— ALI BIN SALEH AL SALEH, CHAIRMAN OF THE SHURA COUNCIL

showed the leadership's care for readiness and for the country's safety and stability.

He said Bahrain would stick to peace, dialogue and coexistence, while retaining its rights.

The lawmaker praised His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Prime Minister

and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, for leading this stage "with wisdom and ability", raising the readiness of state bodies and keeping basic services running.

Cost

He also welcomed the order by HRH the Crown Prince and

Prime Minister for the government to cover the cost of repairing homes damaged in the attack. Al Saleh said the move showed direct care for citizens' safety and support for them in hard times.

The chairman praised the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) for repelling the attack "with high efficiency and constant vigilance".

He also thanked the Interior Ministry and other security bodies for keeping public order and reassuring people, while praising the media for reporting accurate information and the ministries and state bodies for meeting essential needs.

Unity

Al Saleh said Bahrainis had shown "an honourable picture of national unity" during the attack, rallying behind their leadership and showing that Bahrain's real strength lay in "the unity of its people and the cohesion of its national fabric".

He urged citizens and residents to follow instructions from the authorities, check information before sharing it and avoid rumours.

"We stress the importance of taking news from official sources," he said.

Malkiya Beach knife attack trial

● March 15: Next hearing

Rehab Mohammad
TDT | Manama

The First High Criminal Court has begun the trial of a 24-year-old Bahraini man accused of stabbing another man at Malkiya Beach, leaving the victim with a permanent disability estimated at 1%.

The court adjourned the case to March 15, 2026, to bring the defendant from detention.

According to the Public Prosecution, the defendant assaulted the victim on October 20, 2025, stabbing him in the middle of the chest with a knife and causing injuries described in the forensic medical report, which resulted in a permanent disability of 1%.

An officer at the Ministry of Interior testified that police received a report of a fight at Malkiya Beach, after which the victim was transferred to Salmaniya Medical Complex.

Upon meeting the victim, officers observed a stab wound in the middle of his chest.

Shura approves abortion exception in two cases

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Fatal foetal defects and danger to the mother are the only two grounds on which legal abortion would be allowed under a proposal passed by the Shura Council yesterday.

The measure keeps abortion a criminal offence as a rule, but rewrites Article 19 of Decree-Law No. 7 of 1989 to allow an exception in two cases only, with written consent, specialist reports and treatment confined to licensed hospitals.

Supporters said in the chamber that the change was meant to bring the law into line with modern medical diagnosis while keeping the exception within a very small field.

Information

Dr Jameela Al Salman, Head of the Services Committee, said medical progress now gave pregnant women clearer information in cases where a foetus had a grave abnormality.

Speaking by video link, she



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— DR JAMEELA AL SALMAN, HEAD OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE

said the committee had looked at laws across the Gulf and had chosen wording she said was narrower than that used else-

where.

"They refer to severe malformation," she said. "Our proposal says severe malformation and that life would not be possible after birth."

She told members: "This is a restriction to very specific cases, not an expansion of abortion."

Life

Under the text passed by the council, abortion would be allowed where there is no other way to save the pregnant woman's life, provided this is confirmed by a medical committee made up of three consultant doctors licensed to practise in Bahrain.

The procedure, or any drug given for that purpose, would have to take place in a government hospital or an authorised private hospital and be carried out by a specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology.

Written consent from the woman would also be required, save in emergency cases calling for immediate surgery.

Gulf Air to operate repatriation flights

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Gulf Air has confirmed that, amid the ongoing closure of Bahrain's airspace, it will operate repatriation flights from Dammam to assist Bahraini citizens and residents.

The scheduled flights include departures from London Heathrow at 09:30 arriving in Dam-

mam at 19:20, from Manchester at 10:15 arriving at 20:15, and from Singapore at 20:00 arriving in Dammam at 23:05.

Passengers are reminded to arrive at the airport only with a valid, confirmed ticket. Travelers from Dammam to Bahrain must arrange their journey independently, including fulfilling all Saudi Arabia visa requirements.

Gulf Air emphasized that passenger and crew safety remains its top priority and expressed regret for any inconvenience caused by the temporary airspace closure. The airline also confirmed that regular operations will resume once the Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs confirms the safe reopening of Bahrain airspace.

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SILAH GULF B.S.C.

Invitation to the Annual General Meeting (the "AGM") of Silah Gulf B.S.C. (the "Company")

The Board of Directors of Silah Gulf B.S.C. (72853) are pleased to invite the Shareholders of the Company to attend the AGM due to be held at 10 AM (Bahrain time) on Monday 30th of March 2026, conducted virtually via Zoom to discuss and approve the following agenda items. In the absence of legal quorum to hold the meeting, the second meeting date will be on Monday 6th of April 2026, and if a third meeting is required, it shall be on Monday 13th of April 2026 at the same time and platform. Please refer to the Notes below and Proxy Form for further details and information on participation and registration.

The Agenda of the Annual General Assembly Meeting

- Approval of the minutes of the past Constituent General Meeting of the Company held on 17th February 2026.
- Discuss and approve the Board of Directors' Report on the Company's activities for the year ended 31 December 2025.
- Listen to the external audit or report for the year ending 31 December 2025.
- Discuss and approve the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.
- Approve the recommendation of the Board of Directors to allocate the profit for the year ended 31 December 2025 as follows:

a) Distribution of Cash Dividend to registered shareholders of 7% of share nominal value which is equivalent to 7 fils per share amounting to BD 381,720 for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Event	Date
General Meeting Date (Shareholders' approval date)	30 March 2026
Cum-Dividend Date (Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)	31 March 2026
Ex-Dividend Date (First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)	1 April 2026
Record Date (The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	2 April 2026
Payment Date (The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)	13 April 2026

- To transfer of 10% of the net profit amounting to BD 47,080 to the statutory reserve in accordance with Article 224 of the Commercial Companies Law.
 - To transfer the amount of BD 41,998 to the retained earnings.
- To approve the disbursement of the remuneration to the members of the Board of Directors in the sum of BD 47,000 for the financial year ended 31st December 2025, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.
 - To approve the Company's purchase of its own shares (treasury shares) up to 10% of its issued and paid-up share capital for the purposes of optimizing capital structure and to authorize the Board of Directors, or anyone authorized by the Board, to execute the purchase, or disposal of such shares in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain.
 - Notification of transactions carried out during the financial year ended 31 December 2025 with any of the related parties as presented in Note 21 of the audited Financial Statements, in line with Article 189 of the Commercial Companies Law.
 - Discuss and approve the Corporate Governance Report for the year ended 31 December 2025 regarding the Company compliance status with Central Bank of Bahrain and Ministry of Industry and Commerce regulatory requirements.
 - Abolish the Directors from liability for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.
 - Discuss any other matter in accordance with Article 207 of the Commercial Companies Law.

Important notes to Shareholders:

- All shareholders who intend to attend the meeting, or whomsoever they authorize, are kindly requested to register in advance to receive the invitation and the meeting link, by adhering to the required steps as per the following link: <https://eagm.bahrainclear.com/en/>
- Registration for participation in the virtual AGM will take place from 22 March 2026 and shall close 24 hours before the meeting time by visiting the above link of Bahrain Clear. Attendees will be sent a registration link followed by access details to attend the AGM.
- Shareholders whose names are registered in the share register of the Company on the date of the meeting are entitled to participate in the AGM or appoint a Proxy to attend the AGM and vote on behalf of such shareholder provided such Proxy is not the chairman, members of the board, or employee of the Company, however, this shall not prejudice the right to appoint a proxy for relatives to the first degree of relationship.
- If the shareholder is a legal person (a company), the authorized person who attends the meeting must submit a proxy form from the shareholder authorizing him/her to attend and vote on his behalf, and the proxy form must be in writing and issued by the authorized person in the company and stamped with the company's seal.
- Proxy Forms can be obtained from the website for the Share Registrar www.bahrainbourse.com or the Company's website www.silah.bh or from the office of Bahrain Clear Company - Bahrain Financial Harbor, 4th Floor, Phone: +973 1728833, Fax: +973 17228061, email: registry@bahrainbourse.com.bh. Please e-mail the completed and signed Proxy Forms (digitally signed or scanned copy of the physically signed Proxy Form) to registry@bahrainbourse.com at least 24 hours prior to the AGM. Proxies will also be required to be uploaded on the eAGM website. Please note that proxies submitted after the deadline are not valid for the purpose of the meeting.
- Proxyholders shall present an identity card with signature as proof of identity.
- It is not possible for the shareholder to change his/her vote after he/she has voted, and this is based on the resolution of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce No. (63) of 2021 regarding measures for meetings by electronic means and the conditions and controls of the electronic voting system in the general assembly of the joint-stock company.
- Resolutions to be adopted in the AGM will be subject to the approval of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Central Bank of Bahrain.
- The meeting will be recorded electronically, in audio and video, for record-keeping purposes.
- We recommend you to attend the e-meeting from your computer or laptop in order to have better quality service; also, you have the option to attend the meeting using your tablet or smartphone (Mobile).
- Electronic copies of the meeting documents will be available at the company website: www.silah.bh and at Bahrain Clear website: <https://eagm.bahrainclear.com/en/>
- The financial statements are available on the company's website (www.silah.bh) and Bahrain Bourse's website.
- For further inquiries, you may contact us through Phone: +973 17355200 or Email: info@silah.bh

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

Mohamed Al Qaed
Chairman

Cross-border confidence

Gulf visitors continue short trips to Bahrain despite regional tensions

Hasan Barakat
TDT | Manama

Despite the regional tensions surrounding the Kingdom, Gulf visitors continue to cross into Bahrain.

Many — particularly from Saudi Arabia — are making short visits that reflect both confidence and long-standing familiarity with the island.

During a field tour conducted by The Daily Tribune, several Gulf nationals were interviewed across markets about their feelings while visiting Bahrain under current circumstances.

For many residents from neighbouring countries who already live in Bahrain, the atmosphere remains calm and reassuring.

Security

Several Saudi residents explained that they closely follow updates and instructions issued by the relevant authorities and remain confident in the Kingdom's ability to maintain security.

"We follow the guidance issued by the authorities first hand," one resident said. "We feel reassured and trust the country's preparedness."

Another group consisted of visitors who had travelled to Bahrain for only a few hours before returning home. Many said their main purpose was to enjoy iftar at restaurants across the Kingdom.

They described Bahrain's dining scene as a key reason for visiting, pointing to the variety



Tourists flock to the Kingdom for a memorable shopping experience

of restaurants, the welcoming atmosphere, and prices they consider more affordable compared with some places across the border.

Others said their trip centred around shopping for Eid.

According to several Saudi visitors, buying Eid outfits in Bahrain remains a preferred choice

for a number of reasons.

They highlighted the wider variety of clothing styles, the availability of sizes, and competitive pricing.

One visitor also pointed to a practical difference in shopping experiences. In Bahrain, most clothing stores provide their own fitting rooms inside the shop, making it easier to try different sizes quickly.

Malls

In Saudi Arabia, some malls operate shared fitting rooms located outside the stores, which visitors say can complicate the process of changing sizes.

Visitors who arrived for brief outings also admitted they were unsure where to follow the latest developments and official

guidance related to the situation.

During the conversations, The Daily Tribune guided some of them to follow the newspaper's Instagram account, along with verified local sources and the Ministry of Interior's official account, to stay informed.

Tour

What stood out during the tour was the nature of the visits themselves.

None of the Gulf travellers interviewed had arrived for overnight stays. Most had crossed into Bahrain for only a few hours before planning their return.

Even amid uncertainty, the short trips reflect a quiet sense of familiarity between neighbours, where routine visits continue while caution remains present.



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BAHRAIN FAMILY LEISURE COMPANY B.S.C.

Invitation to the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company's Shareholders of Bahrain Family Leisure Company B.S.C., CR 32196 (the Company)

The Board of Directors of Bahrain Family Leisure Company B.S.C., CR 32196-1, cordially invites the shareholders to attend the Annual Ordinary General Assembly Meeting (AGM) to be held on Monday, 30 March 2026 at 1.00 PM at the Gulf Hotel (Awal-2), Kingdom of Bahrain. If the quorum for the meeting is not met, the second meeting will be held on Monday, 06 April 2026, at the same venue and time. If the quorum is still not met, a third meeting will be held on Monday, 13 April 2026 at the same time and venue.

The agenda below will be discussed to take appropriate decisions:

Agenda of Ordinary General Meeting

- To read out and approve the attached previous Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) minutes held on 14 October 2025.
- To discuss the Board of Directors' report about the Company's business for the year ended 31 December 2025 and approve the same.
- To listen to the External Auditor's report on the Company's financial position for the financial year ending 31 December 2025.
- To discuss the Company's financials for the year ended 31 December 2025.
- To discuss and approve the corporate governance report for 2025 and compliance with the requirements of the Central Bank of Bahrain and the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.
- To notify of the transactions carried out during the financial year ended 31 December 2025 with any of the related parties as described in note 26 of the financial statements in line with Article 189 of the Commercial Companies Law.
- To discharge the members of the Board of Directors from their liabilities for the financial year ending 31 December 2025.
- To reappoint the external auditors for the year ending 31 December 2026 and authorize the Board of Directors to determine their fees.
- Any other matters that may arise as per Article 207 of the Commercial Companies' Law.

AbdulLateef Khalid Alaujan
Chairman of the Board

Important Notes to Shareholders:

- You can obtain a copy of the financial report for the year ended 31 December 2025 on the Bahrain Bourse website.
- You can obtain a copy of the proxy card on the Group's website (www.bflc.com.bh).
- Any shareholder whose name is registered in the company's shareholders' register as of the meeting date has the right to attend the meeting in person or appoint a proxy in writing to attend and vote on their behalf, provided that the proxy is not the Chairman of the Board, a Board member or an employee of the Company.
- The proxy shall be in accordance with the provisions of Article (203) of the Commercial Companies Law, which states: "Every shareholder, regardless of the number of shares they hold, has the right to attend the General Assembly and shall have a number of votes equal to the number of shares they own. Any condition or resolution that contradicts this shall be considered null and void. A shareholder may appoint another person, whether a shareholder or not, to attend on their behalf, provided that the proxy is neither the Chairman, a member of the Board of Directors, nor an employee of the company. However, this does not affect the right to appoint first-degree relatives as proxies, provided that the proxy is granted through a special written authorization prepared by the company for this purpose. Minors and persons lacking legal capacity shall be represented by their legal guardians. The company must prepare special cards indicating the number of shares owned by the shareholder and the shares they represent on behalf of other shareholders. Proxy authorizations and proof of representation must be submitted to the company at least 24 hours before the General Assembly meeting. No member may participate in voting for themselves or on behalf of another in matters where they have a direct personal interest or in cases of an existing dispute between them and the company."
- In the case the shareholder is a company, the proxy attending the meeting must present an authorization letter from the shareholder granting them the authority to act as a proxy of that shareholder. Such authorization must be in writing, issued by the authorized signatory of the company, stamped with the company's seal, and submitted before the deadline for depositing the proxy.
- The proxy form must be deposited at least 24 hours prior to the date of the meeting at Zamil Tower, Office No. 74, 7th Floor, PO Box 514, Manama - Kingdom of Bahrain - Tel: 17215080 - Fax 17212055 or e-mail : muralikrishnan.k@kfintech.com and/or hani.alshaikh@kfintech.com with confirmation of receipt before the deadline. Proxies submitted after the deadline will not be valid for the meeting.
- For inquiries, please contact the Public Relations and Investor Relations Department at 17215050.

Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company B.S.C. Invitation to the Annual General Meeting To be held on Monday 30 March 2026 at 10:30 am



BAHRAIN
الشركة الكويتية للتأمين
BAHRAIN KUWAIT INSURANCE CO.

The Board of Directors of Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company B.S.C. (CR. No. 4745, Trading Code: BKIC) would like to invite the Shareholders to attend the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Monday 30th March 2026 at 10:30 am at BKIC Tower located in Seef District, Manama - Kingdom Bahrain. In the absence of quorum, a second meeting will be held on Monday 6th April 2026 at the same time and place. In the absence of quorum on the second date, a third meeting will be scheduled on Monday 13th April 2026 to discuss and adopt the agenda items below:

Agenda for the Ordinary General Meeting

- Approve the previous minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th March 2025.
- Discuss and approve the Board of Directors report for the financial year ended 31st December 2025.
- Listen to the external auditors' report on the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025.
- Discuss and approve the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025.
- Discuss and approve the following recommendations of the Board of Directors in allocating the net profits for the financial year ended 31st December 2025 as follows:
 - Transfer BD 439,273/- to the statutory reserve.
 - Distribution of BD 3,683,591/- cash dividends of 25% of the paid-up capital equivalent to 25 fils per share (Excluding the Treasury Shares) to shareholders, as follows:

Event	Date
Cum-Dividend Date (Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)	31st March 2026
Ex-Dividend Date (First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)	1st April 2026
Record Date (The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	2nd April 2026
Payment Date (The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)	16th April 2026

- Transfer BD 630,315/- to the retained earnings.
- Approve the recommendation to allocate BD 200,000/- as remuneration to the Board of Directors for the year ended 31st December 2025, subject to the approval of the MOIC.
 - Approve to allocate BD 60,000/- for the Charity and Donations.
 - Inform shareholders about related party transactions during the year ended 31st December 2025 as detailed in note (31) of the financial statements.
 - Discuss and approve the Corporate Governance report for the year 2025 and the Company's compliance with Ministry of Industry & Commerce and Central Bank of Bahrain's requirements.
 - Discharge the Board of Directors of any liability related to their conduct for the financial year ended 31st December 2025.
 - Re-appointment of the External Auditors for the financial year 2026, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain and authorize the Board of Directors to fix their fees.
 - Elect (4) and Appoint (6) board members for the upcoming three years, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain.
 - Any additional matters in accordance with article (207) of Bahrain Commercial Companies Law.

Important notes to the shareholders

- All registered shareholders at the Annual General Meeting date are eligible to attend the meeting in person or appoint, in writing, a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf provided that such proxy is not a director or employee of the company, as prescribed in article (203) of Bahrain Commercial Companies Law.
- In the case of an institutional shareholders, the representative attending the meeting must submit the proxy signed by an authorized signatory of the relevant institutional shareholder. The proxy must be sealed by the institutional shareholder's stamp.
- A copy of the proxy form is available on the Company's website www.gigbh.com and Bahrain Bourse's website www.bahrainbourse.com.
- The proxy form should be submitted to Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company B.S.C. on its address BKIC Tower 2775, Road 2835, Block 42B, Seef District - P.O. Box 10166, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, no later than 24 hours before the scheduled meeting date. Proxy forms may be delivered by hand, post, or by email: ali.fardan@gig.com.bh. Any proxies received after the deadline will not be valid for the AGM.
- All shareholders appointing a proxy to attend the meeting must submit the proxy holder's identification document or passport in addition to the proxy.
- The financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025 are available on the Company's website www.gigbh.com and Bahrain Bourse's website www.bahrainbourse.com.
- For any inquiries, please call the Secretary to the Board on 17119914.

Murad Ali Murad
Chairman of the Board

Ithmaar Holding shareholders approve capital raising initiatives at its EGM

● The plans were presented to Ithmaar Holding shareholders at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) at Al Dana Mall in Le Meridien

● The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Ithmaar Holding Board of Directors, His Royal Highness Prince Amr Al Faisal

Manama

Shareholders of Ithmaar Holding, a Bahrain-based holding company, today (ed note: 8/03/2026) approved its capital raising initiatives, which includes the cancellation of accumulated losses against share capital and issuance of additional share capital by way of rights issue.

The plans were presented to Ithmaar Holding shareholders at an Extraordinary General



Meeting (EGM) that was held at Al Dana Hall in Le Méridien City Centre Bahrain and chaired

by the Chairman of the Ithmaar Holding Board of Directors, His Royal Highness Prince Amr Al

Faisal. Other key participants in the EGM included represent-

atives from the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC), the Bahrain Bourse,

independent financial advisor, RSM Bahrain, and the Company's statutory auditors, KPMG.

"The approved initiative marks a key milestone in the transformation of the Group's operations, in line with the strategic decisions taken by the shareholders," said HRH Prince Amr. "This initiative will contribute to strengthening the group's position, enhancing its operational efficiencies and ensure sustainable long-term growth," he said.

"The new initiative that was proposed by the Board and approved by the shareholders, will result in not only offsetting the accumulated losses but will also increase total equity by at least \$50 million as committed by the major shareholder," said Ithmaar Holding Chief Executive Officer, Maysan Almaskati. "We are confident that the strategic plans of the Group that was undertaken during 2025 and announced in 2026 will mark a fundamental shift in Ithmaar Holding's financial position by strengthen capital structure, adding value among shareholders and ensure achieving sustainable growth," he said.

Bangladesh rations fuel as Mideast war deepens energy crunch



People wait in a queue to refuel their vehicles near a fuel station in Dhaka

● Authorities capped fuel purchases for several types of vehicles

● Motorcyclists are now limited to a maximum of two litres (0.5 US gallons) per tank.

AFP | Dhaka, Bangladesh

Bangladesh launched fuel rationing on Sunday as the war in the Middle East deepened an energy crunch, creating long queues at filling stations and boiling over into anger.

Following the US and Israeli attacks on Iran, and Tehran's retaliatory strikes throughout the Gulf, the national oil company, Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC), restricted fuel sales for most vehicles.

Authorities capped fuel purchases for several types of vehicles as panic buying and hoarding spread following warnings of possible supply disruptions.

For example, motorcyclists are now limited to a maximum of two litres (0.5 US gallons) per tank.

"Consumers tend to buy more than they usually purchase" during times of crisis, BPC said in a statement.

One man was killed on Saturday night in the southern district of Jhenaidah after an altercation with filling station staff over refuelling, triggering unrest.

Following the death of Nirob Hossain, 25, angry crowds torched three buses and vandalised a filling station, police officer Md Mahfuz Afzal said.

As soon as the restrictions took effect on Sunday, long lines of vehicles formed outside numerous gas stations in the capital Dhaka.

"I waited for more than an hour to get two litres," said motorcyclist Md Al-Amin, 45.

"My tank holds eight litres, and I usually fill up once a week -- so now I'll have to come back the day after tomorrow."

AKM Ruhul Amin, a paediatrician, had just filled his sedan car -- but said it was not enough.

"I already waited yesterday, and they closed the station just one car ahead of me," he said.

"I was only able to buy 10 litres today... the government could at least allow us to fill up completely."

Ahmad Rush, an official with the distributor Meghna Petroleum Ltd., estimated that the number of customers had almost doubled.

"We opened at 7:30 this morning and were able to refuel 300 vehicles in three and a half hours," he said.

BPC said that fuel deliveries were expected soon.

Due to the current tensions, five of the country's six fertiliser factories have been closed until March 18, an official with the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation, Ahsan Quddus Kuntal, told AFP.

Beyon B.S.C.



Call for Annual General Assembly Meeting

The Chairman and the Board of Beyon B.S.C. ("the Company") registered under commercial registration # 11700 is pleased to invite the shareholders to attend the Company's Annual General Assembly Meeting due to be held at 10.00 am, on Tuesday 31 March 2026 at the Company's Headquarters located in AlHamalah - Centraal. In the absence of a quorum, the second meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 April 2026 (same time and place), and in an absence of quorum, the third meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 April 2026 to discuss and approve the following agenda:

Annual General Assembly Meeting Agenda:

1. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous Annual Ordinary General Assembly Meeting held on 26 March 2025.
2. Review and approval of the Board's report on the Company's operations and its financial position for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.
3. Listening to External Auditor's report on the consolidated financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.
4. Review and approval of audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.
5. Approving the recommendation of the Board of Directors for the allocation of the net profit for the year ended 31 December 2025 as follows:
 - a) Distribution of cash dividends to registered shareholders (except for the treasury shares) of 32.5 fils per share, at a rate of 32.5% of the paid-up capital (13.5 fils per share interim dividend was paid in August 2025) which is a total of about BD 53.9 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2025 and;

Cum-Dividend Date	2 April 2026
Ex-Dividend Date	5 April 2026
Record Date	6 April 2026
Payment Date	20 April 2026

6. Transfer of BD 3.6 million to the Corporate Social Responsibility Activities and Environmental Social and Governance Reserve.
7. Transfer of BD13.8 million to the Retained Earnings.
8. Allocation of BD 543,914 as Board Members' remunerations for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.
9. Approval of the Company's Corporate Governance Compliance with the CBB High Level Standard Requirements and the Code of governance of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce as stated in the Annual Report 2025.
10. To notify and approve the transactions carried out during the financial year ended 31 December 2025 with any of the related parties as described in note #38 of the financial statements in line with Article 189 of the Commercial Companies Law.
11. Approval of the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines in accordance with Resolution No. (38) of 2025 concerning the amendments to the Commercial Companies Law on the Liability of the Board of Directors.
12. Relieving the Board of Directors of any liability arising from their acts during the financial year ended 31 December 2025.
13. Appointment of 8 members representing the Major Shareholders and election of 2 members to be elected by the General Assembly for the upcoming three years 2026 - 2029.
14. Re-appointment of the External Auditors for the financial year ending 31 December 2026 and authorisation of the Board of Directors to determine their remuneration.
15. Other business in accordance with article 207 of the Commercial Companies' Law.

Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Important notes for shareholders:

All shareholders wishing to attend must follow the following instructions:

- Any shareholder whose name is registered in the shareholders' register of the Company on the date of the meeting has the right to attend the meeting in person or to authorize another person to attend and vote on their behalf, on the condition that the person attending on their behalf is not the chairman, member of the board or employee of the Company. By submitting the Proxy Form, the Proxy confirms that as of the date of submission, the shareholder on whose behalf the Proxy is attending is not deceased.
- In the event the shareholder is a company, the designated representative attending the meeting must present a written letter of authorization from the shareholder. This letter should grant permission for the representative to attend the meeting on behalf of the shareholder. The authorization must be issued in writing by an authorized individual within the company, bearing the company's stamp, and to be submitted prior to the specified deadline for proxy filing.
- Shareholders must comply with the specified timeline for submitting the proxy.
- The confirmation/proxy form must be submitted at least 24 hours before the meeting date not later than **Monday 30 March 2026 at 10.00 AM**, form should be submitted on agm@bahrainclear.com, and the Issuer's name should be included in the subject line of the email.
- Shareholders can obtain a copy of the confirmation/proxy form, financials and the 2025 Annual report are available on the Company's website <https://beyon.com/general-meetings/> or Bahrain Bourse website <https://bahrainbourse.com>, or through the Company's share registrar Bahrain Clear at their office located in Bahrain Financial Harbor, Harbor Mall (fourth floor)- Tel. 17108786 - Fax. 17228061.
- Shareholders must submit the confirmation/ proxy form with a copy of a valid Identification card (CPR) or passport.
- For inquiries, please contact +973-32101109 or through email address GBS@beyon.com.



The country of 170 million people imports 95 percent of its oil and gas needs.

Indian Ambassador to Bahrain visits **UPS** at Bahrain International Investment Park



Pradeep Puravankara Manama

Unique Power Switchgears (UPS) W.L.L., a leading Bahraini-based electrical engineering and manufacturing company, welcomed His Excellency Mr. Vinod K. Jacob, Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, during an official visit to its state-of-the-art facility at the Bahrain International Investment Park (BIIP).

The visit highlighted UPS W.L.L.'s growing role in Bahrain's industrial and infrastructure development and its position as a trusted provider of high-quality electrical solutions. An ISO 9001:2015 certified company, UPS W.L.L. is the authorized panel builder for LK "Lauritz Knudsen" by Schneider Electric India Pvt. Ltd. (SEIPL), formerly known as L&T "Larsen & Toubro," reflecting its strong alignment with international engineering standards and innovation. His Excellency was received by the company's leadership team, headed by Mr. Abdulrahman Jumaa, Chairman, and Mr. Jayashankar Viswanathan, Managing Director, alongside members of the Board of Directors and distinguished guests from the business and community sectors.

During a comprehensive tour of the manufacturing facility, the Ambassador was briefed on UPS W.L.L.'s advanced production processes, quality assurance systems, and commitment to continuous improvement. Established in 2009, the company has achieved sustained growth, recording an approximate cumulative business value of USD 21 million by 2025. Its successful transition to a W.L.L. structure and the expansion of its portfolio to include sandwich-type busbar trunking systems further demonstrate its strategic development and market responsiveness.

H.E. Mr. Vinod K. Jacob praised UPS W.L.L.'s commitment to quality, innovation, and

professional development. He highlighted the company's role in strengthening industrial co-operation between India and Bahrain and supporting sustainable economic growth in the Kingdom.

Following the Ambassador's remarks, Mr. Abdulrahman Jumaa, Chairman of Unique Power Switchgears W.L.L., said:

"We are honored by the visit of His Excellency the Ambassador of India, which reflects the strength of bilateral relations between Bahrain and India and our company's commitment to excellence. At UPS W.L.L., we remain focused on delivering world-class electrical solutions, investing in advanced technology, and developing local talent to support Bahrain's long-term economic and industrial growth."

UPS W.L.L. has built a strong reputation through its contribution to major national and commercial projects across health-care, energy, education, housing, hospitality, and infrastructure sectors. Its portfolio includes landmark developments such as BDF Hospital, Salmaniya Hospital, American Mission Hospital, BAPCO, Banagas, Tatweer, Diyar Al Muharraq, Bahrain Marina, and several leading hospitality and residential projects.

The company's consistent performance has been recognized through multiple industry awards, including the L&T GCC Star Achiever Award for four consecutive years from 2017 to 2020, underscoring its operational excellence and customer-centric approach.

The visit concluded with reaffirmation of UPS W.L.L.'s long-term vision to deliver reliable, efficient, and innovative electrical solutions that enhance quality of life and contribute to national development. Through continuous investment in technology, talent, and partnerships, Unique Power Switchgears W.L.L. continues to position itself as a leading force in Bahrain's industrial sector and a trusted regional partner.



BAHRAIN CINEMA COMPANY B.S.C.

Invitation to the Annual General Meeting

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bahrain Cinema Company B.S.C. (CINECO) (CR-1192-09) is pleased to invite the shareholders to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 17th March, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. virtually through ZOOM videoconferencing to discuss the items mentioned in the agenda given below. In the absence of quorum, a second meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25th March, 2026 and in the absence of quorum on the second date, a third meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1st April, 2026 at the same time also virtually through ZOOM videoconferencing.

Agenda: Annual General Meeting

- To approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 25th March, 2025.
- To discuss and approve the Board of Directors' report on the Company's activities for the year ended 31st December, 2025.
- To listen to the external auditor's report on the financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2025.
- To review and approve the financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2025.
- To approve the Board of Directors' recommendations for the year ended 31st December, 2025 on the following proposed appropriations:
 - Distribution of cash dividends of 17 fils per share or 17% of paid up share capital, amounting to BD 1,294,737 for the year ended 31st December, 2025

Event	Date*
Cum-Dividend Date <i>(Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)</i>	18-03-2026
Ex-Dividend Date <i>(First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)</i>	19-03-2026
Record Date <i>(The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)</i>	25-03-2026
Payment Date <i>(The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)</i>	05-04-2026

*If a public holiday falls on any of the specified dates above, the recommended date will be moved to the next business day.
- Transfer the remaining amount of BD 41,542 to retained earnings
- To approve Board of Directors' remuneration in the aggregate amount of BD 102,640 for the year ended 31st December, 2025 subject to the approval of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.
- To receive and review the Corporate Governance Report 2025 on the Company's compliance with the Corporate Governance Guidelines as per the Central Bank of Bahrain's and Ministry of Industry and Commerce.
- To notify and approve the transactions carried out during the financial year ended 31st December, 2025 with any of the related parties as described in note number: 31 of the financial statements in line with Article 189 of the Commercial Companies Law.
- To absolve the members of the Board from liability for their actions during the year ended 31st December, 2025.
- To re-appoint BDO as the Company's external auditors for the year ended 31st December, 2026 and authorize the Board of directors to fix their remuneration.
- To re-appoint Mr. Ahmed A. Rashed Albastaki as the eighth Director of the Company for the next 3 year-term (2026-2029) in accordance with Article 25 of the Articles of Association of the Company.
- To discuss any other business according to Article 207 of the Commercial Companies Law.

Dr. Esam Abdulla Fakhro
CHAIRMAN

Important notes to shareholders:

- The shareholders are requested to download ZOOM application from Play Store/Android store before the meeting. The links are provided below. The shareholders who wish to join the Annual General Meeting shall send an e-mail with their name and CPR/ID Proof no later than 24 hours before the meeting time on 17th March 2026 for the purpose of verification to the Company Secretary at cinecosec@cinco.net. The meeting details to join the meeting virtually will be shared with the shareholder after verification of his/her details.

For iOS, please download from ZOOM Cloud Meetings on the App Store (apple.com)
For Android, please download from ZOOM Cloud Meetings - Apps on Google Play
For Windows, please download from Download Center - Zoom
- The copies of Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 2025 will be available on the Company's website: www.cinco.net and Bahrain Bourse website: www.bahrainbourse.com
- Shareholders whose names are registered on the Company's shareholders' list on the date of the Meetings are entitled to attend in person or appoint a proxy from amongst the shareholders or otherwise, to vote on their behalf, provided that the proxy may not be the Chairman, director or employee of the Company, unless the proxy is a first degree relative of the concerned shareholder in accordance with Article 203 of the Commercial Companies Law.
- The Proxy Form must be filled and signed by the shareholder/shareholder's legal representative, in which case the notarized/legalized Power of Attorney must be attached to the Proxy Form. If the shareholder is a corporate entity, the proxy attending the meeting must submit a written authorization letter issued by the authorized person in the company and duly stamped by the company's stamp, assigning him/her to be the proxy for that shareholder.
- Proxies should be submitted to KFin Technologies (Bahrain) W.L.L., Zamil Tower, Office No.74, 7th Floor, PO Box 514, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain no later than 24 hours before the meeting time on 17th March 2026. Tel: +973 17215080 or Fax: + 973 17212055. Email: Bahrain.helpdesk@kfinetech.com
- Shareholders or their proxies are requested on the day of the meeting to present clear and valid identify cards or passports for inspection as proof of identity.
- For any queries please contact at : Telephone: +973 17 258 900 or Email: cinecosec@cinco.net



A US Air Force B-52H Stratofortress bomber aircraft

US says it will not hit Iran energy sector

Israel attacked oil storage facilities Saturday in and around Tehran



An Iranian civil defence member walks next to a destroyed fuel tanker vehicle near an ongoing fire following an overnight airstrike on the Shahran oil refinery in northwestern Tehran

Iran military warns to target oil sites in region if Israel hits energy infrastructure

● **These are Israeli strikes, these are local fuel depots to fill up the gas tank**

● **US benchmark for oil, rose 12% just on Friday and is up 36% in a week**

● **US gasoline prices at the pump have gone up 16% in a week and diesel by 22%**

AFP | New York, United States

The United States will spare Iran's energy infrastructure as it wages war with Israel against the Islamic republic, Energy Secretary Chris Wright said yesterday.

With oil prices rising dramatically, he told CNN that disruptions to the petroleum and gas industry will be short lived -- "worst case, that's a few weeks. That's not months."

Israel attacked oil storage facilities Saturday in and around Tehran, sparking huge fires in the first such attacks reported since the war started last

weekend. Wright seemed to downplay them.

"These are Israeli strikes, these are local fuel depots to fill up the gas tank," Wright said.

He added: "The US is targeting zero energy infrastructure. There are no plans to target Iran's oil industry, their natural gas industry, or anything about their energy industry."

The war has all but shut down the Strait of Hormuz, through which nearly 20% of the world's crude oil and about 20% of liquefied natural gas usually transit.

Energy markets have been riled by this disruption and oil prices shot up. West Texas Intermediate, the US benchmark for oil, rose 12% just on Friday and is up 36% in a week.

"They shouldn't go much higher than they are here because the world is very well supplied with oil," Wright told CBS. "There's no energy shortage in all of the Western hemisphere."

US insurer AAA said US gasoline prices at the pump have gone up 16% in a week and diesel by 22%.

The website GasBuddy says diesel fuel, used extensively in trucking, had not been this expensive since February 2023.

Gasoline prices are closely watched in this country where

cars are king and they could become a factor as America heads toward mid-term elections in November. Trump's approval rating was low even before the war.

"What you're seeing is emotional reactions and fear that this is a long term war," Wright said on CBS. "This is not a long-term war."

He said the United States is now talking with shipping companies eager to get their vessels out of the Gulf.

"Early tankers probably will involve some direct protection by the US military" to get through the Strait of Hormuz, he said, adding that he thinks traffic will return to normal "relatively soon."

Iran accounts for about four percent of world oil production, according to the US Energy Information Administration.

Its oil industry is subject to international sanctions but some is still exported, mainly to China, oil industry data shows.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Friday the government was considering lifting sanctions on more Russian oil, a day after it temporarily authorized India to buy from Moscow as global oil prices surged.



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BAHRAIN FAMILY LEISURE COMPANY B.S.C.

Invitation to the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company's Shareholders of Bahrain Family Leisure Company B.S.C., CR 32196 (the Company)

The Board of Directors of the Company cordially invites the shareholders to attend the Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting (EGM) to be held on **Monday, 30 March 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Gulf Hotel (Awal-2), Kingdom of Bahrain.**

If the quorum for the meeting is not met, the second meeting will be held on Monday, 6 April 2026, at the same venue and time. If the quorum is still not met, a third meeting will be Monday, 13 April 2026 at the same time and venue.

The agenda below will be discussed to take appropriate decisions:

A. Agenda of EGM

- To read out and approve the minutes of the previous Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on 24 August 2025.
- To approve the recommendation of the Board of Directors to increase the issued and paid-up capital of the Company from BD 1,000,000, comprising of 10,000,000 ordinary shares, to BD 2,380,952,400, comprising of 23,809,524 shares, through the issuance of 13,809,524 new ordinary shares at a nominal value of BD 0.100 each; and record a share premium of BD 2,332,172.6 at the rate of BD 0.169 per share (i.e. an issue price of BD 0.269 per share for the purpose of this transaction). The issuance of the shares will be subject to the approval of Central Bank of Bahrain.
- To approve waiving the pre-emptive rights of the existing shareholders of the Company to subscribe to the new ordinary shares referred to in Item 3 above, in favor of Dividend Gate Capital W.L.L., pursuant to the transaction detailed above.
- To approve, in accordance with Article (127) (bis) of the Commercial Companies Law, and Article (12), Paragraphs (e) and (g) of the Company's Articles of Association, the classification of Dividend Gate Capital W.L.L. as a "strategic partner", and to approve allocating and allotting the entire capital increase to such strategic partner without applying pre-emptive rights in favour of existing shareholders.
- To approve the waiver by the shareholders of their right to receive a mandatory offer from Dividend Gate Capital W.L.L., and any parties acting in concert with it, for all issued ordinary shares of the Company not already owned by them, in accordance with the Takeovers, Mergers and Acquisitions Module TMA of the CBB Rulebook, Volume 6. This waiver relates to the increase in Dividend Gate Capital W.L.L.'s shareholding to approximately 58% of the issued and paid-up capital resulting from the issuance of the new ordinary shares pursuant to the above capital increase (Whitewash Resolution), subject to final approval by the Central Bank of Bahrain.
- To approve applying for the admission to trading of the newly issued ordinary shares on the Bahrain Bourse, and to authorize the Board of Directors, and those authorized by the Board of Directors, to take all necessary actions to effect such listing.
- To amend the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association to reflect the increase of capital and the foregoing resolutions, subject to obtaining all necessary regulatory approvals.
- To approve the appointment of each of the Company's directors, including Reem Al Rayes, a Bahraini national holding ID Card No. 880600543, and/or Mohamed Algharbi, a Bahraini national holding ID Card No. 880503114 and any of the following lawyers of the Company's legal advisers, ASAR - Al Ruwayeh & Partners (Bahrain office): David Walker, Simone Del Nevo, Amal Lari, Rahul Sud, Sherif Saad Eldin, and Ahmed Al-Saeed, be and are hereby severally authorised to take all necessary actions, execute and sign all documents, deeds, applications, forms and instruments, make all filings and registrations with the MOIC, the Commercial Registry, the CBB, the Bahrain Bourse, Bahrain Clear, and any other governmental, regulatory or competent authority, and obtain all approvals, consents and no-objections required to implement and give full effect to the foregoing resolutions, including but not limited to signing the amended Memorandum and Articles of Association before the Notary Public in the Kingdom of Bahrain, filing any application, registering the capital increase, and applying for the admission to trading of the newly issued Ordinary Shares.

The appointed individuals shall have the authority to delegate these powers, in whole or in part, to any other person as deemed necessary.

The cum-date, ex-date and effective date of the capital increase will be announced to shareholders following receipt of regulatory approvals and finalization of the transaction timeline.

Abdul Latif Khalid Al Aujan
Chairman of the Board

Importance notice to the shareholders:

- A Board Circular giving details of, among other, the Transaction, the Whitewash waiver, the Whitewash Resolution will be posted by the Company to the shareholders on the website of the company www.bflc.com.bh and Bahrain Bourse www.bahrainbourse.com on or before 09 March 2026.
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● Israel's military said two of its soldiers were killed in combat in southern Lebanon -- the first Israeli troops to have died since fighting flared with Iran's Lebanese proxy Hezbollah.

● The head of the Arab League said Iran's attacks on several member states were "reckless", urging Tehran to reverse what he called a "massive strategic mistake".

● Israeli strikes on Lebanon have killed 394 people in the past week, including 83 children and 42 women, the country's health minister said.

● More than 100 Iranians, including some diplomats, were evacuated from Beirut overnight on a Russian plane, a Lebanese official told AFP.

● Iran's clerical body tasked with choosing the country's next supreme leader has agreed on a candidate but the name is yet to be announced, members said.

● Fuel distribution in the Iranian capital has been temporarily halted after US-Israeli strikes on depots, an official said.

● The Israeli military said it carried out a "precise strike" in Beirut targeting commanders from the foreign operations arm of Iran's Revolutionary Guards, the Quds Force.

● Three Indonesian crew members are missing after a UAE-flagged tugboat was hit by a blast and sank in the Strait of Hormuz on Friday, Jakarta's foreign ministry said.

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Gulf countries have said their territory has not been used in attacks against Iran, and before the war began they repeatedly said they would not allow such a move.

Fire erupting at an oil depot in Iran's capital Tehran



Smoke rises from a high-rise building following a drone attack in Kuwait City

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Kuwait all reported new attacks

Reckless attacks

AFP | Cairo, Egypt

The Arab League's secretary-general said Sunday that Iranian attacks on several member states were "reckless", urging Tehran to reverse what he called a "massive strategic

mistake".

In response to a US-Israeli air campaign that began on February 28, Iran has launched retaliatory strikes on Israel and Gulf states, which house American bases.

Addressing an emergency vid-

eoconference of Arab foreign ministers from Cairo, Ahmed Aboul Gheit said the strikes "cannot be justified under any pretext or excuse", accusing Tehran of responding to Gulf peace efforts with "treacherous rockets and drone attacks".

He said Arab states were "not parties to the ongoing war" and had made it clear they would not allow "their territory or airspace to be used" to launch attacks.

Several Arab countries, including Oman -- until recently

the mediator of US-Iran nuclear talks -- as well as Qatar and Egypt, had put in "earnest, sincere and serious efforts to spare the entire region, including Iran, the ravages of war", Aboul Gheit added.

IRGC: we can fight six months

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said the country's forces can fight an "intense war" for six months, with a spokesman saying more advanced missiles would be used in the coming days.

Iran 'forced' to respond

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said his country "will be forced to respond" to any attack or invasion attempt from a neighbouring country.

"Responding does not mean we have disputes with that country or wish to harm

its people -- we would be responding out of necessity," he said in remarks broadcast on state TV.

A day earlier, Pezeshkian apologised to neighbouring countries hosting US military bases for attacks on their territory.

Six wounded in Israel

AFP | Tel Aviv, Israel

Six people were wounded, some by shrapnel, at blast sites in central Israel on Sunday, according to first responders, after the military said it had detected a new wave of Iranian missiles.

A spokesperson for Magen David Adom emergency services said "medics and paramedics are providing medical treatment and evacuating" the wounded to hospitals.

A 40-year-old man was in a serious condition, while a 25-year-old man was moderately injured and a further three people were in mild con-

dition, they said.

A spokesperson for the Ichilov hospital in Israel's commercial hub Tel Aviv said one man wounded in the neck was receiving urgent treatment.

Earlier at least 10 explosions were heard over Tel Aviv by AFP journalists.

Israeli media showed images it said were from Tel Aviv of a blast hole in a street with a damaged car jutting out of it.

The Israeli military had warned prior to the blasts that it had "identified missiles launched from Iran towards the territory of the State of Israel".

Iran's top diplomat says Iran, not Trump, will elect new leader



A smoke plume rises from an ongoing fire following an overnight airstrike on the Shahran oil refinery in northwestern Tehran

Fuel distribution temporarily interrupted", says Iran

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Tehran's governor told the IRNA news agency that fuel distribution had been "temporarily interrupted" in the capital.

A dark haze hung over the city of 10 million people, blocking out the sun, and the smell of burning fuel lingered in the air. Authorities warned the fumes could be toxic and urged citizens to stay indoors, but many windows were blown out by the force of the blasts.

"The blaze has been burning for more than 12 hours, the air has become unbreathable. I can't even go out to do the daily shopping," said one 35-year-old from Tehran.

"At first, I supported this war. After Khamenei's death, I celebrated with my friends: we drank wine and we danced.

"But since yesterday... people say there's not even any gasoline left at the gas stations," she said in a text message to Europe.

Foreign minister of Iran says its missiles cannot reach US soil

Washington, United States

Iran's foreign minister said yesterday that its missiles cannot reach the United States as he defended strikes that have hit Gulf neighbors during the war in the Middle East.

"It is Americans who started this war against us, attacking us, and we are defending ourselves. So it is obvious that our missiles cannot reach the US soil," Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told NBC's "Meet the Press."

"What we can do is to attack American bases and American installations around us, which are unfortunately in the soil of our, you know, neighbor countries."

Advanced missiles

Guards spokesman Ali Mohammad Naini said Iran had so far used only first- and second-generation missiles, but would use "advanced and less-used long-range missiles" in the coming days. Iran's health ministry said yesterday that at least 1,200 civilians had been killed and around 10,000 wounded. Lebanon's health minister said at least 394 people had been killed in Israeli air strikes.

An Emirates Airbus A380 passenger aircraft prepares for landing at Dubai International Airport in Dubai



Iranian refugees stand with their belongings after crossing the border from Iran to Armenia at a border check point in the southern Armenian town of Meghri



A US Air Force C-17A Globemaster III lands at RAF Fairford in south-west England



Bahrain's interior ministry said yesterday that an Iranian drone attack damaged a water desalination plant, accusing Tehran of "randomly" targeting civilian infrastructure.



Israeli tanks gather at a position along the Israel-Lebanon border



Israeli police and first responders gather at the site of an Iranian missile strike in the center of the Israeli coastal city of Tel Aviv

Warplanes hit five oil facilities in and around the Iranian capital, killing at least four people

A strategic **mistake**

Neighbouring countries have borne much of Tehran's response after the US and Israel launched a massive air campaign against Iran, with 16 people, eight of them civilians, killed in the Gulf states since the war began

Kuwait airport, Bahrain desalination unit struck

AFP | Kuwait City, Kuwait

Iran struck fuel tanks at Kuwait's international airport and a desalination plant in Bahrain as the war pressed into its second week.

Two border guards were also killed "while performing their national duty", Kuwait's interior ministry said without elaborating on the circumstances.

Iran President Massoud Pezeshkian warned Sunday that the Islamic republic "will be forced to respond" against its neighbours if their territory was used to attack it.

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Kuwait all reported new attacks, after loud explosions were heard in Dubai and Bahrain's Manama a day earlier.

Fuel tanks at Kuwait's international airport were targeted in a drone attack, the military said.

The official Kuwait News Agency said a fire at the airport was brought under control, reporting no "significant injuries".

The military called the drone attack "a direct targeting of vital infrastructure".

Israel military says struck Iran Guards 'space force' HQ

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

The Israeli military said on Sunday it had struck what it described as the "space force headquarters" of Iran's Revolutionary Guards in Tehran.

"As part of the strikes, the IDF targeted and dismantled

the Iranian regime's IRGC Space Force headquarters," the military said.

"The headquarters served as a reception, transmission and research centre for the Iranian Space Agency, which is affiliated with the regime's military," it said.

A separate statement said "some civilian facilities sustained material damage as a result of falling fragments and debris from interception operations".

'Drone threats'

Kuwait's national oil company announced a "precautionary" cut to its crude production, as the country's military said Sunday that it had responded to several drone and missile attacks.

Authorities said Kuwait's main building for social security was targeted, causing material damage, and that it would not receive visitors there on Sunday.

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said Sunday that an Iranian drone attack damaged a water desalination plant, accusing Tehran of "randomly" targeting civilian infrastructure.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps said on Saturday that it had struck the United States' Juffair base in Bahrain, adding it had been used to attack an Iranian desalination plant earlier in the day.

Bahrain's national communication office later said the Iranian attack on the desalination facility had no impact on water supplies or network capacity.

Falling missile debris also injured three people and damaged a university building in the Mu-

harraq area, the interior ministry said in a separate statement.

Saudi Arabia's defence ministry said on Sunday that it intercepted 33 drones, adding there were no reports of damage or casualties from the attacks.

Among them was a drone aimed at Riyadh's diplomatic quarter, also thwarted with no material damage or civilian injuries, the ministry's spokesman said, adding the capital and surrounding areas were targeted by 26 drones.

One drone targeted the Shaybah oil field in the southeast of the country, according to the Saudi defence ministry.

'At the disposal of the enemy'

The UAE said its air defences detected 17 ballistic missiles on Sunday -- destroying 16, while one fell into the sea -- and intercepted 113 of 117 drones detected, with four falling inside the country.

Despite the Iranian president's apology to the Gulf countries for earlier strikes, hours later its judiciary chief said strikes would continue on sites in Gulf countries that were "at the disposal of the enemy".

Attacks on Gulf states

● Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait and Bahrain all reported new attacks.

● In Kuwait, two border guards were killed while on duty, the interior ministry said. The military said fuel tanks at the country's international airport were targeted in a drone attack.

● Saudi Arabia's defence ministry reported intercepting 15 drones, including an attempted attack in the diplomatic quarter of the capital Riyadh.

● Bahrain said three people were wounded by falling missile debris and that a water desalination plant was damaged.

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TOP 4 TWEETS

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Worldwide, women hold just 64% of the legal rights enjoyed by men. When we are not equal under the law, we are not equal. We must fight discriminatory laws & practices to ensure justice, dignity, opportunity & freedom for women & girls everywhere.

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The achievements of India's Nari Shakti are a source of pride and a powerful reminder of the transformative role in nation building. As India progresses further, the aspirations and contributions of women will continue to guide our collective journey towards a strong and prosperous nation.

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03



Every war, every time, Everywhere: Death. Destruction. Displacement. Deprivation. Nothing else changes. When will we learn?

@DrTedros

04



Today, Usha and I joined President Trump and the First Lady in honoring the ultimate sacrifice made by six American heroes who were returned to their families at Dover.

@VP

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)

Fuel tanks at Kuwait's international airport were targeted in a drone attack

Tehran plunged into darkness by smoke from burning oil

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● During the 12-day war last June, around six million residents left Tehran

● Israel's military confirmed it had struck "fuel storage facilities in Tehran"

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Residents of Tehran woke up yesterday morning to find it was still dark outside, an apocalyptic sight created by thick black smoke billowing from oil depots hit by Israeli strikes.

With the Sun blotted out, disoriented people in the Iranian capital had to turn on their lights to see through the gloom.

"I thought my alarm clock was broken," a driver in his fifties told AFP on condition of anonymity.

By 10:30 am local time (0700 GMT), cars still needed their headlights to drive along Valiasr Street, a main thoroughfare that runs north-south through the city.

Black smoke from the burning fuel depots mingled in the



fire erupting at an oil depot in Iran's capital Tehran

sky with heavy grey rain clouds, compounding the murky atmosphere.

The smoke spread across the sprawling city, normally home to more than 10 million people.

The fuel depot strikes are the first time Iranian oil infrastructure has been targeted during the nine-day war.

The fighting began when the United States and Israel launched attacks on Iran last weekend and has since engulfed the Middle East.

Israel's military confirmed it had struck "fuel storage facilities in Tehran" that it said were

used "to operate military infrastructure".

Four oil depots and a petroleum logistics site in and around Tehran were hit. Local authorities said six people were killed and 20 wounded at one of the sites. AFP could not independently verify these numbers.

At one of the depots, the oil was still smouldering on Sunday. Flames were flaring up and crackling more than 12 hours after the strikes, an AFP reporter witnessed.

Israel also attacked fuel depots in Tehran during a 12-day war last June.

Toxic fumes

On the streets of Tehran, security forces directed traffic while wearing special coats and masks to protect themselves.

Authorities warned that the noxious fumes can cause breathing problems and irritate eyes, urging residents to stay indoors.

The Iranian Red Crescent Society said that "significant quantities of toxic hydrocarbons, sulfur and nitrogen oxides" were released into the air.

The windows of nearby buildings were blown out by the force of the explosions.

Dozens of kilometres away from the fuel depots, residents swept their balconies, which were covered by a mix of rain and puddles of fuel.

Tehran's governor Mohammad Sadegh Motamedian said on Sunday morning that fuel distribution in the Iranian capital has been "temporarily interrupted".

"The problem is being resolved," he added.

For now, each vehicle in Tehran is limited to 20 litres of fuel.

On Sunday morning, there were long lines at petrol stations, with AFP counting

around 40 cars queuing at one.

Sunday is the first day back to work in Iran after a week-long holiday was declared following the death of supreme leader Ali Khamenei in US-Israeli air strikes last weekend.

During the 12-day war last June, around six million residents left Tehran, according to local media.

However this time around, the majority have stayed. The United Nations estimated on Tuesday that around 100,000 people had fled the capital. In the first days after the new war broke out, Tehran had resembled a ghost town.

But this is no longer the case, with more pedestrians and cars now venturing onto the streets.

On Sunday, roughly half the shops in Tehran were open -- even in the darkness.



Iran holds about 208 billion barrels of proven oil reserves, making it the third-largest holder of oil reserves in the world and accounting for roughly 12% of global reserves.

Why have 1,000 ships at times lost their GPS in Mideast?

AFP | Washington, United States

The global positioning system (GPS) capabilities of cargo ships, oil tankers and other vessels stuck in the Middle East because of the widening war are likely worse than those in your cell phone.

Experts say this deficiency explains why since the start of US-Israeli strikes, the jamming of satellite navigation signals has left about 1,000 ships in the Gulf and the Gulf of Oman unable to determine their location, either momentarily or continuously.

Dimitris Ampatzidis, a senior risk and compliance analyst for the energy market intelligence firm Kpler, told AFP the number represents about half of the vessels in the area.

The vast majority of those ships are located off the United

Arab Emirates and Oman.

A satellite navigation system is made up of a constellation of satellites that send signals with the time to Earth, allowing the receiver to determine its precise location.

Modern smartphones receive signals from four groups of satellites: the American, European (Galileo), Russian (GLONASS) and Chinese (BeiDou) Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS).

Most cell phones now use two GPS frequency bands -- one that is older and fainter, and a second that is newer and stronger.

But "many ships only listen to the original civilian GPS signal, which is called the L1 C/A signal. It's the one that's been around since the early 1990s for civilian use," Todd Humphreys, an engineering professor at the

University of Texas at Austin, told AFP.

Most ships are thus unable to rely on the BeiDou or Galileo systems in the event that a GPS is jammed.

The situation is even worse for airplanes, due to aviation regulations.

"You will not find any aircraft flying in the world today whose built-in GPS receiver is capable of tracking and interpreting signals other than the GPS L1 C/A. So it's out of date by 15 years," Humphreys said.

Spoofing

Jamming a GPS signal is "not that complicated," said Katherine Dunn, the author of an upcoming book of the history of GPS, "Little Blue Dot."

All one needs is "another radio transmitter that can

broadcast on the same frequency, but louder," she said, which creates "a wall of mush."

Spoofing is more sophisticated -- and more dangerous, affecting a ship's Automatic Identification System, or AIS.

Every vessel transmits a message per second over a universal radio frequency that announces its identity, destination and position.

Spoofing manipulates that system, causing the affected ship to send a fake, or even nonsensical, location -- meaning that ships could appear to be on land in Iran or the Emirates.

Clocks

Today, GPS signals are not just used to determine location; they also power onboard clocks, radar systems and speed logs,

Dunn said.

So even if the ships off the Emirates or Kuwait were protected from drone fire and escorted through the Strait of Hormuz, navigating without a GPS would be perilous.

"Given the size of the ships, electronic assistance has become necessary to steer them," said one merchant marine captain who has sailed on cargo ships around the world.

Crews must "resort to using 20th-century instruments -- radar or visible landmarks," he told AFP on condition of anonymity.

Defensive jamming

Signal jamming is undoubtedly being used both offensively and defensively. Gulf states are directing their systems towards their own shores to ward off

Iran's satellite-guided Shahed drones -- at the cost, deemed acceptable, of disrupting their own lives.

Israel did the same thing in 2024, as did Iran after its 12 days of conflict with Israel last year.

"Even if their own air traffic or maritime traffic or their delivery drivers or their dating apps are affected by GPS jamming and spoofing, they'll do it, just like Israel did. Israel did it for a year in 2024," Humphreys said.

For air and sea navigation, start-ups are developing alternative technologies using Earth's magnetic field or inertial navigation.

But for ships today, navigating without a GPS is still far in the future.



Trump says new Iran leader won't last long without his approval

Analysts warn there is still no clear path to ending the conflict

● Trump had previously demanded a say in the appointment

● Israel's military has warned any successor that "we will not hesitate to target you"

AFP | Tehran, Iran

US President Donald Trump warned yesterday that Iran's next supreme leader would not last long without his approval, as Tehran prepared to reveal the successor to the slain Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Nine days after US-Israeli strikes on his compound killed Khamenei and plunged the Middle East into war, Iran's Assembly of Experts met privately and chose their next leader, members of the body said.

The clerics did not say who had been selected, only that a name would be announced soon. Some suggested Khamenei's 56-year old son Mojtaba Khamenei would succeed his father.

Trump had previously demanded a say in the appointment and dismissed the younger Khamenei as an unacceptable "lightweight".

"He's going to have to get approval from us," Trump told ABC News on Sunday, referring to Iran's next leader. "If he doesn't get approval from us he's not going to last long."

But Tehran's top diplomat said earlier in the day that the deci-



First aid responders are seen at the site of an Israeli airstrike that targeted an area in the Palestinian refugees camp of Ain al-Helweh, on the outskirts of the southern Lebanese coastal city of Sidon

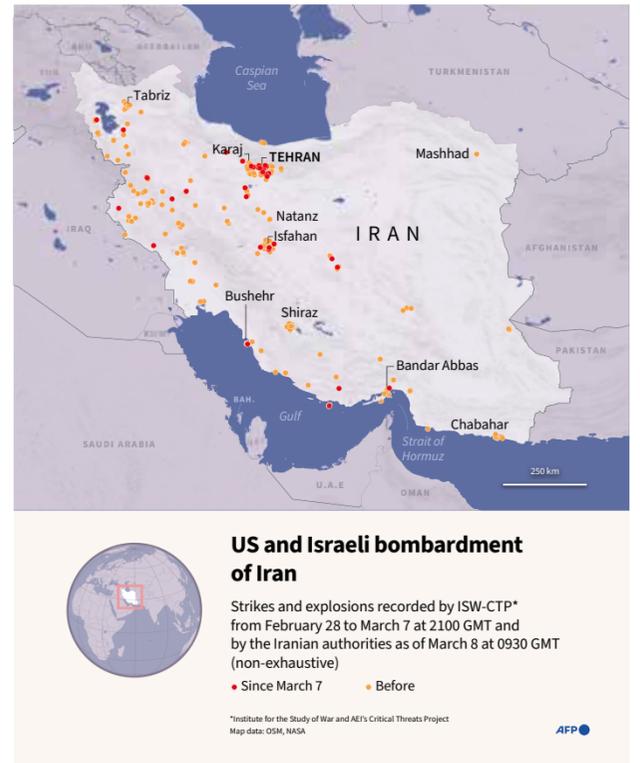
Trump again refused to rule out sending US ground troops into Iran, but continued to insist that the war was all but won despite the ongoing Iranian missile and drone strikes.

Guards spokesman Ali Mohammad Naini said Iran had so far used only first- and second-generation missiles, but would use "advanced and less-used long-range missiles" in the coming days.

sion was Iran's alone, adding it would "allow nobody to interfere in our domestic affairs".

Speaking on NBC's "Meet the Press", Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi went on to demand that Trump "apologise to people of the region" for the spiralling war.

The younger Khamenei is regarded as a conservative figure, notably because of his ties to



the Revolutionary Guards, the ideological arm of the Islamic republic's military.

Israel's military has warned any successor that "we will not hesitate to target you".

No clear way out

Analysts warn there is still no clear path to ending a conflict that US and Israeli officials say could last a month or longer.

Trump has suggested Iran's economy could be rebuilt if a leader "acceptable" to Wash-

ington replaces the late supreme leader.

China and Russia have largely stayed on the sidelines despite close ties with Tehran.

China's top diplomat Wang Yi said the war in the Middle East should "never have happened", telling a press conference in Beijing: "The world cannot return to the law of the jungle."

On Sunday, Pope Leo XIV prayed "that the roar of the bombs may cease, and the weapons may fall silent, and a space for dialogue may open".

Possible terror motive in US embassy blast, say Norway police

AFP | Oslo, Norway

Oslo police said Sunday an explosion at the US embassy in Norway overnight may have been an act of terror, but stressed they were also investigating other possible causes.

The blast, which caused no injuries and minor material damage, occurred around 1:00 am (0000 GMT) at the entrance to the embassy's consular section.

Police did not provide details about what might have caused it, but did say that an "explosive device" had been used.

Norway's Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store called the incident "very serious and completely unacceptable". In a statement, he said he had spoken with the head of the US embassy in Oslo on Sunday.

Shattered glass could be seen in the snow outside the building's entrance, as well as cracks in a thick glass door. Overhead lamps dangled from wiring, and there were black marks on the ground at the foot of the door, presumably from the blast.

"One of the hypotheses is that it is an act of terrorism," Frode Larsen, the head of the police's joint unit for investigation and intelligence, told public broad-



caster NRK. "But we are not completely stuck on that. We have to be open to the possibility that there may be other causes behind what has happened," he said, speaking on the sidelines of a news conference.

Police were searching for the perpetrators but had "no suspects" yet, Larsen told journalists.

Oslo police official Grete Lien

Metlid appeared to confirm that an explosive had been thrown at the embassy.

Asked by a reporter if the device used was a hand grenade, she replied: "We haven't said anything about what was thrown."

Link to Middle East war?

US embassies have been placed on high alert in the Middle East over American military opera-

tions in Iran and several have faced attacks as Tehran hits back at industrial and diplomatic targets. Investigators in Oslo have not ruled out a possible link to the war in the Middle East.

"It is natural to see this in connection with the current security policy situation," Larsen said, adding that police had increased security at the scene after the attack. Prime Minister Store said

security had also been beefed up at "at other American, Israeli, and also Jewish targets" in Norway, but stressed that "nothing indicates that the situation is dangerous for people in Oslo or elsewhere in the country."

Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide had earlier stressed that "the security of diplomatic missions is extremely important to us."

The Norwegian security service PST told AFP it had called in extra staff to assist police with the investigation.

Spokesman Martin Bernsen stressed there had been "no change" to the threat assessment level in the Scandinavian country, which has been at three on a five-point scale since November 2024.

He refused to disclose whether any threats had been made against US interests in Norway prior to the explosion.

Investigators examined the scene overnight, while dogs, drones, and helicopters were brought in to search for the perpetrators, Oslo police said in a statement. Security is normally high outside US embassies worldwide. It was not immediately known what security the

Oslo embassy had at the time of the incident.

Three 'bangs'

Several hours after the blast, police declared the area around the building "safe" for residents and passersby.

A 16-year-old identified only as Edvard told TV2 that he had been watching television when he heard the blast.

"My mother and I first thought it came from our house so we looked around a little, but then we saw the flashing lights outside the window and a ton of police," he said.

"There were police dogs and drones and police with automatic weapons and helicopters in the air," he said.

A group of three friends meanwhile told TV2 they were waiting for a taxi near the embassy when the explosion went off.

"We felt three 'bangs' that made the ground shake," Kristian Wendelborg Einung said.

Once in their taxi, they drove past the scene and saw the street in front of the embassy covered in smoke. We arrived before the police. The blanket of smoke was very strange. It was like thick fog," he said.

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Russell leads Mercedes 1-2 in Australian Grand Prix thriller

Mercedes leads the grid as new hybrid regulations challenge drivers at Albert Park

● Antonelli finishes second

● Leclerc and Hamilton third and fourth

● Verstappen storms from 20th to sixth

● Piastri crashes before race start

● Multiple retirements amid new rules

AFP | Melbourne

George Russell kept his cool to win a frantic season-opening Australian Grand Prix yesterday from Mercedes teammate Kimi Antonelli after a thrilling battle with Ferrari's Charles Leclerc.

The pole-sitting Briton took the chequered flag by 2.974secs in Melbourne with Leclerc third and Lewis Hamilton fourth in a race that tested Formula One's new-look cars for the first time in competitive conditions.

World champion Lando Norris came fifth -- 51 seconds adrift -- in his McLaren with Red Bull's Max Verstappen a sensational sixth after starting from 20th following a crash in qualifying.

But there was disaster for home hero Oscar Piastri, who crashed on his out-lap to the grid and failed to start with major damage to his McLaren.

With the virtual safety car repeatedly brought out, pre-season favourite Russell stayed calm to clock a sixth Grand Prix win and his first since Singapore last year.

"Feeling incredible. It was a



Mercedes' British driver George Russell drive in to pit lane after winning the Formula One Australian Grand Prix at Melbourne's Albert Park Circuit

hell of a fight in the beginning," said Russell. "We knew it was going to be challenging.

"I made a bad start and some really tight battles with Charles at the start. Just really glad to cross the finish line."

Under new rules, half of every power unit now is a battery and drivers had to recharge while braking or by lifting off the throttle to avoid it draining.

The challenge of Melbourne's 58-lap Albert Park circuit was its long sweeping straights, which deplete batteries, and relatively few twisty turns to brake and charge it up again.

Five cars failed to finish as they grappled with the changes, including Piastri, Audi's Nico Hulkenberg, Red Bull's Isack

Hadjar, Cadillac's Valtteri Bottas and Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso.

Strong pace

"Was not the best start we could have wished for, lost a lot of places and I had to recover," said Italy's Antonelli, who crashed heavily on Saturday and only just made qualifying after a major car rebuild.

"But overall was a good race, the pace was really strong especially at the end."

In fine conditions, Haas' Ollie Bearman was seventh and rookie Arvid Lindblad eighth in his Racing Bull. Audi's Gabriel Bortoleto and Alpine's Pierre Gasly rounded out the top 10.

"It was a very, very tricky race.

None of us knew what to expect," said Leclerc.

"It has been quite challenging. It looked like Mercedes had a bit more pace than us today."

When the lights turned green Leclerc, on medium tyres, got a jump on Russell while Antonelli, who started second, slid down to seventh.

Hamilton also had a flying start for Ferrari and surged to third, ahead of Hadjar.

Russell immediately hit back, reclaiming the lead on lap two before Leclerc responded a lap later to go first again as they and Hamilton began pulling clear.

It morphed into a thrilling wheel-to-wheel battle at the front, with the lead changing hands three times on lap eight

AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX 2026 - RACE RESULT					
Pos.	Driver	Team	Laps	Time / Retd.	Pts.
1	George Russell	Mercedes	58	1:23:06.801	25
2	Kimi Antonelli	Mercedes	58	+2.974s	18
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	58	+15.519s	15
4	Lewis Hamilton	Ferrari	58	+16.144s	12
5	Lando Norris	McLaren	58	+51.741s	10
6	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing	58	+54.617s	8
7	Oliver Bearman	Haas F1 Team	57	+1 lap	6
8	Arvid Lindblad	Racing Bulls	57	+1 lap	4
9	Gabriel Bortoleto	Audi	57	+1 lap	2
10	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	57	+1 lap	1
11	Esteban Ocon	Haas F1 Team	57	+1 lap	0
12	Alexander Albon	Williams	57	+1 lap	0
13	Liam Lawson	Racing Bulls	57	+1 lap	0
14	Franco Colapinto	Alpine	56	+2 laps	0
15	Carlos Sainz	Williams	56	+2 laps	0
16	Sergio Perez	Cadillac	55	+3 laps	0
NC	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	43	+15 laps	0
NC	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	21	DNF	0
NC	Valtteri Bottas	Cadillac	15	DNF	0
NC	Isack Hadjar	Red Bull Racing	10	DNF	0
NC	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	0	DNS	0
NC	Nico Hulkenberg	Audi	0	DNS	0

as Russell and Leclerc fought for supremacy.

The virtual safety car came out on lap 12 when Hadjar's car stopped with Russell and Antonelli pitting and coming back on hards.

Leclerc and Hamilton stayed out and when they resumed the Ferraris were 10 seconds clear of Russell, with Lindblad, Antonelli and Verstappen making up the top six.

The virtual safety car was again deployed when Bottas retired with Russell eight seconds behind the Scuderia when they got going again.

With his tyres starting to

wear, Leclerc pitted on lap 26 but Hamilton stayed out and was passed by Russell before coming in.

Russell radioed that he thought a one-stop race was viable and he began pulling clear, with Antonelli second.

And there was no way back for the Ferraris, who were 15 seconds behind and barely made a dent in the Mercedes advantage in the second half of the race.

The season moves to China next weekend before Japan. Rounds four and five are scheduled for Bahrain and Saudi Arabia but are under threat given the war in Iran.

Piastri takes blame for crashing out before home Australian Grand Prix

AFP | Melbourne

Shattered home hope Oscar Piastri took responsibility for a crash on his way to the grid that ruled him out of the Australian Grand Prix, saying he was "very disappointed".

The Australian, who qualified fifth fastest, hit the kerb at Turn 4 and spun into the concrete barriers.

It left his McLaren with the front right wheel hanging off and substantial bodywork damage, ending his hopes before the Melbourne race even began.

"It's a shame. Things like that shouldn't be happening anywhere, especially at my home race where it's obviously even more disappointing," he told reporters.

"We need to review fully what happened. I think... I got on the



Oscar Piastri's car is taken from the track after a crash during the formation lap

kerb a little bit.

"We had a couple of things going on but I think the first part I want to stress is that there is certainly a big element of it that

was me," he added.

It meant Piastri's teammate Lando Norris was the only McLaren to start.

"Not the first race of the sea-

son we had hoped for," McLaren said.

"Lots of learnings to take away before we reset ahead of a sprint weekend in China."

Leclerc 'positively surprised' by Ferrari but says more work needed

AFP | Melbourne

Charles Leclerc said he was "positively surprised" by Ferrari's performance after coming third in yesterday's season-opener in Melbourne but admitted a lot of work was needed to reel in Mercedes.

The Monaco driver started fourth on the grid but had a lightning start to surge past pole-sitter George Russell and his Mercedes teammate Kimi Antonelli.

It sparked a thrilling battle with the lead changing hands multiple times before Mercedes had a better pit-stop strategy, then used sheer pace to pull clear and take the top two places.

"Very pleased is maybe a big word, but I am positively surprised, for sure, after qualifying yesterday," said Leclerc, who saw Ferrari teammate Lewis Hamilton finish a place behind in fourth.



Charles Leclerc

"I think yesterday we were not in our optimum window, but we are still very, very far off the Mercedes in qualifying, in the race, though we seem to be closer.

"It doesn't mean we are the fastest car, but we are more reasonably behind. So lots of work to be done.

"And I think this championship, anyway, will be won by development and upgrades. "We've got plenty coming," he added. "I'm sure all the others do too, but hopefully we are on the better side of things."

Manama, Al Najma advance in KBS Cup

TDT | Manama

On Saturday night, Manama and Al Najma secured their places in the final four of the 2025/26 Khalifa bin Salman Cup at Khalifa Sports City Arena in Isa Town. Manama edged past League B leaders Al Ettihad 71-58, while Al Najma defeated Nuwaidrat 100-80. Both sides join defending champions Muharraq and Al Ahli, who had already booked their semi-final spots a day earlier.

The night got underway with Manama matched against Al Ettihad. The League B leaders took an early edge and held a 17-16 lead at the first-quarter buzzer. Manama soon found their rhythm in the second period, tightening defensively and generating cleaner looks in transition to take a 40-36 lead into half-time. From there, they steadily extended their advantage, maintaining control through the final frame to secure a 71-58 victory.

Alex Young led the way with 20 points, while man-of-the-match Ahmed Salman added



Al Najma players leave the court focused on the task ahead

17 points and five steals, directing much of Manama's offence. Subah Hussain contributed 14 points. For Al Ettihad, Romeo

Enan posted 14 points and a remarkable 21 rebounds, while Ali Ghadeer added 12 points.

Meanwhile, at the same ven-



Manama players celebrate after booking their semi-final spot

ue, Al Najma delivered a strong performance against Nuwaidrat, running out 100-80 winners. Donovan Smith was the stand-out performer, earning Man of the Match honours with a double-double of 16 points and 14 rebounds, helping his side control the tempo and dictate the game from the opening tip.

With the quarter-finals complete, the semi-final line-up is now confirmed, with the next

stage to be played as a best-of-three series at Khalifa Sports City Arena. Al Ahli will face Muharraq, with games scheduled for March 11 at 8:30pm and March 14 at 10:30pm, while a deciding third game, if required, will take place on March 18 at 8:30pm.

In the other semi-final, Manama will meet Al Najma, with the first game set for March 11 at 10:30pm, followed by the second

on March 14 at 8:30pm. A potential third game is scheduled for March 18 at 10:30pm, should the series be tied after the opening two contests.

With the match-ups reflecting the current Zain Basketball League standings — Muharraq first, Manama second, Al Najma third and Al Ahli fourth — the semi-finals promise two compelling series between the league's top sides.

Alcaraz cruises into Indian Wells third round, Djokovic fights through

AFP | Indian Wells

World number one Carlos Alcaraz swept past Grigor Dimitrov 6-2, 6-3 to reach the third round of the Indian Wells Masters on Saturday as Novak Djokovic battled back for a three-set victory over Kamil Majchrzak.

Spain's Alcaraz was untroubled by the former world number three from Bulgaria, pushing his perfect 2026 match record to 13-0 in just 66 minutes.

Djokovic, a five-time Indian Wells champion who has struggled in recent years, had to grind for two hours and 12 minutes to subdue 57th ranked Majchrzak of Poland 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Alcaraz said he has been wary of Dimitrov, but even in the swirling winds on Stadium Court he was in control, firing from the baseline with power and accuracy.

He barely broke sweat and cracked plenty of smiles, saving the lone break point he faced in the second set and even getting a high-five from his opponent on a changeover.

"I think I played great," said the 22-year-old Spaniard, whose Australian Open triumph made him the youngest man to complete a career Grand Slam.

"The conditions weren't easy, a lot of wind today. I'm really, really happy just that I was able to do every goal that I set up before the match."

Alcaraz, who followed up his Melbourne triumph with a title in the perfect place to keep the wins coming.

"I love being here so much, I think that's why I'm just playing relaxed, playing calm, chilling," he said.

Although he shares the record for most Indian Wells titles with Swiss great Roger Federer, Djokovic has found the early going in California anything but relaxing in recent years.

That was true again on Sat-



Carlos Alcaraz of Spain plays a forehand against Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria

urday, but the 38-year-old Serb superstar -- back on court for the first time since he fell to Alcaraz in the Australian Open final -- managed to escape with a win.

Majchrzak grabbed two quick breaks in the opening set before Djokovic began to find his rhythm from the baseline and assert his superiority.

"Five weeks with no official match, I knew that the first match in such a long time will be a little bit tricky," Djokovic said.

"I felt like I had to find my A-game when it was most needed, particularly the beginning of the third, which was the case," Djokovic added after a match marked by extended, entertaining rallies that included a 40-ball exchange in the opening game of the third.

It was an especially satisfying win for Djokovic, who lost his opener last year to Dutch lucky loser Botić van de Zandschulp and fell to lucky loser Luca Nar-

di in the third round in 2024.

He hasn't reached the quarter-finals here since his last run to the title in 2016.

Draper rallies

Britain's Jack Draper launched his title defense with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut.

Draper halted Alcaraz's bid for a rare Indian Wells threepeat in the semi-finals last year before beating Holger Rune in the final.

That victory launched his rise to fourth in the world, before an arm injury brought his 2025 season to a premature close.

"To come out and play the level I'm playing after the injury I had, I am really proud of that," Draper said.

In other matches, unseeded Brazilian Joao Fonseca saved two match points to take out 16th-seeded Russian Karen Khachanov 4-6, 7-6 (9/7), 6-4.

Seventh-seeded former

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Djokovic hasn't reached the Indian Wells quarter-finals since his last title in 2016, losing early in 2024 and 2025, making Saturday's gritty comeback win especially satisfying for the five-time champion

champion Taylor Fritz squandered four match points in the second set but held on for a 6-3, 6-7 (8/10), 6-1 victory over 87th-ranked Briton Jacob Fearnley.

Tiberi leads Bahrain Victorious into Tirreno-Adriatico challenge



Anthony Tiberi

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The 61st edition of Tirreno-Adriatico gets underway today in Lido di Camaiore, beginning a seven-stage journey across Italy that concludes on the Adriatic coast in San Benedetto del Tronto. As one of the key early-season stage races on the WorldTour calendar, the week-long contest will once again crown the "King of the Two Seas."

While the race retains its traditional start and finish locations, this year's route introduces a different dynamic. The 2026 edition does not feature a summit finish, instead favouring rolling terrain and punchy climbs that could encourage aggressive racing and late attacks. As a result, the general classification is expected to remain tightly contested, with seconds likely to prove decisive throughout the week.

For Bahrain Victorious, the GC challenge will be led by Antonio Tiberi, who returns after finishing third overall in 2025. The Italian arrives targeting another strong result despite a course that may not fully suit his strengths.

"My goal is definitely to achieve the best possible result in the general classification," Tiberi said. "Tirreno-Adriatico is a race I feel deeply connected to and one of my favourites during the season."

The absence of a major summit finish, however, could

make the fight for the overall standings more tactical.

"I would have preferred a long and demanding climb that suits me better," he admitted. "But even if the route is not perfect for my characteristics, I'm happy to be here and I'll give my best. I expect the race to be decided by seconds."

The race opens with the traditional 11.5km individual time trial in Lido di Camaiore, where the first Blue Jersey will be decided. Attention then shifts to Stage 2 (Camaiore-San Gimignano, 206km), where a 5.3km gravel sector in the finale could already shake up the standings.

Sprinters are likely to feature in Stage 3 (Cortona-Magliano de' Marsi, 221km) and possibly Stage 4 (Tagliacozzo-Martinsicuro, 213km) before the race moves into the Marche region for the final stages. The demanding Stage 6 to Camerino, with nearly 3,900 metres of climbing, is expected to be one of the decisive days.

Alongside Tiberi's GC bid, Bahrain Victorious will also chase stage victories. Sports director Franco Pellizzotti confirmed Santiago Buitrago will act as co-leader but focus more on stage opportunities, with riders such as Attila Valter and Edoardo Zambanini playing key supporting roles.

"We have a very strong roster," Pellizzotti said. "And we expect strong performances from the whole team."

India crush New Zealand to win third T20 World Cup title

Samson's blitz and Bumrah's brilliance power India to historic home triumph

- First team to defend T20 crown
- Sanju Samson scores blistering 89 off 46
- India posts 255-5 batting first
- Jasprit Bumrah takes 4-15 with yorkers
- New Zealand bowled out for 159

AFP | Ahmedabad

India won a record third T20 World Cup title and became the first team to defend their crown with a 96-run thumping of New Zealand in a lop-sided final yesterday.

Suryakumar Yadav's India were also the first team to lift the trophy on home soil as over 86,000 fans celebrated at the Narendra Modi Stadium.

England and the West Indies have won two titles each.

Sanju Samson's blistering 89 off 46 balls guided the co-hosts to 255-5 and Jasprit Bum-



India's Sanju Samson (R) plays a shot as New Zealand's wicketkeeper Tim Seifert fields

rah starred as New Zealand were bowled out for 159 in 19 overs.

Part-time spinner Abhishek Sharma claimed the final wicket of Jacob Duffy, securing a dominant victory.

Axar Patel struck two early

blows, including the dangerous Finn Allen for nine, with his left-arm spin.

Bumrah was again at his mesmerising best, delivering a succession of brilliant slower-ball yorkers to finish with figures of 4-15.

Opener Tim Seifert hit 52 off 26 balls but his departure in the ninth over off struggling spinner Varun Chakravarthy effectively ended the Black Caps' slim hopes.

Wickets kept tumbling and Bumrah struck with successive

Scorecard

India 255 for 5 (Samson 89, Kishan 54, Abhishek 52, Neesham 3-46) beat New Zealand 159 (Seifert 52, Santner 43, Bumrah 4-15, Axar 3-27) by 96 runs

deliveries to bring up a hat-trick ball which was just about negotiated by Lockie Ferguson.

Skipper Mitchell Santner hit 43 but was never going to be able to prevent New Zealand from slipping to their second T20 World Cup final loss after they went down to Australia in 2021.

India exorcised the ghosts of the past at the same venue from when they were shocked by Australia in the 2023 ODI World Cup final.

Earlier, the in-form Samson, who hit 97 not out and 89 in his previous two innings to keep India in the tournament, hit five fours and eight sixes to thrill the raucous home crowd, which included former World Cup winning captains Rohit Sharma and MS Dhoni.

Samson's opening stand of 98 with Abhishek, who plundered 52 off 21 balls, laid the platform for India to go on and

score more than 250 for a second straight match, after their seven-run semi-final win over England, and for the third time in the tournament.

Abhishek and Samson waited two overs before they launched a batting blitz to flay New Zealand's attack to all parts of the ground during the powerplay.

Rachin Ravindra finally broke the partnership, having Abhishek caught behind off a wide delivery.

Samson was joined by Ishan Kishan, who hammered 54 off 25 balls with four fours and as many sixes.

Samson reached his third successive fifty and changed gears to hit Ravindra for three straight sixes.

Jimmy Neesham pulled things back for New Zealand with three wickets in one over to give them hope of keeping India to a gettable total.

He removed Samson, Kishan and Suryakumar for a duck -- the last two on successive balls.

But Shivam Dube finished with a flourish, blasting an unbeaten 26 off eight balls as he hit Neesham for three fours and two sixes in the 20th over, leaving New Zealand with far too much to do.

Messi bags 899th goal as Miami down DC United



Lionel Messi #10 of Inter Miami CF controls the ball

AFP | Miami

Lionel Messi moved to the brink of another goalscoring milestone as Inter Miami bagged their second win of the Major League Soccer season with a 2-1 victory over DC United on Saturday.

Messi, who scored twice in Miami's Florida derby win over Orlando last week, bagged his third goal of the season with a deft chipped finish in the 27th minute at Baltimore's M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.

The Argentine superstar's 80th goal for Miami takes his career tally to 899, leaving him just one away from reaching the 900-goal milestone.

The eight-time Ballon D'Or winner, who turns 39 in June, scored 672 goals for Barcelona

earlier in his career and 32 at Paris Saint-Germain, with a further 115 international goals for Argentina.

Saturday's win moved the reigning MLS champions up the Eastern Conference standings into third place with six points from three games.

Miami, who on Thursday were guests of President Donald Trump at a White House reception, took the lead in the 17th minute with a superb curling shot from the edge of the area by Messi's Argentina team-mate Rodrigo De Paul.

Messi then doubled Miami's lead 10 minutes later, latching on to a sublime through ball from Mateo Silvestri and dinking a first-time finish over the advancing DC United goalkeeper Sean Johnson.

King's Cup 49th Edition: Semi-Final Line-Up Complete

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The final four of the 49th His Majesty the King's Cup is now complete following Saturday night's quarter-finals. Riffa and Al Ahli booked their semi-final places, joining holders Al Khaldiya and defending league champions Muharraq. Riffa defeated Bahrain Club 4-1, while Al Ahli overcame Al Ettifaq 4-1 on penalties after a 2-2 draw.

At Khalifa Sports City, seven-time winners Riffa quickly imposed themselves from the first whistle. Dejan Georgijevic struck inside the first minute with a low left-footed finish into the bottom-left corner. In the 31st minute, Wellington Moreira lofted a pass to Samuel Conceicao Toscas, who cleverly back-heeled the ball to Ali Madan, doubling the lead. Georgijevic then scored a third from close



Al Ahli celebrate penalty shootout win over Al Ettifaq

range following a cross from Vinicius Vargas dos Santos, and substitute Ebrahim Al Khattal volleyed in a Sayed Redha Isa cross in the 63rd minute. Bahrain Club's only goal came from an own goal by Ali Haram in the

76th minute, leaving Mohamed Mashaan's side comfortably through.

Meanwhile, at Bahrain National Stadium, Al Ahli were made to work for their win against Al Ettifaq. The First Di-

vision leaders went ahead in the 12th minute through Ahmed Al Din, only for Al Ahli to equalise from a penalty by Abdulla Al Hashash in the 21st minute, awarded after Fabrice Onana was fouled in the box. Victor de Oliveira then put Al Ahli ahead with a tap-in assisted by Joao Maia, with VAR confirming the goal. In the final moments, Abdelghafour Mehri scored a penalty for handball to level the score, but he was sent off in the 99th minute for a second yellow card. As both sides canceled each other out and went to shootouts, Al Ahli went on to convert all four of their penalties, while Ettifaq missed two, sealing a 4-1 victory.

The semi-final line-up is now set: Riffa face holders Al Khaldiya, while league champions Muharraq take on Al Ahli, setting up the last four of the 49th King's Cup.

Villarreal down Elche to stay on Atletico's tail

AFP | London

Villarreal beat Elche 2-1 yesterday to keep pace with Atletico Madrid in the battle for third in La Liga.

After Atletico, third, beat Real Sociedad on Saturday, Marcelino Garcia Toral's Yellow Submarine, fourth, pulled level on 54 points.

Tajon Buchanan and Santiago Mourino's first-half goals were

reward for a dominant performance by Villarreal, although Andre Silva pulled one back late on to make the hosts sweat.

"We relaxed a bit, until the 70th minute we were dominating the game, then we suffered until the end and that can't happen," Mourino told Movistar.

Villarreal had a host of chances in the first half but Elche goalkeeper Matias Dituro made several good saves to keep Nico-



Villarreal's Uruguayan defender Santiago Mourino celebrates scoring

las Pepe and Georges Mikautadze at bay.

Elche started the season superbly but are yet to win in 2026 or away from home across the campaign and have slumped to 17th, one point above the drop zone.

"I think with a bit more time we could have got level, we finished in the way we should have played the whole game," said Silva.

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