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## New MoU to Enhance Institutional Development



The Institute of Public Administration (IPA) and the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in training, leadership development and institutional capacity building.

The agreement was signed by IPA Director General Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Duaij Al Khalifa and NIHR President Ali Ahmed Al Derazi.

Dr. Shaikha Rana highlighted that the partnership reflects the Institute's commitment to developing national capabilities through specialised training programmes and strengthening human rights awareness.

# Bapco Energies Stays Course on Growth Strategy

Board approves 2025 financials and endorses 2026 budget

Chairman shares outcomes of US energy talks with Secretary Wright

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**B**apco Energies held its second quarter Board of Directors meeting, chaired by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty's Representative for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Chairman of Bapco Energies.

HH Shaikh Nasser briefed the board on his recent visit to the United States, where he met



US Secretary of Energy Chris Wright to discuss bilateral energy cooperation and the impact of regional conflict on Bahrain and the Bapco Energies Group.

The board reviewed the group's financial and operational performance. It approved the au-



dated financial statements for the year ended 2025 and endorsed a consolidated adjusted budget for 2026 that aligns with its strategic objectives.

CEO Mark Thomas updated the board on key growth indicators and progress on major

initiatives, including the Bapco Modernisation Project and Upstream projects.

The board reaffirmed Bapco Energies' commitment to Bahrain's long-term economic development, energy security, and stakeholder value creation.

## Manama Dialogue Preparations Reviewed



Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani met with Air Marshal (Retd) Martin "Sammy" Sampson, Executive Director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)-Middle East, to discuss preparations for the upcoming 22nd Manama Dialogue.

The meeting, held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs headquarters, reviewed arrangements for the strategic security forum, which Bahrain will host in early November.

Both sides also discussed ongoing cooperation between the Ministry and IISS, along with opportunities to further strengthen collaboration on shared goals.

## REHC Renews British Racing School Partnership



The Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) renewed its cooperation agreement with the British Racing School in the United Kingdom to further develop training programmes for Bahraini jockeys.

The agreement, signed during the July Festival at Newmarket Racecourse, aims to strengthen the Bahrain Jockey Academy's programmes through joint training initiatives and technical expertise. REHC Acting CEO Yusuf O. Buheji highlighted the importance of developing national talent, while the 2026 programme will expand participation for apprentice and emerging riders.

# Region Unites In Condemnation

All military units remain fully prepared to safeguard the Kingdom

**G**eneral Command of the Bahrain Defence Force says its air defence systems successfully intercepted and destroyed multiple Iranian missile and drone attacks targeting the Kingdom. All BDF services and units are operating at maximum combat readiness, authorities confirmed.

Residents are urged to avoid approaching or handling any unfamiliar objects or debris resulting from the attacks and to report them immediately. Royal Field Engineering personnel remain on full alert to safely neutralise such material, protecting citizens and residents across the Kingdom.



The BDF General Command condemned the strikes as a deliberate violation of international humanitarian law, expressing

pride in the vigilance and professionalism shown by its personnel in defending the nation.

### GCC stands firm

GCC Secretary General Jasem Mohamed Albudaiwi condemned the attacks in the strongest terms, calling them blatant aggression against Bahrain and Kuwait and a direct threat to regional security. The GCC reaffirmed full solidarity with both nations.

Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the UAE, and Jordan all issued condemnations, describing the at-



Jasem Mohamed Albudaiwi

tacks as flagrant violations of sovereignty and international law. The UAE expressed full solidarity with Bahrain, Kuwait, and Jordan, backing all measures to safeguard their security and stability. Qatar called for dialogue, diplomacy, and de-escalation to protect regional gains.

## Two Awards for Bahrain's Maaan Programme



Anti-violence and addiction programme "Maaan" claimed two awards at the Arab Intelligence and Creativity Award, underscoring its growing regional influence in prevention, innovation, and research.

The programme won in the Educational and Academic Sectors category for its preventive curriculum targeting youth, and in the Applied Personal Innovation category for the "EAST" strategic planning system — a proprietary tool developed by the Maaan Research and Training Centre.

HE Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Interior Ministry and Chairman of the Maaan Committee, received the awards.

## U.S. Floods Gulf With 20 Warships



**M**ore than 20 U.S. Navy warships patrol Middle East waters as tensions in the Gulf escalate sharply following the collapse of a short-lived ceasefire between Washington and Tehran.

The head of the International Maritime Organization raised the alarm on Wednesday regarding the safety of approximately 6,000 seafarers currently stranded in the Gulf, urging that they must not face unnecessary danger by attempting to cross the Strait of Hormuz amid active hostilities.

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