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New Directors Appointed



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, issued two edicts appointing directors at the Civil Service Bureau and the Ministry of Finance and National Economy.

Under Edict (43) of 2026, Abdullah Khaled Al Shomeili was appointed Director of the Human Resources Systems Development Directorate at the Civil Service Bureau. Edict (42) appointed Bushra Abdullah Husain Ali as Director of the Central Procurement Directorate at the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, succeeding Mohammed Abdulhakeem Abdulmalek.

Bahrain, UK Strengthen Ties



Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister Engineer Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak and UK Chargé d'Affaires Simon Martin discussed ways to strengthen cooperation between Bahrain and the United Kingdom in municipal and agricultural affairs.

The meeting highlighted the longstanding friendship and growing bilateral relations between the two countries. Both sides reviewed areas of mutual interest, with Al Mubarak stressing Bahrain's commitment to expanding coordination with the UK, while Martin reaffirmed Britain's commitment to further developing close bilateral ties.

Mourns Greek Pilots

Bahrain has expressed its sympathy and solidarity with Greece following the crash of a military aircraft during an air show north of Athens that resulted in the deaths of two pilots.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs conveyed the Kingdom's sincere condolences to the Greek government and people and to the families of the victims, expressing solidarity with them during the tragic loss.

Bahrain Condemns Red Sea Threats

Kingdom backs Saudi Arabia, demands firm international action



U.S. Navy EA-18G Growler launches from the flight deck of USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) during night flight operations as the carrier supports enforcement of the U.S. blockade against Iran in the Arabian Sea. As of September 8, U.S. Central Command forces had redirected 94 commercial vessels, disabled three and boarded two to enforce compliance with the blockade.

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Bahrain has strongly condemned renewed Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia that targeted civilian, economic and vital facilities, injuring several civilians, including women and children.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs described the attacks, along with threats to commercial shipping and international navigation in the Red Sea and

Bab Al Mandab, as a dangerous escalation and a blatant violation of international law.

Bahrain said the attacks breach international humanitarian law, the UN Charter and the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, while challenging relevant UN Security Council resolutions, particularly Resolutions 2216 and 2817.

Saudi security is Gulf security, the Kingdom stressed, reaffirming full solidarity with Saudi Arabia and support for



Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of Shura Council

measures taken to protect its sovereignty, citizens, residents and vital facilities.

Bahrain praised the vigilance and effectiveness of the Royal Saudi Air Defense Forces in confronting the attacks and protecting civilian lives, while wishing those injured a speedy recovery.

Shura and Parliament back Saudi Arabia

Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh and Council of Representatives Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam also condemned the attacks,



Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, Speaker

stressing that threats against Saudi Arabia affect the security of Bahrain and the entire GCC. Both reaffirmed Bahrain's solidarity with Saudi Arabia and support for measures to protect its security and stability, while calling for unified Gulf and international action against the Houthi threats.

Bahrain called on the international community, particularly the UN Security Council, to take firm and concrete action to deter further attacks, hold perpetrators accountable and enforce relevant resolutions.

HM King Extends Greetings



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent cables of congratulations to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's National Day, Tajikistan President Emomali Rahmon on the country's Independence Day, and North Macedonia President Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova on her country's Independence Day.

His Majesty conveyed his best wishes to the leaders and their peoples on the respective national occasions, wishing them continued progress, prosperity and development.

Cardiovascular Conference Set

The Royal Medical Services, in cooperation with BDA Conferences and Exhibitions, will organise Bahrain's First Cardiovascular Diseases Conference on September 11 and 12, bringing together doctors, specialists and healthcare professionals involved in cardiovascular care.

The conference will focus on practical challenges, complex clinical cases and decision-making in daily medical practice, while promoting knowledge exchange and collaboration across healthcare levels. The event is accredited by the National Health Regulatory Authority for 12 CME credits and is open to medical students, physicians and relevant specialists.

Permit Processing Accelerated

The Supreme Council for Environment has reduced the processing time for applications to import refrigerant gases and air-conditioning and refrigeration units from 20 working days to five.

The upgraded digital service automates verification and review procedures and allows establishments to apply electronically for approval to import quota-controlled and non-quota-controlled refrigerant gases and cooling units. The service also supports monitoring of imported quantities and linking them to approved licences and quotas, achieving full electronic transformation.

New Generation of Fitness Trainers Graduates



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Chief of Police Lt-General Tariq Al Hassan attended the graduation ceremony of 56 male and female fitness trainers from various directorates of the Ministry of Interior and the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF).

The ceremony was held in

the presence of senior Interior Ministry officers and officials following the graduates' completion of a series of sports training courses organised by the Police Sports Association.

Lt-General Al Hassan praised His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's support for sports and athletes in Bahrain, stating that the Kingdom's strong backing for the sports

sector incentivizes continued development and further achievements.

He also expressed appreciation to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for his support for the sports sector and efforts to ensure Bahraini athletes continue to achieve success at regional and international levels.

The Chief of Police also commended the directives and support of Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa for the Ministry's sports sector. He highlighted the importance of providing the resources needed to develop training programmes and enhance the capabilities of sports teams affiliated with the Police Sports Association.



Smoke rises after a house was targeted by an Israeli strike in the al-Bureij refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip on September 8, 2026. Despite a US-backed ceasefire that took effect in October 2025, violence has not halted in the Gaza Strip, with Israel continuing to target Palestinians it says are militants.

Gulf Unites Around the Digital Economy

Bahrain's Parliamentary Division brought together representatives of legislative councils from across the Gulf to explore stronger cooperation in the digital economy, with discussions focusing on legislation, technology, investment and cybersecurity.

The joint Gulf seminar, organised in cooperation with the General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), was held virtually on Tuesday under the theme "The Gulf Digital Economy: Legislation and Development of Technical Infrastructure, Enhancing Contribution to GDP, Stimulating Investment, and Strengthening the Safety of Gulf Society through Digital Platforms."

The seminar brought together representatives of the Shura, parliamentary, national and consultative councils of GCC member states to discuss ways to advance digital economic integration across the region.

Opening the seminar, Shaikh Sadiq Eid Al Rahma, Member of the Shura Council and Chairman of the Parliamentary Coordination and Foreign Relations Committee, welcomed the participants and conveyed the greetings and best wishes of the Speaker of the Council of Representatives and the Chairman of the Shura Council.

Al Rahma said the digital economy has become closely linked to the future of Gulf economies, particularly as rapid technological developments continue to reshape economic activity.



He pointed to the growing impact of artificial intelligence, data and digital platforms, stressing the need for legislative frameworks that can keep pace with technological change while supporting innovation and investment.

He also underlined the importance of protecting privacy and rights and building public confidence in digital services.

Bahrain's contribution to the seminar presented the Kingdom's experience in developing a legislative and strategic framework for the digital economy. It covered the Information Technology Crimes Law, Personal Data Protection Law and Electronic Transactions Law, alongside the National Digital Economy Strategy and National Cybersecurity Strategy.

The paper also highlighted Bahrain's initiatives in artificial intelligence and cloud computing, as well as the digital achievements of the Shura Council and Council of Representatives, including international awards



"Cybersecurity challenges do not stop at borders."
- Shaikh Sadiq Eid Al Rahma, Member of the Shura Council and Chairman of the Parliamentary Coordination and Foreign Relations Committee

and advanced global rankings in digital maturity.

Discussions also addressed the development and potential harmonisation of policies and legislation governing the digital economy, with participants putting forward initiatives and recommendations to strengthen cooperation among GCC states.

Interior Minister Hails Bahrain-India Ties



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Interior Minister General His Excellency Sheikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa received Indian Ambassador Vinod Kurian Jacob as he concluded his diplomatic tenure in Bahrain.

His Excellency Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa,

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs, attended the meeting.

Shaikh Rashid welcomed the ambassador and praised the longstanding friendly relations between Bahrain and India, highlighting the strong level of cooperation and coordination between the two countries, particularly in

the security field.

The Interior Minister commended Ambassador Jacob's efforts and distinguished contributions to advancing bilateral relations across various areas, including security cooperation and coordination.

He wished the ambassador continued success in his future endeavours.

Gulf Tourism Cooperation Takes Centre Stage

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The Kingdom of Bahrain chaired a meeting of the Undersecretaries responsible for tourism in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries as part of its presidency of the 46th session of the GCC.

Sara Ahmed Buhiji, Chief Executive Officer of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), chaired the virtual meeting, which was held in preparation for the 10th meeting of the GCC Committee of Tourism Ministers.

The meeting reviewed several agenda items, focusing on strengthening joint Gulf efforts to develop the tourism sector



across GCC countries and following up on the implementation of initiatives and programmes under the tourism sector support plan.

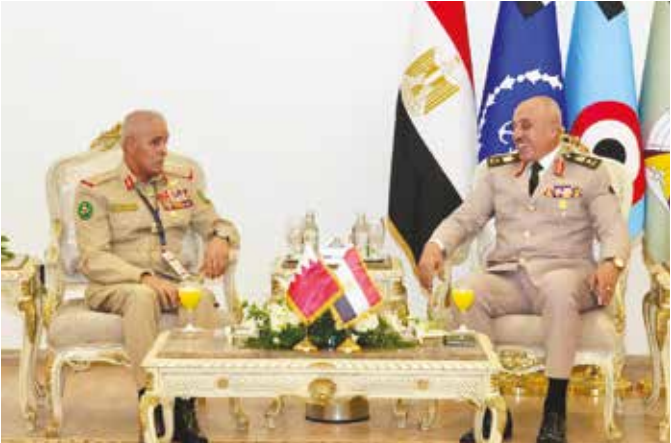
Discussions covered joint tourism promotion and media initiatives, as well as the development of the GCC Tourism Data Dashboard.

The meeting also reviewed joint promotional programmes

and marketing campaigns, the exchange of expertise and knowledge in tourism statistics and data, and the unified tourism guide licence initiative across GCC countries.

Other topics included the Gulf Tourism Capital initiative, international cooperation in the tourism sector, joint tourism activities and events, and guidelines for hotel classification.

Bahrain, Egypt Look to Deepen Military Cooperation



Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi attended the opening of the second edition of the El Alamein International Airshow (EIAS 2026), being held at El Alamein International Airport in the Arab Republic of Egypt/

On the sidelines of the exhibition, Lt. Gen. Al Nuaimi met Lt. Gen. Ahmed Fathy Ibrahim Khalifa, Chief of Staff of the Egyptian Armed Forces.

The meeting discussed strengthening and consolidating joint military cooperation and coordination between the Bahrain Defence Force and the Egyptian Armed Forces, as well as ways to further develop

bilateral cooperation in a manner that serves the interests of the two brotherly countries.

During his tour of the exhibition, Lt. Gen. Al Nuaimi reviewed the latest developments in aerospace, defence and space industries, including advanced systems, technologies and solutions showcased across the exhibition's pavilions.

He also received a briefing on the key products and modern technologies presented by major participating international companies and institutions, as well as efforts to advance aerospace and space industries in line with the latest technological developments in these fields.

Bahrain, UNFPA Boost Cooperation



Muneera Nofal Al Doseri, Executive Director of the King Hamad Global Center for Coexistence and Tolerance, received Jocelyn Fenard, Representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Oman and Head of the Sub-Regional Office in the GCC. The two sides discussed ways to strengthen cooperation in promoting coexistence, tolerance and dialogue, and exchanged views on issues of mutual interest.

Bahrain, GDA Strengthen Energy Ties



Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Dinah, Oil and Environment Minister and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, received Gulf Downstream Association Chairman Hussein Ali Al Qahtani. The meeting discussed cooperation and expertise exchange in refining, petrochemicals and downstream industries, as well as preparations for the fourth International Downstream Conference and Exhibition (IDCE), scheduled to be held in Bahrain next year.

Finance Committee Reviews Equality

The Equal Opportunities Committee at the Ministry of Finance and National Economy held its third periodic meeting of 2026, chaired by Dr. Faisal Isa Hammad, Assistant Undersecretary for Competitiveness and Economic Indicators. The committee reviewed initiatives supporting equal opportunities, preparations for Bahraini Women's Day, and plans to strengthen gender balance and women's participation in national development.



Health Minister Bids Ambassador Farewell



Dr. Jaleela bint Al Sayed Jawad Hassan, Minister of Health, received outgoing Turkish Ambassador Dr. Ay e Hilal Sayan Koytak. The minister praised the ambassador's efforts to strengthen Bahrain-Türkiye cooperation, particularly in healthcare, while Koytak expressed appreciation for the support she received during her tenure and praised the strong bilateral ties.

GCC Tax Chiefs Advance Integration



Bahrain hosted the 17th meeting of the GCC Committee of Heads and Directors of Tax Authorities, chaired by Rana Ibrahim Faqeehi, Chief Executive of the National Bureau for Revenue. The meeting reviewed efforts to enhance tax systems, develop advanced digital mechanisms and unified legislation, and exchange best practices to support Gulf economic integration.

Bahrain on the Move

UN-Bahrain Partnership Delivers Results Across Four Key Areas

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The United Nations in Bahrain released its 2025 Country Results Report, highlighting progress made during the first year of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2025–2029.

The report, handed to the Government during a Joint Steering Committee meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, reviews progress under four priorities: People, Prosperity, Peace and Planet.

In 2025, UN-supported efforts focused on health and social well-being, sustainable economic transformation, governance and human rights, gender equality, youth engagement, and environmental sustainability, in line with Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

UN Resident Coordinator in Bahrain Khaled El Mekwad said the partnership strengthened social inclusion, supported economic transformation, advanced environmental stewardship and deepened partnerships for sustainable development.



United Nations Resident Coordinator and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bahrain sign the new United Nations Strategic Cooperation Framework for 2025-2029, December 2024

UN-Bahrain 2025 Results

- **2025-2029:** UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework
- **4 priorities:** People, Prosperity, Peace and Planet
- **251:** Entrepreneurs reached through 13 EDIP programmes
- **19 countries:** BNI chapters represented at BINOVATE 2025
- **50+:** Exhibitors at BINOVATE 2025
- **878:** Applications received for the GCCOE Global Call
- **50+:** Women-led startups supported by Women in Tech
- **US\$305,000+:** Prize money distributed across 19 ventures
- **2030:** Bahrain Economic Vision and UN SDG agenda guiding cooperation

Under the Prosperity priority, the report highlighted initiatives supporting entrepreneurship, innovation and women's economic participation.

The Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion programme reached 251 entrepreneurs in Bahrain and four other countries through 13 programmes in 2025.



The UN also partnered in BINOVATE 2025, which brought together BNI chapters from 19 countries and more than 50 exhibitors.

The Global Centre for the Creative Orange Economy was inaugurated in Saar following a Global Call that attracted 878 applications from 78 countries.

The UN also supported the Standard Chartered Women in Tech Programme, which has backed more than 50 women-led startups and distributed over US\$305,000 in prize money across 19 ventures.

The report also noted new coordination mechanisms and Bahrain's activities marking the UN's 80th anniversary.

Packed labour homes worry Muharraq residents



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Mohammed Darwish

Homes packed with 10 or 15 foreign workers are going undetected during daytime inspections in old Muharraq neighbourhoods, where overcrowding and crumbling houses are leaving residents worried about crime and safety, a councillor has warned.

Muharraq Municipal Council member Abdulqader Mahmood said some tenants were packing rented homes with workers by sub-letting rooms or bed spaces.

He described cases in which a tenant paid about BD100 for a property, then charged 10 or 15 workers around BD20 each to stay there.

Some landlords, he said, did not even know how many people were living in their properties.

Council checks can miss the problem because inspectors often visit during working hours, when labourers are away at their jobs and the homes appear empty.

'When inspectors visit, they often find nobody there because the workers are at work,' Mr Mahmood told The Daily Tribune.

He urged neighbours to report suspected overcrowding and unlawful sub-letting, saying residents often knew which homes were being used in this way.

Families, he said, were worried about overcrowding and often did not know who was living nearby.

Empty and crumbling houses



Abdulqader Mahmood, Muharraq Municipal Council member

posed a separate danger.

Mr Mahmood said abandoned homes could draw trespassers and be used for illegal activity, while boarding doors and windows with plywood did not solve the problem.

Pulling them down, however, can prove difficult.

Some old houses belong to dozens of heirs, in some cases as many as 50, leaving families struggling to agree on repairs, demolition or who should pay.

Heritage rules can also stop a dangerous house from being pulled down.

Mr Mahmood said some ageing homes were protected because of their heritage value even when they had fallen into poor condition.

He said no heritage listing should leave neighbours exposed to a building that had become unsafe.

Mr Mahmood said he hoped the Royal Muharraq Development Project would clear derelict and overcrowded housing and bring Bahraini families back to old neighbourhoods.

He said that would also reduce the use of family homes as packed labour quarters.

AI to Shape the Future of Financial Oversight

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Artificial intelligence and digital innovation are emerging as key tools for strengthening financial oversight across the Gulf, as Bahrain brought together the heads of GCC financial and accounting audit bodies for their 23rd meeting.

Bahrain hosted the meeting as part of the Kingdom's presidency of the 46th session of the Gulf Cooperation Council, highlighting growing efforts to modernise the region's oversight systems and improve transparency and public resource management.

The meeting was chaired by His Excellency Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, President of Bahrain's Financial and Administrative Audit Bureau. His Excellency Shaikh Sultan bin Mohammed Al Thani, Assistant Secretary-General for Legislative and Legal Affairs at the GCC General Secretariat, and the heads of the GCC audit bodies attended.

Sheikh Ahmed said the gathering reflected the strong fraternal ties between GCC countries and the importance placed by Their Majesties and Highnesses the GCC leaders on strengthening Gulf cooperation and integration and developing its institutions.

He highlighted the central role played by audit bodies in promoting integrity and improving the efficiency of government performance.

With technology and artificial intelligence advancing rapidly, Sheikh Ahmed said new opportunities are emerging to develop oversight tools, improve the



Heads of the GCC audit bodies attended the meeting



"Innovation and AI offer new opportunities to enhance audit work."

HIS EXCELLENCY SHAIKH AHMED BIN MOHAMMED AL KHALIFA, PRESIDENT OF BAHRAIN'S FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUDIT BUREAU

GULF OVERSIGHT

- **AI & Digital:** Proposed AI-supported platform for GCC audit knowledge
- **Skills:** Regional training programmes to strengthen professional expertise
- **Research:** Continued GCC competition for audit and accounting studies
- **Recognition:** Outstanding audit professionals honoured
- **Next Step:** Accelerating digital and innovative oversight solutions
- **Goal:** Stronger governance and financial sustainability across the GCC

quality of audit outcomes and increase their impact.

He stressed that professional cooperation and the exchange of knowledge and expertise between GCC audit bodies remain essential to building an oversight system that is better prepared for the future and capable of keeping pace with rapidly changing challenges.

A major focus of the meeting was a proposal to establish an AI-supported electronic platform bringing together the outputs of the financial and accounting audit bodies across GCC countries.

The proposed platform would facilitate access to institutional knowledge and enable greater

use of accumulated experience and expertise across the region.

The meeting also reviewed developments in the GCC Competition for Research and Studies in the Fields of Auditing and Accounting, alongside follow-up on recommendations arising from winning research projects from previous editions.

FROM THE COURT - Rehab Mohammad

Car Set Ablaze While Owner Slept

A man woke to his mother's screams after his car was deliberately set on fire outside his home on July 6, 2026. Police and Civil Defence responded to the incident, while security footage showed the defendant starting the fire before fleeing.

Investigators found that pieces of plastic mesh had been ignited and placed on the driver's seat and near the fuel tank opening. The defendant admitted setting

the vehicle on fire using cardboard and a lighter. The victim submitted a repair invoice amounting to BD530.

During questioning, the defendant said he had been receiving treatment for mental health issues, including depression and mood swings, but had stopped taking his prescribed medication about three months earlier. The case was adjourned to September 10, 2026.

BD10 Fine, Three-Year Deportation

The Court of Cassation has upheld a BD10 fine and three-year deportation order against a foreign woman convicted of working as a domestic worker on an hourly basis without a work permit.

The case began after the Labour Market Regulatory Authority detected Instagram advertisements offering domestic workers for hourly cleaning services. An LMRA inspection found the woman working without a valid

permit, and the lower court imposed the fine and deportation order.

Her lawyer challenged the ruling, arguing that there was insufficient evidence and that the judgment was inadequately reasoned. The Court of Cassation rejected the appeal, finding that the LMRA violation report and the woman's statements during the investigation provided sufficient evidence to support the conviction.

Two Charged Over BD500 Robbery

The First High Criminal Court has begun hearing the case of two men, aged 46 and 32, accused of posing as police officers, forcibly detaining a man and allegedly stealing BD500 from him.

The incident occurred in Hooraa on July 25, 2026, when the victim was forced into a vehicle and taken to Ras Rumman. According to the case, his mobile phone was taken and he was asked to hand over his money; the second

defendant allegedly took BD500 from his wallet before the victim was returned to Hooraa.

Security camera footage reportedly captured the incident, while police investigations led to the identification of the two defendants. Both allegedly admitted during Public Prosecution questioning that the victim had been taken against his will. The court adjourned the case to September 15, 2026, for pleadings.

More Than 100 AUBH Students Conclude 2025-2026 Summer Internships

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More than 100 students from the American University of Bahrain (AUBH) have completed their summer internship programs for the 2025-2026 academic year, reflecting AUBH's commitment to equipping graduates with the specialist knowledge, practical experience, and professional capabilities required to succeed in an evolving job market.

This year, students completed placements with a diverse group of prominent organizations across Bahrain, including Al Salam Bank, Gulf Air, Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), Beyon, Racing Force, Talabat, Benefit, Bahrain Airport Company, ASRY, Khaleeji Bank, Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK), Investcorp, and Bapco Energies, among others.

AUBH's Career Center worked closely with the participating organizations to identify placements suited to each student's academic background and



professional interests. Participants represented a range of disciplines, including computer science, finance, management, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering, multimedia, and more, providing them with exposure to career opportunities

across several of Bahrain's key industries.

Dr. Amal Alwaadhi, Dean of Students at the American University of Bahrain, highlighted the importance of internships in ensuring that students graduate with both a strong academic

foundation and relevant workplace experience.

"At AUBH, learning extends beyond the classroom. We want our students to test their knowledge, take on meaningful responsibilities, and develop their capabilities within professional environ-



ments. This year, more than 100 students had the opportunity to work on assignments and projects related to their fields of study, giving them valuable insight into their chosen industries and strengthening their readiness for employment," Dr. Alawadhi said.

"We are grateful to our partner organizations for welcoming our students and investing their time and expertise in their develop-

ment. Their support gives young talent the opportunity to learn directly from industry professionals and better understand what will be expected of them after graduation. Such collaboration is essential to maintaining a close connection between higher education and the the job market, while developing professionals who can contribute effectively across Bahrain's economy," she added.

INJAZ Bahrain and Bahrain EDB Launch Second Edition of EconoQuesters Program



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INJAZ Bahrain has concluded the second edition of the EconoQuesters Program, delivered in collaboration with the Bahrain Economic Development Board (Bahrain EDB).

The four-week programme brought together 12 INJAZ alumni in their third and fourth years of university. Participants were divided into three teams and tasked with assessing Bahrain's performance in a selected priority sector. They examined the Kingdom's competitiveness within the region and developed practical recommendations based on their research.

The programme was designed to give students the opportunity to apply their knowledge to a real-world challenge. Throughout the four weeks, participants worked closely with mentors

from Bahrain EDB. Each team also had an external mentor who provided additional guidance and challenged them to look at their ideas from different perspectives.

Participants also took part in two Presenting With Impact workshops, which helped strengthen their presentation skills and build confidence ahead of the final presentations.

H.H. Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairperson of INJAZ Bahrain, said: "It has been inspiring to see our alumni take on this challenge with such commitment and curiosity. Programmes like this give young people the opportunity to put their knowledge into practice, explore real issues and develop their own ideas. We are grateful to Bahrain EDB and all the mentors who supported the students throughout the programme and helped make this a valuable

learning experience."

H.E. Noor bint Ali Al Khulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development, Chief Executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board, commented: "Investing in Bahrain's young talent is a key pillar of the Kingdom's long-term development. Through our ongoing partnership with INJAZ Bahrain, we are helping equip the next generation with the skills, confidence and perspective needed to contribute to Bahrain's continued progress. Programmes such as EconoQuesters provide students with practical exposure to Bahrain's economic priorities and encourage them to apply their ideas to real-world challenges."

The programme culminated in final presentations, where the three teams presented their findings and recommendations to a judging panel. The winning team

was announced following the presentations.

The second edition of the EconoQuesters Programme reflects INJAZ Bahrain's commitment to providing young people with practical learning opportunities that complement their academic studies. By connecting students with mentors and real-world challenges, the organisation continues to help young Bahrainis build the skills, confidence and experience they need for their future careers.

The collaboration with Bahrain EDB also provides participants with greater exposure to Bahrain's economic priorities and the factors shaping the Kingdom's competitiveness. It gives students a valuable opportunity to engage with professionals and gain a deeper understanding of how their ideas can contribute to Bahrain's future.

Youth Explore Possibilities

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The Capital Governorate concluded its summer activity programmes, organised in cooperation with sports clubs and youth centres, with the participation of around 1,500 students. The programmes featured sports, cultural, educational, recreational and awareness activities aimed at developing skills, nurturing talents and providing young people with a safe and stimulating environment during the summer vacation.

Capital Governor His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Hamoud

Al Khalifa praised the programmes' success and strong participation, saying they provided young people with opportunities to spend their free time positively while gaining new skills and knowledge and strengthening teamwork, initiative and social responsibility. This year's programmes also included activities focused on innovation and entrepreneurship, coinciding with Manama being selected as the Arab Youth Entre-



preneurs Capital for 2026.

Shaikh Khalid affirmed that the Capital Governorate would continue supporting initiatives aimed at empowering young people and developing their capabilities and

skills. He also thanked the participating sports clubs, youth centres and organisers for their efforts in preparing and implementing the programmes and for their cooperation in ensuring their success.

Humanoid Robots

By: Dr Jassim Haji



Spending on humanoid robots is no longer just a race to have the latest tech; it has become an economic bet on the future of production and work. Between the cost of buying, maintaining, and updating a robot, and the potential gains from increased productivity and reduced reliance on human labor, a complex economic equation is formed.

The future of humanoid robots won't just be defined by their ability to mimic humans; it will also be defined by their ability to prove their economic viability. The global robot market is expected to reach around \$5 trillion in the long term by 2050. By that time, the number of humanoid robots used

worldwide could reach nearly one billion robots.

Furthermore, AI foundation models, simulation environments, synthetic data, and specialized learning techniques such as reinforcement learning and imitation learning are used to train robots to perform tasks like grasping objects or navigating obstacles in different scenes.

Current humanoids have problems with energy autonomy, stability, and reliability outside controlled environments.

Moving across uneven terrain, reacting to unforeseen situations, or correctly distinguishing between combatants and civilians continues to pose technical and legal difficulties.

Arbitration Experts Join Second Edition of Hawar Circle



Reza Mohtashami, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR), participated in the second edition of the "Hawar Circle," alongside leading international arbitration professionals. Philippe Pinsolle, Judge at the Bahrain International Commercial Court (BICC), also participated in the forum, which brought together arbitration practitioners from Bahrain and several countries to discuss immunity, ethics and the right of representation. The three-day gathering aims to strengthen international dialogue and contribute to the further development of the Hawar Principles for fair and effective dispute resolution.

BBK Recognized as Bahrain’s Leader in Strategic Digital Finance Partnerships

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BBK, a leader in retail and corporate banking in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has been awarded the “Most Strategic Banking Partnerships in Digital Finance – Bahrain 2026” by The Global Economics, recognizing the Bank’s success in accelerating digital transformation, strengthening its digital capabilities, and delivering innovative financial solutions through strategic collaborations. The award reflects BBK’s growing portfolio of strategic partnerships that are shaping its digital banking agenda. Recent examples include its collaboration with Tarabut to advance open banking capabilities and deliver more integrated financial services, as well as its partnership with AX Coin, Bahrain’s first licensee to receive a Stablecoin issuance license, to explore

new initiatives in the Stablecoin space, that are beneficial to Bahrain and to the financial sector. Together, these initiatives highlight BBK’s commitment to adopting emerging technologies that enhance customer experience, improve accessibility and create long-term value. BBK has also engaged in strategic partnerships with Singapore Gulf Bank (SGB), Rain, ARP Digital and Binance that are aimed at advancing financial technologies and driving innovation, in the areas of cross-border payments, financial education, tokenization, crypto and stablecoins. Commenting on the achievement, Mr. Nadeem Al Kooheji, Chief Wholesale Banking Officer at BBK, said: “Strategic partnerships have become central to the way financial institutions accelerate transformation and respond to rapid change.



Mr. Nadeem Al Kooheji, Chief Wholesale Banking Officer, BBK

By working closely with technology and innovation partners, BBK has been able to strengthen its digital capabilities, introduce more relevant solutions, and enhance the way customers access and experience our services. This recognition reflects the practical value of that

collaborative approach and the progress it continues to deliver.” He added: “Innovation remains a key priority for BBK, and our focus is firmly on creating digital banking experiences that are secure, intuitive and built around customer needs. Collaboration plays an important role in generating sustainable value for our customers and shareholders, while also contributing to the continued development of Bahrain’s financial sector. We will continue to expand our digital ecosystem and pursue partnerships that support future growth, operational resilience and long-term competitiveness.” BBK was selected following a comprehensive evaluation of several criteria, including the effectiveness and impact of its partnerships, its ability to foster innovation through collaboration, the development of an

interconnected digital services ecosystem, and the scalability of its initiatives. The assessment also considered the value delivered to customers and the Bank’s contribution to advancing Bahrain’s digital finance landscape. The award further recognizes BBK’s ability to convert strategic partnerships into tangible results, including enhanced customer experience, broader access to digital banking services, and the successful integration of emerging technologies across its operations. These achievements are underpinned by strong governance, regulatory compliance, and a clear focus on sustainable growth. This recognition reinforces BBK’s position at the forefront of digital banking innovation in Bahrain and underscores its commitment to shaping the future of financial services

through strategic collaboration, technological advancement, and customer-centric innovation.



150 mobile subscriptions for every 100 people in Bahrain



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Mohammed Darwish

For every 100 people in Bahrain, there were 150 mobile subscriptions by the second quarter of last year, as the telecoms watchdog posted a BD15.4 million surplus and transferred nearly BD16m to the Finance Ministry. Mobile subscriptions reached 2.387m, up 2pc from the end of 2024, while broadband subscriptions stood at 2.595m, or 163 for every 100 people. Audited accounts for the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority show its surplus slipped 3.4pc from BD15.946m in 2024 to BD15.402m last year. The authority also transferred about BD15.95m to the Ministry of Finance and National Economy.

Operating revenue barely changed at BD21.156m, while costs rose 7.5pc to BD7.125m, cutting the operating surplus to BD14.031m. Annual telecoms licence fees remained the authority’s biggest source of revenue at BD8.433m, or 39.9pc of operating income. Spectrum availability fees brought in BD5.289m, while frequency and spectrum-band charges fell 7.5pc to BD3.541m. Together, those three sources accounted for 81.6pc of operating revenue. Staff costs remained the largest expense at BD4.023m. Consultancy and legal costs rose 25.5pc to BD738,000, while the authority made a BD568,000 provision for doubtful debts. No such charge was recorded in 2024.

The provision explains much of the BD500,000 rise in operating expenses. Non-operating income fell 2.3pc to BD1.371m, including BD1.254m from changes in the fair value of investments. Investments rose 28.2pc from BD22.173m to BD28.427m, even as total assets fell 9.7pc to BD37.483m. Total liabilities fell 13.6pc to BD22.081m, with deferred revenue accounting for BD20.807m of the total. Fibre subscriptions stood at about 182,000, equal to 63pc of households, while 86pc of fibre customers were on packages offering speeds of at least 100 megabits per second. Broadband data use reached 1.971 billion gigabytes in 2024, with fixed-network use up 7pc and mobile data use up 15pc.

Gulf Banking Sector Posts Record Lending

GCC banks reached a record \$2.59 trillion in gross lending during the second quarter of 2026, an 11.6% increase from the same period last year. Lending expanded across all six GCC markets, reflecting continued financing demand and resilient regional economies. UAE-listed banks led quarterly growth, with gross loans rising 4.5%, while Saudi banks reached \$876.1 billion. Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar also recorded lending growth dur-

ing the quarter. Islamic banks posted stronger financing growth than conventional lenders, highlighting continued demand for Sharia-compliant banking services. Customer deposits at listed GCC banks climbed to a record \$2.92 trillion, while combined net profit reached \$17.7 billion. With interest rates easing, lenders are expected to increasingly focus on loan volumes, fee-generating services and



broader business activity to sustain earnings. The outlook remains supported by regional economic resilience and continued demand for corporate and consumer financing.

Global Markets Shuffle as Geopolitical Risks Inject Volatility

TDT | Agencies

Global financial markets are entering September with a sharp contrast emerging between Western equities facing renewed inflation and interest-rate concerns and Gulf markets benefiting from elevated energy prices and structural reforms. After a strong August for global stocks, investors are becoming more cautious as geopolitical tensions, higher crude prices and uncertainty over monetary policy introduce fresh volatility. Meanwhile, GCC markets are showing resilience, supported by stronger energy revenues and efforts to deepen regional capital markets. Global equities entered September after reaching elevated levels in August, supported by corporate earnings and hopes that major economies were moving toward relatively soft landings. That optimism is now being tested. Investors are closely watching the US Federal Reserve and upcoming inflation data as they reassess the path of interest rates. Higher energy prices are adding another layer of uncertainty, as a sustained rise in crude could slow progress on inflation. Brent crude has moved toward \$99 a barrel, while West Texas Intermediate has climbed above \$92. The increase has renewed concerns about energy costs for consumers, businesses and global supply chains. For oil-importing economies, expensive energy can translate into higher inflation and weaker consumer spending, potentially putting further pressure on equity valuations. Gulf Markets See a Different Picture



enues, provide greater fiscal flexibility and support infrastructure and development projects. This creates a degree of protection for Gulf economies against pressures affecting major oil-consuming markets. Saudi Arabia’s Tadawul All Share Index has remained resilient, supported by major companies and expectations surrounding infrastructure and economic activity. Oman has been an especially notable performer. The Muscat Stock Exchange’s MSX 30 has recorded a strong year-to-date advance, making it one of the region’s standout equity markets.

Beyond Oil: Gulf Markets Are Changing

The Gulf’s market story is increasingly about more than crude prices. Regulatory reforms and greater regional financial integration are changing how investors access GCC markets. Discussions around a cross-border regional fund-passporting framework could make it easier for investment funds to operate across multiple GCC jurisdictions. Greater harmonisation of investor requirements and KYC procedures could help address one of the region’s longstanding challenges: fragmented markets and limited cross-border liquidity. A Tale of Two Market Environments

highlights the different economic structures of Western and Gulf markets. For major import-dependent economies, higher oil prices represent an inflationary threat. For the GCC, they can provide additional fiscal support while governments continue investing in economic diversification. That does not make Gulf markets immune to global shocks. GCC equities remain exposed to international interest rates, foreign investor flows, global growth and commodity-price volatility. However, the combination of energy revenues, sovereign financial strength and structural reforms gives the region a distinctive position as global markets navigate a more uncertain second half of 2026.

The Bottom Line

The latest market moves underline an increasingly important investment theme: geography matters. While higher energy prices and monetary uncertainty are creating challenges for developed markets, Gulf economies are entering the period with stronger commodity-linked revenues and increasingly diversified economic bases. The result is not necessarily a complete decoupling between global and GCC equities, but it suggests the Gulf could continue to offer investors a combination of defensive strength, energy exposure and long-term growth potential as global volatility persists.

The current environment

UK's Prince George starts at Eton College



Britain's Catherine, Princess of Wales (L) and Britain's Prince William, Prince of Wales (R) walk with their 13-year-old son, Britain's Prince George of Wales (C), as he arrives for his first day at Eton College, in Eton, west of London

London, United Kingdom

Britain's Prince George started at the prestigious private school Eton College yesterday, arriving for his first day with parents Prince William and Catherine, Princess of Wales.

Under a steady drizzle, the 13-year-old prince was welcomed to the world-famous school by its headmaster Simon Henderson who told the future king: "Welcome, good luck, enjoy it."

George -- who is second in line to the throne, after his father -- will complete his secondary education at the school, which charges more than £63,000 (\$85,000) in annual fees.

According to UK media, the young prince will board at the elite institution, despite it being just a few kilometres away from the family home in Windsor, west of London.

George is following in the footsteps of his father and

uncle Prince Harry who both attended the exclusive school, situated in the county of Berkshire.

Eton has also famously educated 20 past prime ministers, including Boris Johnson and David Cameron, as well as a roll call of other well-known people, from actor Tom Hiddleston to James Bond creator Ian Fleming.

Long a byword for elitism and the class divide in Britain, Eton was founded by King Henry VI in 1440.

It educates boys aged 13 to 18, and has preserved many of its traditions, including a distinct uniform comprising a black tailcoat, black waist coat, white shirt and bow tie, and striped trousers.

The school welcomes nearly 1,350 pupils each year, according to its website.

Tuesday was also the fourth anniversary of the accession to the throne of George's grandfather King Charles III, which was marked with a gun salute in central London.

China hands former governor suspended death sentence

AFP | Beijing, China

The former governor of a northern Chinese province was handed a suspended death sentence on Tuesday for accepting bribes worth millions of dollars.

Jin Xiangjun, 62, is the latest to be swept up in President Xi Jinping's wide-reaching anti-corruption campaign, which has brought down huge numbers of high-ranking officials.

Jin, the ex-governor of Shanxi, took advantage of various government positions from 2004 to 2025 to accept bribes totalling more than 148 million yuan (\$22 million) for promotions and contracts.

Jin's actions involved "an especially large amount and caused particularly large losses" to the country and other citizens, the court added.

He was thus sentenced to death with a two-year reprieve -- a punishment that is typically commuted to life imprisonment after two years if no further crimes are unearthed.

Nepal glacier saw exceptional heat before collapse caused deadly floods: researcher

AFP | Paris, France

The mountain section whose collapse triggered fatal floods in Nepal and China on August 26 had experienced unprecedented heat for the time of year, meteorological data analysed by a researcher shows.

Average temperatures on the mountain glacier at an altitude of 5,200 metres (17,060 feet) were estimated at around five degrees Celsius between August 21 and 26.

This is exceptionally high.

They had not exceeded 4.0C over the same period in more than 55 years of data recording, although no direct link to the collapse has so far been established.

This series of highly localised temperatures was reconstructed by Robert Rohde, chief scientist at the independent Berkeley Earth organisation in California.

At the site of the collapse, the average temperature recorded over that six-day period has risen by about 1.8C since the mid-20th century.

Without the additional heat brought by climate change, a comparable temperature pattern "would probably occur only once in a few thousand years", Rohde



A man looks at the remains of sludge-ridden houses in the aftermath of flash floods at Devighat in Nepal's Nuwakot district

calculated for AFP.

The collapse came during the Langtang region's fourth-hottest summer on record, according to AFP's analysis of data from Europe's Copernicus observatory dating back to 1970.

Tipping point

"These hot conditions can also explain permafrost thaw and combined slope and glacier collapse," said French climatologist Valerie Masson-Delmotte.

Permafrost acts as ice cement, holding rock faces together. Its degradation makes them more unstable.

Satellite images also showed significant snowmelt in the days before the disaster, providing "a substantial source of liquid water that can infiltrate fractures in the mountain and facilitate landslides", said Etienne Berthier, a glaciologist at France's CNRS research agency.

Experts remain cautious, however, about the precise role played by the heatwave.

"It's not as straightforward as 'high temperature equals collapse,'" Kristen Cook, a geomorphologist at the Grenoble Alpes University in France, told AFP.

Trump sparks fury with map of Canada, Iceland as part of US

● Iceland responded to the new map post on Tuesday, announcing that it had summoned the US ambassador

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump has sparked fury by posting a map that seemingly showed Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Mexico and the Caribbean as part of the United States.

Monday's post -- the latest of several from Trump with an outlandish territorial design -- came amid a flurry of around 100 messages on his Truth Social platform over the Labor Day weekend.

Iceland responded to the new map post on Tuesday, announcing that it had summoned the US ambassador to make it clear that the image was "wholly inappropriate."

The map showed the US, Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Mexico and the Caribbean colored in with the US flag.

The entire landmass was labelled "United States of America" and the image was posted without any further explanation.



The map that US President Donald Trump posted on his Truth Social page on Sep 7, 2026. (Image: Truth Social/@realDonaldTrump)

Trump unleashed his avalanche of posts at breakneck pace -- around 60 on Sunday alone and 37 in 10 hours on Monday, according to an AFP count, relying as he often does on artificial intelligence.

Trump also posted a cartoon of himself playing in an ice hockey match against Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney.

In the image, Trump tells

Carney, who is lying on the ice: "Get up governor."

Canada is locked in a trade war in Washington, with retaliatory tariffs on billions of dollars in US products taking effect



Tuesday.

Trump has also made insistent claims that Canada should become the 51st US state.

In another post, an image showed Trump receiving George Washington in the Oval Office.

Putin and Trump discuss Ukraine in 'extremely frank' call

Moscow, Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin and US counterpart Donald Trump yesterday discussed the Ukraine conflict in an "extremely frank" and constructive hour-long

phone call, the Kremlin said.

It came after US negotiators Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner visited Moscow and Kyiv over the weekend in an attempt to kickstart long-stalled US efforts to end the fighting.

Thieves steal works worth \$10 mn from France Renoir museum

AFP | Marseille, France

Two thieves broke into a museum dedicated to French impressionist painter Pierre-Auguste Renoir in southern France on Tuesday, stealing "four works of art", one of which they dropped as they fled, a mayor said.

"This morning, two individuals broke into the Renoir Museum and stole four works of art," said Bryan Masson, the far-right mayor of the town of Carnes-sur-Mer.

"Spotted thanks to the town's video surveillance cameras, the two individuals fled, abandoning one of the stolen

paintings as they ran," he said, adding his office estimated the value of the stolen works at 9 million euros (\$10 million).

The Renoir Museum was opened in 1960 in the painter's last home before his death in 1919. Its collection includes objects and furniture that belonged to Renoir, including his easel and wheelchair, as well as portraits, landscapes, and nudes painted by the artist.

The mayor said it took just five minutes for the authorities to respond. "The museum alarm went off at 5:48 am. At 5:53 am, just five minutes later, our municipal police were on the scene," he said.

Israel's actions in Syria could constitute war crimes: UN investigators

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

Israel's military activity in Syria including the detention

of hundreds of people could constitute war crimes, United Nations investigators said yesterday.

"The Commission is deeply alarmed about continued Israeli violations," said commissioner Fionnuala Ni Aolain of the In-

dependent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic. "Such acts may amount to war crimes."

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Battle of Svolder, Baltic Sea: King Olaf on board the Long Serpent is defeated in one of the greatest naval battles of the Viking Age and leaps to his death overboard

1543

Mary Stuart, at nine months old, is crowned Queen of Scots in the central Scottish town of Stirling



1776

Congress officially renames the country as the United States of America (from the United Colonies)

1817

Alexander Twilight, likely the first African American to graduate from a US college, receives a BA degree from Middlebury College



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Together with @SecGenNATO Rutte, I welcome the agreement by Member States on the derogation for Ukraine to purchase crucial products for Patriot air defence systems. The next disbursement of 3.2 billion will enable Ukraine to better protect its skies from Russia's indiscriminate attacks.

@vonderleyen

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International police cooperation is vital to better support survivors, apprehend perpetrators, disrupt criminal networks & advance safety for all. Law enforcement must also ensure its own legitimacy, by being grounded in fairness, accountability & respect for human rights. Everyone deserves the protection of the law.

@antonioguerres

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Huge congratulations to Isar Aerospace for the successful launch of the Spectrum carrier rocket. The first time from the European continent into Earth orbit. This is the beginning of a new era.

@bundeskanzler

04



The second step taken today with our partners on air defense: Germany is ready to provide missiles for Patriots. Thank you! Thank you! These are exactly the kinds of decisions that bring peace closer.

@Zelenskyyua

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UK commits £100 million for Ukraine's air defence, including Patriot missiles

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Britain announced yesterday it was committing £100 million (\$135 million) to boost Ukraine's air defence capabilities this winter, including with Patriot missiles.

The UK will also supply "air defence interceptors, large-calibre artillery rounds and drones" as part of the contribution to a NATO programme supporting Kyiv, the defence ministry said in a statement.



The Patriot PAC-3 doesn't necessarily explode beside an incoming missile – it can destroy the target by hitting it directly at high speed. This "hit-to-kill" technology uses kinetic energy rather than relying primarily on a conventional explosive warhead.

EU allows Ukraine to use loan to buy US Patriot missiles

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

The EU said yesterday that it had agreed to let Ukraine spend a chunk of its 90-billion-euro (\$105 billion) loan to the country to buy US-made Patriot air defence missile systems. Ukraine's European backers are scrambling to help plug gaps in Kyiv's de-

fences as the country has run short on critical interceptors to shoot down Russian missiles. "I welcome the agreement by member states on the derogation for Ukraine to purchase crucial products for Patriot air defence systems," European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen said.

The equipment "will be delivered before the winter, helping Ukraine defend its critical national infrastructure, innocent civilians and armed forces from Russian attacks," the ministry added.

Ukraine relies on advanced systems -- chiefly, US Patriot interceptors -- to protect its skies from Russian ballistic missile strikes.

But it has reported a shortage of Patriot interceptors since the United States and Israel went to war with Iran in February, diverting supplies.

Britain has been one of

Ukraine's biggest backers in its effort to repel Russia following Moscow's full-scale invasion of its neighbour in February 2022.

UK Prime Minister Andy Burnham visited Ukraine last month on his first foreign trip since entering office in late July.

Britain recently agreed to release to Ukraine information on components for the long-range missile, SCALP, the French-produced version of the UK's Storm Shadow, so Ukraine could set up local assembly lines.

Iran says 'significant progress' in talks with Oman



AFP | Tehran, Iran

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said yesterday there had been "significant progress" in talks with Oman over the administration of the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

According to an Iranian foreign ministry statement, Araghchi "explained the latest status of Iran-Oman talks on the Strait of Hormuz, reporting significant progress" during a call

with his Japanese counterpart.

Iran and Oman, both coastal states on the strait, have for weeks been discussing the future of navigation through the waterway, with Tehran saying progress had been made to agree a temporary shipping route.

The US has imposed a counter naval blockade on Iranian ports.

President Donald Trump said in recent days that American forces have helped facilitate

the passage of vessels through the strait, "averaging 30 ships a night".

Iranian officials recently said a deal between Oman and Iran could be signed "in the coming days".

They have however insisted the strait will not reopen until the United States meets Iranian demands, including removing oil sanctions, unfreezing Iranian assets abroad and lifting the naval blockade on Iranian ports.

Paris probes why women staff removed from Eiffel Tower

Paris, France

The mayor of Paris on Tuesday ordered investigations over the removal of women staff at the Eiffel Tower during a visit by a Hindu religious

group which prompted an employee walkout and the one-day closure of the monument.

The operating company that runs the Eiffel Tower, SETE, acknowledged that the dele-

gation had requested the visit on Saturday be organised so as to limit "interactions with women" and said that "these conditions should not have been accepted".

WIDE ANGLE

Nepal's Tragedy: Any Lessons for the Future?



JOEL INDRUPATI

"The energy released during the landslide was larger than the atomic bomb used in Hiroshima, Japan."

This quote, about the August 26 Nepal disaster, is from Adhikari Basanta Raj, director at the Centre for Disaster Studies at Nepal's Tribhuvan University.

In a well-researched article on Science.org, titled How scientists unraveled the cause of the devastating flood in Tibet and Nepal, he adds: "The major obstacle was that we didn't have any ground information for a long time."

Those heart-wrenching videos of people running helter-skelter to avoid being submerged by this violent "inland tsunami" -- of mud, ice and debris, following the massive glacial collapse near the Tibet border -- have surely made us all stop. And think.

We suddenly realised how helpless and defenseless all mankind can be in the onslaught of large natural calamities. We suddenly understood the fragility and frailty of human life, as we watched the disastrous scenes unfolding before our eyes.

But on the other side, we are also seeing something else coming to the forefront: the goodness of humanity.

Multiple countries and international organisations have mobilised emergency financial, medical and rescue assistance. Individuals are making large donations too.

The specialised medical teams, tunnel-rescue experts and financial packages coming in to help Nepal are a welcome sign showing us that humanity prevails. The rescue work, the survivors being found, and the rebuilding that has begun, proves to us, yet again, the resilience and goodness of the human spirit.

But what can we understand from this disaster? Are there any lessons from this catastrophe? How can we be better prepared if something like this happens again?

Hiroshima was a man-made tragedy. We cannot say the same for this one. This is an act of nature. An Act of God. Or, in the parlance of insurance companies, a "force majeure" event.

In these kinds of natural calamities, one Prof. Christo Coetzee of the African Centre for Disaster Studies at Northwest University, USA, on ewn.co.za, says: "Mitigation is probably a more viable route rather than prevention."

One way to mitigate the risks is by deploying next-generation early-warning systems. Interferometric satellite tracking, fibre-optic seismology and drone inspections. They could help detect seismic disturbances and alert disaster-management personnel.

Co-investing in transnational scenario planning is another way. Cross-border data sharing and linked monitoring systems between mountain nations such as Nepal and China could help provide timely alerts. Comprehensive simulations of "worst-case" scenarios are also critical in preparing for disasters.

Yet another lesson is the need to regularly check community readiness. Communication technology is useless without rapid local response protocols in place.

A great example is from Nuwakot, Nepal, where a school principal, Rajendra Dawadi, successfully evacuated 900 students ahead of the incoming torrent.

It was possible not only because the warning reached him in time, but because he knew what to do. He moved the students to higher ground and prevented many incoming school buses from venturing into the region of the incoming deluge.

Mountainous border nations, in particular, must build robust cross-border early-warning systems, move critical infrastructure like power stations, and residential complexes, away from dangerous riverbanks, and actively monitor melting glaciers in real time. It could save lives, and even property.

Prevention may not always be possible. But preparation certainly is.

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The State of Qatar has welcomed the United Kingdom's decision to impose a trade ban on goods imported from Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, describing the move as an important step toward deterring Israel's settlement policies.

In a statement issued Tuesday, Qatar's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the settlement policies constitute a flagrant violation of international law and international legitimacy resolutions, particularly UN Security Council Resolution 2334 and the Rome Statute.

Qatar said the continued expansion of settlements also represents an assault on the rights of the Palestinian people and undermines international efforts to achieve a two-state solution.

The Qatari government also welcomed the decision by several other countries to join such efforts or consider taking similar measures through their respective national procedures.

According to Qatar, these steps represent a practical translation of international efforts to advance the two-state solution and press Israel to halt its settlement policies. The statement linked the developments to what it described as growing international momentum, including the recognition of an independent State of Palestine by a number of countries.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed hope that more countries would adopt similar measures and urged the international community to fulfil its legal and moral responsibilities by pressing Israel to end its settlement policy in the occupied Palestinian territories and comply with international law and relevant international resolutions.

Qatar also reiterated its longstanding support for the Palestinian cause and the rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to establish an independent state on the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, in accordance with international legitimacy resolutions and the two-state solution.

Saudi Arabia Vows to Defend Itself Against Houthi Attacks



Saudi Arabia will not hesitate to defend itself against attacks by the Houthi militia, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan said on Tuesday, stressing that the Kingdom would use all available means to protect its interests and security.

Speaking in Moscow during a visit to Russia, bin Farhan said the Houthis have repeatedly resorted to violence when facing difficult circumstances.

"Houthi militia resorts to violence whenever it finds itself in a difficult situation," he said, accusing the group of attempting to extend its domestic problems inside Yemen into Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi foreign minister said Riyadh's door for diplomacy remains open, but warned that continued attacks would not go unanswered.

"We will not hesitate to defend ourselves," bin Farhan said, reaffirming the Kingdom's readiness to take necessary measures to safeguard its territory and national interests.

Russia condemns attacks on civilians

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, speaking alongside the Saudi minister, said Houthi attacks targeting civilian sites in Saudi Arabia were unacceptable.

Lavrov also stressed the importance of maintaining security and freedom of navigation through the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, a strategically important maritime route linking the Red Sea with the Gulf of Aden.

The comments come amid continued regional concerns over attacks originating from Yemen and their potential impact on Saudi security, civilian infrastructure and international maritime traffic.

Both ministers underscored the importance of security and stability in the region, while Saudi Arabia reiterated that diplomatic channels remain open alongside its right to defend itself against attacks.

factcheck

Fact and fiction - the line is more blurred than ever



In a world where information spreads faster than ever, not everything you see or hear is necessarily true.

This page takes a closer look at viral claims, trending stories and widely shared information — checking the facts, examining the evidence and separating truth from misinformation.

AI-generated elephant rescue videos mislead online amid Nepal flooding

AFP

Days after flash floods along the Nepal-Tibet border in August 2026 killed hundreds of people, social media posts shared videos falsely claiming they showed elephants rescuing people from the floodwaters. While elephants have been reported helping people during floods in other instances, the videos contain visual inconsistencies indicative of AI-generated content.

"Not all superheroes are humans. They're sometimes animals too. Kudos to this elephant who helped a person cross safely. #FloodDisaster #Nepal," reads a Tagalog-language caption of a Facebook video shared on August 27.

The 20-second clip shows a man stranded in fast-moving floodwaters, with a person behind the camera yelling in Thai, "Hey! Hey! (Look at) the water!" An elephant then suddenly appears, wades through the current and allows the man to climb onto its back before returning to land.

Similar videos also circulated in various social platforms in India, Pakistan, Australia and South Korea.

Another post shared on Threads on August 30, 2026 purportedly shows an elephant rescuing children.

"The floods in Nepal is really heartbreaking (...) I see many stories of elephants rescuing people" reads the post's Korean-language caption.

Similar claims circulated across X, Threads, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok and Facebook in various languages after flash floods along the Nepal-Tibet border killed at least 1,250 people, with more than 5,000 reported missing in Nepal and China's Tibet region.

The US Geological Survey said the disaster, the deadliest in Nepal since the 2015 earthquake, was triggered by a glacial collapse that unleashed a vast flow of icy debris.

Comments such as "Thank you Lord, you directed the elephant to rescue the tiny angels"



Screenshots of the falsely shared Facebook video (L) and Threads post sharing the screenshot image of the fabricated clip, taken on September 2, 2026, with AI labels and red crosses



Screenshots of the falsely shared video taken on September 2, 2026, with AI labels and highlights added



A screenshot of the fabricated video, taken on September 2, 2026, with an AI label and a visual inconsistency highlighted in red



A screenshot of the falsely shared video, taken on September 2, 2026, with an AI label and a visual inconsistency highlighted in red

or "I pray all elephants will be treated as well as this young one treats people" suggest many believed the footage to be real. While there were reports of

elephants rescuing people from floods in Nepal in 2017, both videos shared recently were either uploaded online prior to the floods in August 2026.

The visuals also contained multiple inconsistencies which indicated they were fabricated.

Old video

The first clip circulated in early August, weeks before the catastrophic Nepal-Tibet flash flood on August 26.

The video circulated in Philippine social media posts as early as August 1 and was also shared on various online platforms on August 8 amid flooding in Assam, northeastern India.

The video also contains several inconsistencies commonly found in AI-generated media.

At the start of the video, the man's hands appear to blend with the rock.

The texture of the elephant's skin is also inconsistent, with wrinkles appearing only in isolated patches. As the man climbs on to the elephant, the quality of the video significantly degrades.

Meta's AI detector also found digital signatures indicating that the video was likely generated using the company's AI tools.

AI-generated clip

A close inspection of the second clip also identified multiple visual artefacts.

One of the men in the back initially holds an overhead rope with his right hand, but later prays with both hands pressed together while the right hand remains on the rope -- effectively showing three hands.

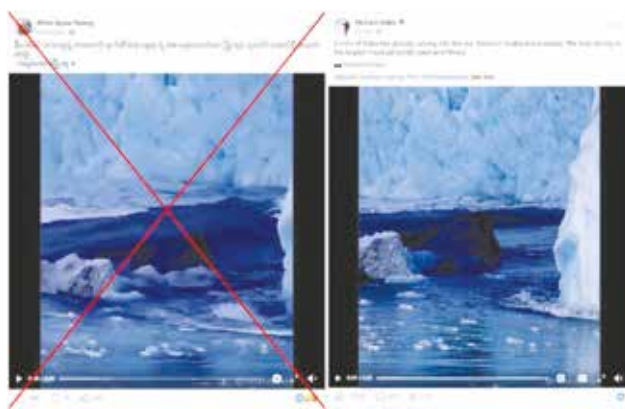
Another person's hand holding the same rope also disappears and reappears.

Other onlookers' hands also become blurred and meld with nearby objects when they overlap.

An analysis of the clip using the Hive Moderation AI detection tool found the video is "likely to contain AI-generated or deepfake content"

Despite claiming to be filmed in Nepal, a woman in the video is also heard speaking Spanish, saying "gracias, gracias" while embracing one of the children.

Video shows Arctic glacier calving, not trigger for catastrophic Nepal-Tibet floods



Screenshot comparison of falsely shared video (L) and the original video uploaded by Richard Sidey

AFP

After deadly flash floods struck the Nepal-Tibet border on August 26, 2026, social media posts falsely claimed an old video showed the glacier collapse that triggered the disaster.

The Burmese-language caption claimed glaciers had collapsed, devastating Nepal and killing thousands. The footage shows chunks of ice breaking away from a glacier and falling into water.

The disaster sent a huge wave of freezing water, rocks and debris into settlements and hydropower facilities

in Nepal and Tibet. At least 1,200 people were killed and more than 4,750 remained missing.

However, the viral video was filmed years earlier. Reverse image searches traced it to a July 22 Facebook post by filmmaker Richard Sidey, more than a month before the disaster.

Sidey said he filmed the footage at the Monacobreen glacier in Norway's Svalbard archipelago in 2018. He described it as a tidewater glacier calving into the sea.

While the exact cause of the Nepal collapse remains unclear, climate change is increasing glacier-related risks.

AI-generated images do not show Kenyan army recruits forming popular political slogans

AFP

AI-generated images falsely show Kenyan army recruits forming political slogans during a 2026 graduation ceremony.

The images claimed recruits formed "TUTAM", supporting President William Ruto's re-election, and "WANTAM", used by his critics.

AFP Fact Check reviewed event footage and photographs but found no evidence of such formations. Comparisons revealed altered backgrounds, missing structures and blurred, repetitive figures

typical of AI generation. The images are fabricated and do not show real formations by Kenyan army recruits.



Screenshot showing the false TikTok post, taken on August 26, 2026. AI symbol added

HH Shaikh Khalid urges strong Asiad showing

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa has called on Bahrain's athletes to deliver a performance worthy of the country's sporting reputation at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

HH Shaikh Khalid, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, General Sports Authority chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) president, stressed the importance of honourable representation from every national squad competing under the Team Bahrain banner.

He made the remarks while chairing the BOC board's eighth meeting at Al Wadi Palace in



HH Shaikh Khalid chairs the BOC board meeting at Al Wadi Palace in Riffa

Riffa, where members reviewed final preparations for the Games, which officially run from September 19 to October 4.

The delegation announced so far spans 11 sports, with reigning Olympic champion Winfred Yavi leading a powerful 34-member athletics squad featuring Salwa Eid Naser, Ruth Jebet, Birhanu Balew and Abbas Yusuf.

Olympic bronze-medallist and defending Asian Games champion Gor Minasyan headlines the four-strong weightlifting team alongside Jokser Albornoza Quinto, Ingrid Vanesa Segura Grueso and Alina Marushchak.

The kingdom will also be represented in basketball, judo, cycling, shooting, wrestling, taekwondo, jiu-jitsu, badminton and

esports.

The men's basketball team begin their Pool C campaign against the Philippines on Friday before facing China and Kazakhstan. Seven judokas, seven shooters and five wrestlers have also been selected.

More than 11,000 athletes from the Olympic Council of Asia's 45 member nations are expected to contest 469 medal events across 43 sports. Bahrain, who made their debut in 1974, will be making their 14th appearance at the continental showpiece.

Looking beyond Japan, the board discussed the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, this year's Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Riyadh and the road towards the Los Angeles

2028 Olympics.

Members also received an update on plans for Bahrain to host the 2027 Arab Games before reviewing its leading sporting achievements from the first quarter of 2026.

These included the men's handball team's Asian title and the national delegation's performances at the Asian Beach Games in Sanya and the GCC Games in Doha.

It was also confirmed that the country will host the 38th meeting of GCC national Olympic committee presidents and the 102nd executive office meeting.

Closer to home, the fifth Bahrain Junior Olympics and the 2026 Olympic Day event will be staged during the final quarter of this year.

BRAVE CF 108 enters history books as first global MMA event inside Roman Colosseum

Manama

BRAVE Combat Federation made history at BRAVE CF 108 by bringing modern mixed martial arts into one of the world's most enduring monuments to combat.

On Saturday, September 5, the Bahrain-based promotion staged its event at Pula Arena in Croatia, becoming the first major global MMA organization to hold a fight card inside a Roman amphitheater.

Nearly 2,000 years after the historic structure was built, its ancient walls once again surrounded a spectacle of combat. The weapons and customs of the Roman era were long gone, replaced by gloves, unified rules, and the technical sophis-



tication of modern MMA.

Yet the spirit of the arena remained.

Pula Arena is one of the six largest and best-preserved Roman amphitheaters in the

world. Built for massive crowds and grand spectacles, the imposing structure provided a remarkable setting for BRAVE CF's "Modern Gladiators" theme.



"Our ethos is about elevating the experience of watching live sport while honoring the past," BRAVE CF President Mohammed Shahid said.

"Pula Arena allowed us to

connect the heritage of combat with modern MMA and give fans an experience that could not be replicated in a conventional venue."

That connection came to

life through an international cast of fighters, including former BRAVE CF Bantamweight World Champion Stephen "The Sniper" Loman, who made his highly anticipated return after three years away from competition.

From the opening contest through the main event, the athletes supplied the intensity while the historic venue provided an atmosphere unlike any conventional arena could offer.

More than a backdrop, Pula Arena became part of the story.

BRAVE CF 108 demonstrated how far MMA has traveled, placing a contemporary global sport inside a structure that has witnessed nearly two millennia of history.

Kooheji eyes PFL MENA final

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Bahrain's Hamza Kooheji will look to move one step closer to the PFL MENA title when he faces Algeria's Elias Boudegzame in the featherweight semi-finals in Riyadh next month.

The KHK MMA star returns to action at PFL MENA 11 on October 2 at the Global Theatre in Boulevard City in the Saudi capital, with a place in the tournament final at stake.

Kooheji secured his place with a unanimous decision victory over Morocco's Taha Bendaoud at PFL MENA 9 in Dubai. The 33-year-old controlled large periods of the three-round contest through his grappling and well-timed takedowns, with all three judges scoring the bout 29-28 in his favour.

The victory marked a successful PFL MENA debut and an important response to his previous outing, when he suffered a fourth-round stoppage defeat to Serbia's Borislav Nikolic in Bahrain last November.

Speaking exclusively to TDT after overcoming Bendaoud,



Hamza Kooheji lands a strike during his tournament debut

Kooheji made clear that his focus remained on going all the way in the tournament.

"I'm still fully focused. I'm not celebrating too much because the job isn't finished yet," he said.

"My aim is clear, I want to win the belt by the end of the year."

He also stressed what his run means for Bahraini MMA.

"In every corner of the Arab region, we are showing that Bahrain has elite fighters who can compete and win at the highest level," Kooheji said.

"My goal is to prove that we

belong among the best in MMA across the region."

Standing in his way is the experienced Boudegzame, who carries a 21-9 professional record compared with Kooheji's 15-4.

The Algerian advanced after defeating Iraq's Hussain Salem, setting up a meeting between two seasoned featherweights.

The other semi-final in the division will see Lebanon's unbeaten Shadi Kabbani face France's Mehdi Saadi.

PFL MENA 11 will also feature semi-finals in the lightweight and welterweight divisions.

Zheng stuns Swiatek to reach US Open quarter-finals, Zverev and Rybakina advance

AFP | New York

Zheng Qinwen pulled off another US Open stunner Monday, beating Iga Swiatek to book a quarter final with Elena Rybakina as men's top seed Alexander Zverev advanced safely to the last eight.

It was one more gritty comeback for Zheng, the Paris Olympics gold medallist and a former world number four now ranked 121st after struggling in the wake of elbow surgery last year.

Zheng had won the last seven games, saving a match point, as she shocked Madison Keys in her previous match.

After falling behind 5-0 in the first set against six-time Grand Slam champion Swiatek she again reeled off seven straight games.

She then broke Swiatek twice in the second set to clinch the win.

"I guess to come back from 0-5 (Saturday) is not lucky, that's all I can say," said Zheng, who had to come through qualifying to gain a main draw berth.

Zheng, the first qualifier to beat Swiatek at a major, said it took her some time to settle in on the cavernous Ashe court,



China's Qinwen Zheng celebrates defeating Poland's Iga Swiatek

noting it's been "a long, long time" since she'd been scheduled on a main show court.

"I just focus on point by point," Zheng said, adding that she was so focused on the rallies that she lost track of the score.

Swiatek, who fell to Zheng in the gold medal match in Paris two years ago, left the Arthur Ashe Stadium in tears, although she later downplayed the upset.

"You can lose a set from any score, so nothing special about that," she said.

Zheng is the first qualifier

to reach the US Open women's quarter-finals since Emma Raducanu -- who went on to win the title -- in 2021. She'll next face world number two Rybakina, the reigning Australian Open champion who cruised past a hurting Naomi Osaka 6-1, 6-4 in just 66 minutes.

Rybakina is not only chasing a third Grand Slam title. If she beats Zheng to reach the semi-finals she will seize the number one ranking from Aryna Sabalenka -- even if the Belarusian wins a third straight crown.

Bahrain-backed Paris FC flying high

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Bahrain-backed Paris FC have made an impressive start to the new Ligue 1 season, climbing to second after taking seven points from their opening three matches under new head coach Liam Rosenior.

The capital club began with a goalless draw at Troyes before sweeping aside Nice 3-0 at home. They followed that with their biggest result yet on Sunday, beating Marseille 3-2 at the Stade Velodrome.

Summer signing Lassine Sinayoko was the star of the show, scoring a hat-trick. He struck after just 23 seconds and completed his treble with an 86th-minute penalty.

Their early-season form carries particular interest in the kingdom because of Bahrain's long-standing relationship with the French club.

The partnership dates back to 2020, when Bahrain became a minority shareholder and main sponsor as Paris FC pursued pro-



HH Shaikh Nasser during his visit to Paris FC headquarters last February

motion to the top flight.

That association remains highly visible through the 'Bahrain Victorious' slogan on the

team's shirts, providing the kingdom with exposure in one of Europe's leading football leagues.

Those ties were further high-

lighted in February when His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for



Sinayoko celebrates after scoring against Marseille

Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, visited the club's headquarters.

Shaikh Nasser highlighted the partnership's role in strengthening Bahrain's international sporting presence while promoting its investment and tourism opportunities.

Paris FC returned to Ligue 1

in 2025 following a 46-year absence. They finished a respectable 11th in their first campaign back, laying the foundations for their promising start to a second season among France's elite.

The Parisians will look to remain unbeaten on Saturday when they host Lyon at Stade Jean Bouin.

Matchweek 3 begins with blockbuster



Mahdi Abduljabbar celebrates his goal for Riffa in the previous round

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Riffa and Al Khaldiya will put their perfect starts on the line tonight when the two title contenders meet in the headline fixture of matchweek three in the Nasser bin Hamad Premier League.

The early-season showdown kicks off at 7pm at Bahrain National Stadium, while defending champions Muharraq face newly promoted Manama simultaneously at Khalifa Sports

City Stadium.

Riffa have made an impressive start under Kuwaiti coach Mohamed Mashaan. They opened with a 2-0 victory over Al Ettifaq before cruising to a 5-1 win against Manama last Saturday.

Al Khaldiya have been equally convincing in their first two matches under new Croatian manager Goran Tomic. Last season's runners-up began with a 7-2 demolition of Al Najma before overcoming A'Ali 3-1.

At Khalifa Sports City, Mu-



Al Sabbar is joined by his Khaldiya teammates after scoring in their previous match

harraq will look to steady their campaign after parting ways with head coach Isa Al Saadoon following a difficult opening two rounds.

The Red Wolves drew 1-1 with rivals Al Ahli in their first match before suffering a surprise defeat to promoted Al Ettifaq.

Manama have also collected only one point under Bahraini coach Ismaeel Karami. They marked their return to the top flight with a 1-1 draw against

A'Ali but were then handed a heavy defeat by the Sky Blues.

The round continues tomorrow, with A'Ali taking on Malkiya at Khalifa Sports City and Al Najma meeting promoted East Riffa at Bahrain National Stadium.

Saturday's closing fixtures will see Sitra face Hidd at Khalifa Sports City, while Al Ahli go up against Al Ettifaq at the National Stadium.

All six matches kick off at 7pm.

World Cup final scorer Torres leads Ballon d'Or nominees



Ferran Torres celebrates scoring the World Cup winner (file photo)

AFP | Paris

Ferran Torres, whose goal against Argentina won the World Cup for Spain in July, leads a 30-man list for the men's Ballon d'Or revealed yesterday.

The 26-year-old who has since joined Paris Saint-Germain is one of six Spanish World Cup winners on the list, alongside 2024 laureate Rodri and last year's runner-up Lamine Yamal.

In the women's section, three-time winner Aitana Bonmati did not make the shortlist after breaking her leg midway through the season, but her former Barcelona team-mate Alexia Putellas, the winner in 2021 and 2022 and now a London City Lionesses player, is there.

Torres also won La Liga with Barcelona in May but is now teaming up with last year's Ballon d'Or winner Ousmane Dembele at PSG.

France international Dembele is one of nine PSG teammates on the list to have won the Champions League in each of the last two years.

With Torres having joined the club, that makes it 10 current PSG players in total on

the list.

Among them, Fabian Ruiz is the only player to have won the Champions League and World Cup in 2026.

Flying Georgian winger Khvicha Kvaratskhelia was one of the stars of PSG's successful Champions League defence, alongside Portuguese midfielder pair Vitinha and Joao Neves, and all three are nominated.

Messi in for 17th time

Eight-time Ballon d'Or winner Lionel Messi received his 17th nomination, but his eternal rival Cristiano Ronaldo did not make the cut this time.

Messi helped inspire an ill-disciplined Argentina to the World Cup final, where they took almost 120 minutes to muster their first shot against Spain in a one-sided final.

England captain Harry Kane, who won the Bundesliga with Bayern Munich, is included as is his French team-mate and wing wizard Michael Olise.

Real Madrid's Jude Bellingham earned his nomination with an impressive World Cup for England, scoring seven goals -- matching Erling Haaland's tally and beaten only by Messi (eight) and Kylian Mbappe, on 10.

Mac Allister 'very sad' at lack of new Liverpool deal

AFP | London

Alexis Mac Allister threw his future at Liverpool into doubt yesterday after revealing his frustration at not being offered a new contract by the Premier League giants.

Fellow midfielders Dominik Szoboszlai and Ryan Gravenberch have been handed bumper new deals in recent months.

Mac Allister, whose contract expires in 2028, said he could



Alexis Mac Allister

committed to the Reds.

"There were options to leave this summer," the Argentine told a pre-match press conference ahead of Atletico Madrid's visit in the Champions League on Wednesday.

"I think as everyone knows I received the news that the club was not in a position to offer me a new contract, which of course makes me very, very sad."

The 27-year-old added: "I think I give 100 percent for this

football club every single day in training, games. Of course I can have very good games, bad games, like everyone, but I always give my best.

"I see Dominik and Ryan renewing their contracts and that makes me very happy because they deserve it, but at the same time it makes me a little bit sad I didn't get mine."

Mac Allister, nonetheless, insisted his disappointment would not translate onto the pitch.