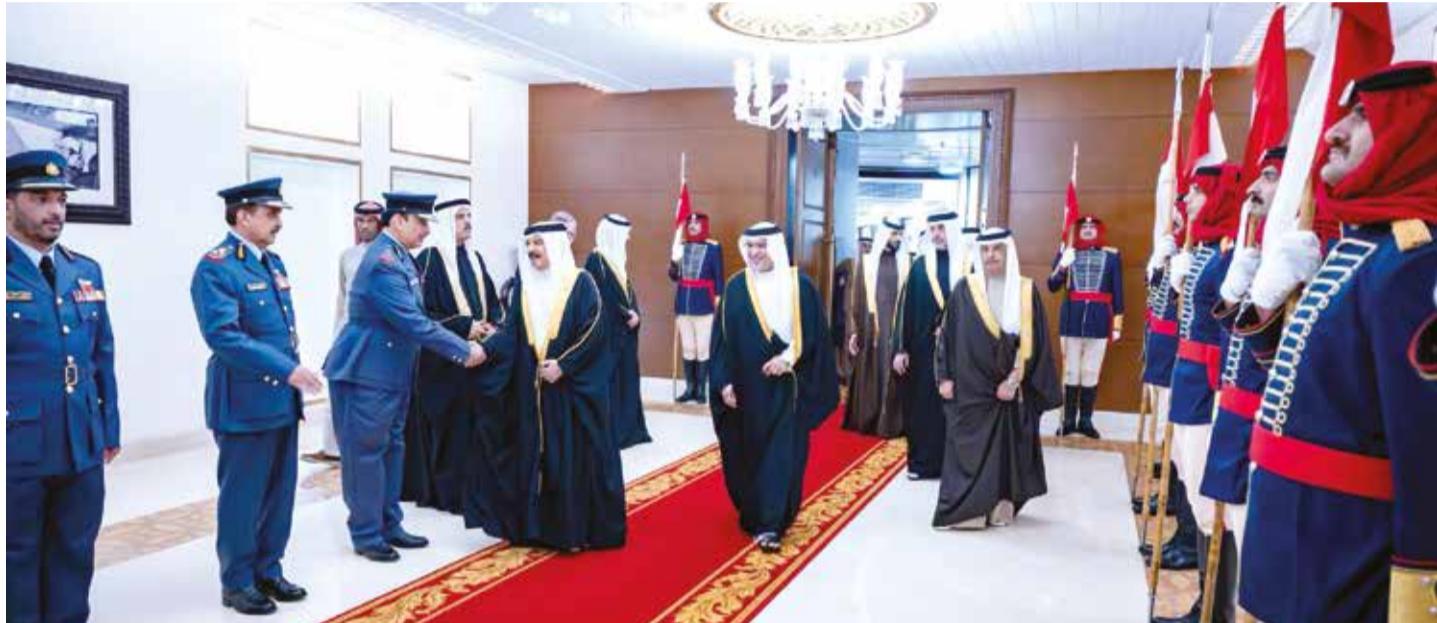


**HM King returns after official visit to France**



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa returned to the Kingdom of Bahrain following an official visit to France at the invitation of President Emmanuel Macron. During the visit, HM the King held talks with President Macron and attended the signing of the joint defence cooperation agreement between Bahrain and France. HM King Hamad was received on arrival by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, along with senior members of the royal family and several officials, and the Ambassador of France to the Kingdom.

**New Bahrain stamp album up for sale**

Manama

Bahrain Post has announced the release of the new Kingdom of Bahrain stamp album for sale.

The album is issued as part of the annual album series through which national postal issues are documented.

The new Kingdom of Bahrain stamp album includes a comprehensive collection of stamps and postal cards issued between 2021 and 2025.

The collection reflects a range of national, cultural and historical occasions and highlights the rich heritage of the Kingdom of Bahrain as documented through postal issues.

Bahrain Post explained that the album is available at the Philatelists' Office at the Postal Museum for a price of BD 26.

# Royal praise

## for McLaren Mastercard Formula 1 Team

TDT | Manama

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday attended the unveiling of the McLaren Mastercard Formula 1 Team's new MCL40, at the Bahrain International Circuit (BIC).

He affirmed that the successes of the McLaren Mastercard Formula 1 Team have contributed to the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted the support of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat) to McLaren, contributing to the team's recent successes, and noted the continued intensification of efforts to meet the Kingdom's far-reaching goals.

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### Design

His Royal Highness commended the team's personnel for their role in delivering the sophisticated design of the new vehicle and wished the team further success in the 2026 Formula 1 season.

He also commended the efforts of the organisers of the Formula 1 Pre-Season Testing



2026, ahead of the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026, to be held in April.

HRH Prince Salman stressed the importance of unified efforts in implementing plans and programmes, which strengthen the Kingdom's success in the upcoming Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026.

His Royal Highness thanked Bahrainis across various sectors for their efforts in contributing to the success of the Kingdom's hosting of Formula 1 races.

## Global outrage over Israel plans for West Bank

AFP | United Nations

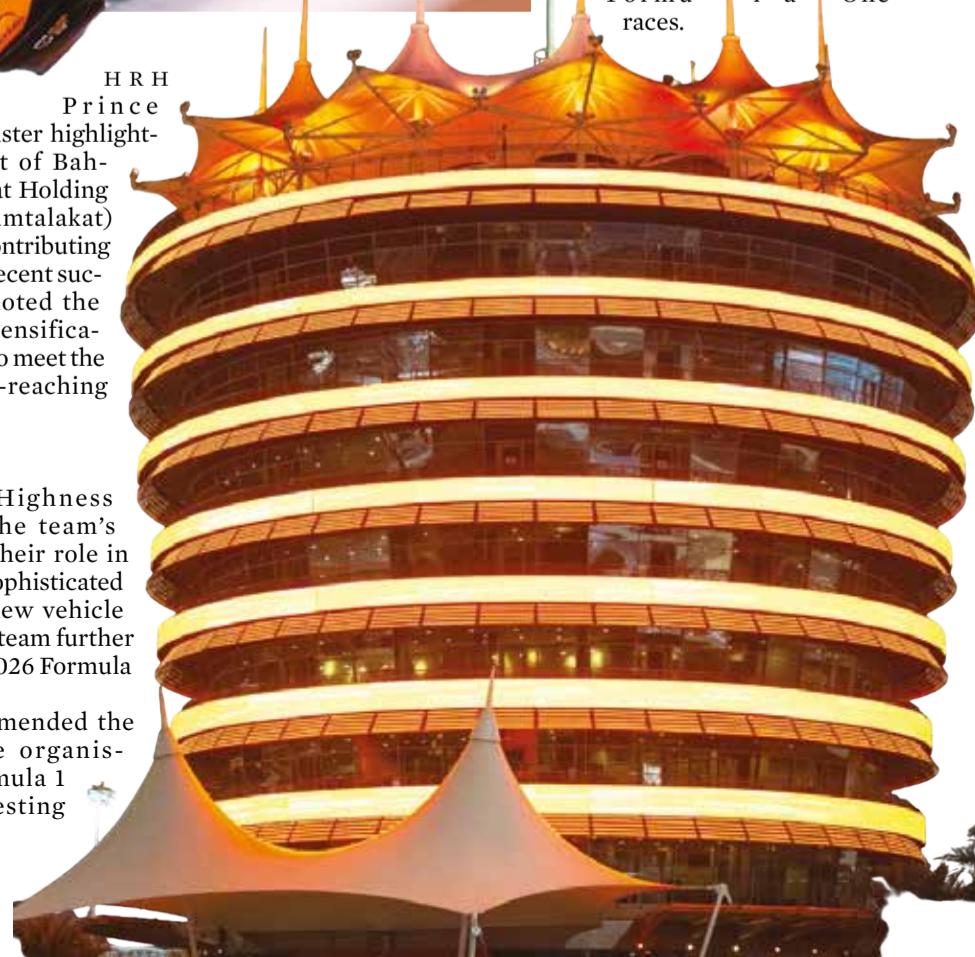
International outrage was growing yesterday at Israeli plans to tighten the country's grip over the occupied West Bank, with the United Nations chief saying he was "gravely concerned".

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HRH Prince Salman at the unveiling of the McLaren Mastercard Formula 1 Team's new MCL40

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## Push for urgent road maintenance

**Hasan Barakat**  
TDT | Manama

The Northern Municipal Council has called for urgent action to address road maintenance issues in the Ninth District, warning that delays are worsening daily conditions for residents and increasing safety risks.

The issue was raised during the council's Ordinary Session 11, following complaints submitted by council member Abdullah Mubarak Bilal Al Qubaisi.

Members highlighted a rise in reports related to damaged road surfaces, uneven levels and repeated water accumulation in several areas of the district.

Residents, councillors said, have complained that deteriorating road conditions are causing inconvenience to motorists, damaging vehicles and making movement difficult for pedestrians, particularly the elderly and children.

Al Qubaisi stressed that the volume of maintenance requests has increased noticeably, reflecting long standing neglect in some locations.

# Revenge killing

Two defendants tell court killing 'retaliation' for cousin's death 12 years ago

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

Two men accused of murdering a man in his fifties told a court yesterday they stabbed him to death in revenge for the killing of their cousin more than 12 years ago, as the Public Prosecution played CCTV footage and sought the maximum penalty.

The defendants, aged 25 and 28, told the High Criminal Court they stabbed the victim, who shared their Asian nationality, during the opening session of the trial.

Prosecutors said the men claimed the victim had killed their cousin in their home country years earlier.

### Attack

They tracked him for two months, the court heard, before lying in wait close to his residence and carrying out the attack.

Footage played in court showed the first defendant checking the area about 90 minutes before the killing, prosecu-



Image used for illustrative purposes only

tors said.

Further recordings captured both men attacking the victim near his home until he fell and died.

The Public Prosecution said the case began after Northern Governorate Police reported finding a body in an alley in Budaiya with multiple stab wounds.

### Statements

Investigators examined the scene and took witness state-

ments, which, along with camera recordings, pointed to the two defendants.

Police arrested them as they tried to leave Bahrain, prosecutors told the court

The weapons were later recovered after the defendants led officers to where they had been left.

The men gave detailed confessions during questioning, the court heard, saying the long-running dispute drove them to plan the killing.

The man died from stab and incised wounds in different parts of his body, consistent with the seized weapons.

They described waiting near the victim's home, stabbing him several times, then fleeing.

### Stab

A forensic pathologist concluded the man died from stab and incised wounds in different parts of his body, consistent with the seized weapons.

Laboratory tests found the victim's blood and cells on the defendants' clothing and on both weapons, prosecutors said. Proceedings are continuing.

## Reckless driver remanded in custody

● Car stunt at major intersection

**Rehab Mohammad**  
TDT | Manama

The Public Prosecutor and Head of the Traffic Prosecution said that the Public Prosecution received a report from the General Traffic Directorate regarding a driver who carried out reckless car stunts at a major intersection in the Northern Governorate, putting his life and the safety of other road users at risk.

The vehicle was circulated for identification, and the driver was later arrested.

Following the report, the Public Prosecution immediately launched an investigation, during which the defendant was questioned and confronted with a video recording of the incident.

The defendant admitted to the charges.

Accordingly, the Public Prosecution ordered the defendant to be remanded in custody pending investigation, in preparation for referring him to criminal trial.

# Girl, 8, to get passport after being denied papers since birth

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

An eight-year-old girl will get her passport and identity card after the High Civil Court ruled she has been a citizen since birth.

The child, born in 2018, had no passport or identity card since birth.

The Court ordered the authorities to hand the documents to her father and record the decision in their registers.

Her parents went to court after their request was not met.

They relied on a Sharia ruling confirming the child's lin-

eage to her father, and a civil judgment ordering the issuance of her birth certificate, but the documents were still not issued.

The case was brought by lawyer Jassim Al Issa, who asked the court to compel the authorities to issue the papers and deliver them to the father.

The defence argued the claim should be thrown out because there was no formal administrative refusal to challenge.

### Argument

The judges rejected that argument, saying an administrative decision does not need to

be set out in writing and can be inferred from an authority's conduct.

The court ruled that citizenship follows from birth and that the child is entitled to a Bahraini passport.



Jassim Al Issa, lawyer

conduct.

The way the request was han-

dled could only be understood as a refusal, the court found.

It then turned to the law, citing provisions that restrict passports to Bahraini nationals and treat a person as Bahraini if born to a Bahraini father, once lineage is established under Sharia.

### Citizenship

On that basis, the court held that citizenship follows from birth and that the child is entitled to a Bahraini passport.

The judgment also referred to the population register and identity card rules, which require individuals to be registered, as-

signed a personal number and issued an identity card containing their identifying and civil details.

The court found the child was born in Bahrain to a Bahraini father, that her lineage had been established and that it was not disputed.

### Records

It ruled she is Bahraini by operation of law and entitled to both documents, ordering the authorities to issue them and record the matter in their official records.

The court ordered the family to pay the costs of the case.

# 'Poor lighting' leaves walkways unsafe at night

**Hasan Barakat**  
TDT | Manama

Members of the Northern Municipal Council raised clear safety concerns over poor lighting along public walkways in Hamad Town, warning that repeated failures leave residents exposed to risk during night time hours.

The issue was discussed during the council's Ordinary Session 11, with members stressing that the problem has remained unresolved despite ongoing complaints.

Abdullah Mubarak Bilal Al Qubaisi and Abdullah Al Thawadi said that lighting units installed along the walkways often stop working after midnight due to preset timers.

### Darkness

As a result, residents who walk or exercise at night are forced to move in near darkness.

Members also noted that the lights frequently fail during



Poor lighting along public walkways in Hamad Town

rainy weather or stop working without warning.

The council heard that maintenance is often slow, with some lighting faults taking weeks or even months to be repaired.

Members pointed out that the issue goes beyond inconvenience. Poor lighting affects public

sufficient spare parts available locally, which causes long delays and leaves walkways unlit for extended periods.

### Impact

Members stressed that the issue goes beyond inconvenience. Poor lighting affects public

safety, particularly for families, elderly residents and women who use the walkways in the evening.

Several areas were described as becoming unsafe and unwelcoming after dark, discouraging residents from using public spaces meant to promote healthy lifestyles.

# Northern Council moves to address growing needs at Budaiya Cemetery

Maintenance work at Budaiya Cemetery

**Hasan Barakat**  
TDT | Manama

The Northern Municipal Council has raised concerns over the growing needs of Budaiya Cemetery, stressing the importance of urgent coordination between relevant authorities to ensure the site continues to serve the community in a dignified and organised manner.

The issue was discussed under the "Other Business" agenda during the council's Ordinary Session 11.

Members highlighted that

the cemetery is facing increasing pressure due to population growth in surrounding areas, creating a need to review capacity, maintenance requirements and overall readiness.

Councillors stressed that cemetery services are a sensitive matter closely linked to public dignity, religious practices and community well-being, and should therefore be addressed without delay.

The council will raise an official letter to the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, requesting coordination with the Justice Minister.

## Urgent call made to fix Hamad Town public toilets

● Projects remain unfinished despite repeated complaints from community

Hasan Barakat  
TDT | Manama

Persistent problems affecting public toilets in Hamad Town were brought back to the forefront during the Northern Municipal Council's Ordinary Session 11, as members criticised long delays, poor maintenance and limited access to facilities used daily by residents and visitors.

Abdullah Mubarak Bilal Al Qubaisi led the intervention, questioning why projects discussed years ago remain unfinished despite repeated complaints from the community.

Council members highlighted that plans to upgrade and open new public toilets date back to 2016, yet progress remains unclear, with some timelines extending as far as 2029.

Al Qubaisi said residents continue to rely on ageing facilities that frequently close or operate for limited hours, forcing people to endure unnecessary hardship, particularly during busy periods and public events.

### Issues

Members cited damaged doors, leaking water, worn fittings and poor hygiene as recurring issues.

Concerns were also raised over wasted water, outdated plumbing and a lack of regular supervision.

Several speakers noted that the toilets operate for only 12 hours a day, despite constant public use, while the shortage of guards has allowed neglect and misuse to persist.

## Fast track completion of Budaiya Health Centre: Council

Hasan Barakat  
TDT | Manama

The Northern Municipal Council renewed its pressure to accelerate the completion of the Budaiya Health Centre, warning that continued delays strain healthcare services and residents in surrounding areas.

The issue was raised under the "Other Business" agenda during the council's Ordinary Session 11, following a proposal submitted by council member Mohamed Saad Al Dossary.

Council members learned that the existing Budaiya clinic is under significant pressure, serving an estimated 7,500 patients monthly.

The facility serves several residential areas, including Budaiya and nearby villages, making it one of the busiest primary healthcare points in the Northern Governorate.

# Public health first

## Northern Municipal Council backs Hamad Town sewage upgrade to end foul smells

Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

The Northern Municipal Council has approved a proposal to upgrade the sewage pumping station on Road 1650 in Block 1216 in Hamad Town after repeated complaints about foul odours, with a residents' petition attached to the proposal.

The plan was put forward by council member Abdulla Al Thawadi and cleared at the council's meeting on Monday.

He said: "We have received repeated complaints from residents about foul odours coming from the station, causing disturbance and affecting their quality of life."

### Demand

Al Thawadi said some parts of the station were ageing and needed maintenance or replacement, while higher demand from housing growth had added to the operating load.

He said the work was aimed at tackling the smell problem and improving the service, adding: "We want to reduce the odours



Sewage pumping station in Hamad Town

and treat their causes at the root, raise the station's operating efficiency, and improve the level of service provided to residents."

The proposal describes the sewage system as core public infrastructure, with a direct link to public health and the surrounding environment.

### Facility

It says the station, described as an important service facility

in Hamad Town, needs work in light of operational notes, complaints from residents and the petition.

It calls for updating existing systems to improve performance and raise capacity so the station can handle higher volumes as Block 1216 grows.

The proposal also calls for steps to meet approved environmental and health requirements, and to improve the quality of treated water so it meets local and international standards before discharge.

### Technology

The proposal also refers to using modern technology to cut pollution linked to the station and support environmental sustainability, including reusing treated water for non-drinking purposes to help conserve water resources.



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We want to reduce the odours and treat their causes at the root, raise the station's operating efficiency, and improve the level of service provided to residents.”

— ABDULLA AL THAWADI, NORTHERN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBER

It also calls for better maintenance routines and training for staff to cut faults, reduce service stoppages and keep the station running more reliably.

## Council backs reopening of garbage bag offices



Northern Municipal Council session in progress

### Move to resolve long-running crisis affecting residents

Hasan Barakat  
TDT | Manama

Calls to reopen garbage bag distribution offices dominated the Northern Municipal Council's Ordinary Session 11, as members warned that existing measures have failed to resolve a long-running crisis

affecting residents across the governorate.

Abdullah Mubarak Bilal Al Qubaisi, Saad Al Dossary, Bassem Abu Idris and Abdulla Ashour expressed shared concern that the Ministry has yet to demonstrate sufficient seriousness in addressing the issue, particularly in high density areas such as Madinat Hamad.

Members challenged official claims that distribution machines operate 24 hours a day, noting that many are located inside complexes that close at midnight and remain shut on

Fridays and Saturdays.

In several locations, only two machines are available to serve large populations, with frequent malfunctions further restricting access.

Saad Al Dossary revealed that a home delivery service for elderly residents had previously been in place but was later cancelled, leaving many without support.

Council members stressed that a significant number of senior citizens are unable to use electronic machines in the first place, effectively excluding them from the service.

They argued that reopening distribution offices is no longer optional but necessary, at least until sufficient and reliable alternatives are available.

The council highlighted that the problem dates back to 2020, despite repeated assurances since 2022 that additional machines would be deployed.

Members also questioned why office services remain open in other governorates, while residents in the Northern Governorate continue to face closures.

## Firm action sought on workers housing in family neighbourhoods

Hasan Barakat  
TDT | Manama

The Northern Municipal Council has moved to confront the growing issue of workers being housed within family residential areas, warning that the situation now carries social and safety implications that can no longer be overlooked.

The matter was raised during the council's Ordinary Session 11, where members agreed that the spread of unregulated accommodation requires coordinated and decisive intervention.

Council member Mohamed Saad Al Dossary outlined the scale of the problem, pointing to increasing complaints from residents over overcrowding, unauthorised subletting and the erosion of the social character of neighbourhoods.

Some properties are being used in clear violation of regulations, with occupants sharing homes originally designated for single families.

## Environmental awareness workshop

The Supreme Council for Environment, in coordination with the Ministry of Social Development, organised a workshop titled "We Bring It Back to Revive It... In Our Homes," targeting social centres. The initiative comes as part of joint efforts to enhance environmental awareness and promote proper waste management practices across the community. The event was attended by Mr Ziad Adel Darwish, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Development.



**HH Shaikh Hessa bint Khalifa receives UNIDO Director General**

Her Highness Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa, Member of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), held a meeting with Gerd Müller, Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), on the sidelines of the 6th World Entrepreneurs Investment Forum (WEIF 2026). HH Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa conveyed the greetings of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Consort of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and President of the SCW, emphasising the Council's keenness, under Her Royal Highness' guidance, to expand cooperation and partnerships with specialised international organisations, contributing to the advancement of Bahraini women and enhancing their role in achieving sustainable development.

## Bahrain hosts 18th Global IWEC Women Entrepreneurs Challenge Conference

Under patronage of HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim



### Manama

Under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Consort of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), the Kingdom hosted the 18th edition of the International Women's Entrepreneurial Challenge (IWEC) Annual Conference, organised by the IWEC Foundation in cooperation with the Investment and Technology Promotion Office of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in Bahrain, and the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI).

Sameer Nass, Chairman of the BCCI, expressed pride in hosting this global event, which

celebrates the achievements of Bahraini women in the economic field locally and internationally, commending the support of HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim for Bahraini women and her advanced vision in all domains. Nass noted that the IWEC forum has become a global platform to promote best practices in leadership, creativity, innovation, and sustainability, emphasising the Chamber's commitment to strengthening its partnership with UNIDO to support the private sector in Bahrain, the region, and globally, and to adopt related best practices.

Gerd Müller, Director General of UNIDO, highlighted the leadership and guidance of HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim in promoting Bahraini women's entrepreneurship, noting

its positive impact on families, communities, and various sectors beyond business. He commended Bahraini women entrepreneurs as active contributors to the prosperity of their society and thanked the Kingdom for its support of UNIDO, describing Bahrain as a strong partner with whom more can be achieved.

Ibukun Awosika, Chairperson of IWEC, said that Bahraini women are productive and pioneering, providing a distinguished example of Arab women overall, highlighting the importance of promoting Bahrain's pioneering model in entrepreneurship regionally and globally. She also noted the role of such conferences as global platforms that bring together leaders and innovators to celebrate the achievements of women entrepreneurs and re-

affirm their vital role in driving sustainable economic growth.

### Winners

The winners of the IWEC Women Entrepreneurs Challenge Awards were announced during the conference. First prize was awarded to Dr. Shaikha Mai bint Sulaiman Al Otaibi, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Bahrain Bayan School and founder of +973 Artisanat. Second prize was awarded to Hala Farooq Al Moayyad, Vice Chairperson of Al Moayyad International Group. Third prize was awarded to Deema Al Haddad, Vice Chairperson of Al Haddad Motors, and Vicky Maad, Second Vice Chairperson and Chairperson of the Communications Committee at the Women Entrepreneurs Association.

## US forces seize ship in Indian Ocean that fled Caribbean blockade

AFP | Washington, United States

US forces boarded and seized an oil tanker in the Indian Ocean that violated President Donald Trump's blockade of sanctioned vessels in the Caribbean and fled the region, the Pentagon said yesterday.

The Pentagon told AFP that US forces had seized the ship, after announcing on X that the Aquila II was boarded "without incident" overnight.

The tanker "was operating in defiance of President Trump's established quarantine of sanctioned vessels in the Caribbe-



an. It ran, and we followed," the Pentagon said on X, adding that the vessel was "tracked and

hunted" from the Caribbean to the Indian Ocean.

The post included a video of

US forces boarding a helicopter and then roping down onto the deck of a tanker ship.

The ship is the eighth seized by the United States since

Trump in December ordered a "blockade" of sanctioned oil

vessels heading to and from Venezuela.

And it is the second to lead US forces on a chase outside the region, after a Russia-linked tanker was apprehended in the North Atlantic last month after being pursued by the United States from off the coast of Venezuela.

## Bahrain Bourse unveils Capital Market Development Plan



● The roadmap aims to achieve five objectives

● Objectives depends on the implementation of five key strategic pillars aimed at attracting a broader investor base

### Manama

Bahrain Bourse (BHB), a licensed exchange by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), announced a comprehensive Capital Market Development Plan aimed at elevating the market, designed to diversify market offerings, deepen liquidity, and streamline market operations.

The roadmap aims to achieve five objectives: advance Bahrain's capital market ecosystem, deliver world-class services to all stakeholders, strengthen market competitiveness and align with regional and global standards, enable agility to navigate dynamic market conditions, and expand and diversify investment opportunities locally and regionally.

Achieving these objectives depends on the implementation of five key strategic pillars: Equity and Capital Formation aimed at generating capital flows through an expanded and structured IPO pipeline; Trading Operations Catalyst aimed at diversifying product offerings and roll-outs; Regulatory and Corporate Re-alignment aimed at enhancing the decision-making process and regulatory empowerment;

## Russia sells fourth-biggest airport seized in nationalisation bid

AFP | Moscow, Russia

One of Russia's biggest airports, Moscow's Domodedovo, has been re-privatised and sold to a managing company of the country's busiest airport, Sheremetyevo, the buyer said yesterday.

In June, a Russian court ruled ownership of Domodedovo, the nation's fourth-busiest, be nationalised and transferred to the state.

It found that its two owners, Dmitry Kamenshchik and Valery Kogan, were foreign residents who had no right to manage the infrastructure asset.

Sheremetyevo, "represented by its wholly owned subsidiary Perspektiva LLC, and Bank PSB PJSC announce the signing of an agreement for the sale of Domodedovo Airport," it said

in a press release.

The airport was sold at the second attempt for about \$850 million -- almost half the initial asking price of \$1.6 billion.

Sheremetyevo is majority-owned by the private company TPS Avia Holding and the Russian government, which holds a 30-percent stake, according to the Russian business outlet RBC.

TPS Avia Holding was moved back from Cyprus to Russia in 2022, and the Russian media mentioned Arkady Rotenberg, a close associate of President Vladimir Putin, among the shareholders of the firm.

Billions of dollars' worth of assets have been confiscated by the Russian state since Russia sent troops into Ukraine in 2022, including those belonging to Western firms.



Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, received Gerd Müller, Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), on the sidelines of the 6th World Entrepreneurs Investment Forum (WEIF 2026). The meeting reviewed the exchange of experiences and perspectives on the future of industry, policies supporting advanced and sustainable manufacturing, and initiatives to achieve industrial integration globally.

## Alba continues its support for the CPISP



His Excellency Shaikh Mohammed bin Essa Al Khalifa, the Advisor for Political and Economic Affairs at the Court of the Crown Prince, and Board Member and Head of the Financial and Administrative Committee of the Crown Prince's International Scholarship Program (CPISP), received a cheque from Ali Al Baqali, Chief Executive of Aluminum Bahrain (Alba). The cheque is part of Alba's Platinum sponsorship of the CPISP, reflecting its mission to empower Bahraini youth. HE Shaikh Mohammed bin Essa affirmed that the CPISP continues to achieve its goals thanks to the unwavering support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

# Al Salam Bank posts financial results for 2025

**Recommended a dividend distribution of 15% of the bank's issued and paid-up share capital (8% cash dividends and 7% stock dividends) aggregating to BD 44.1 million (USD 117.0 million)**

### Manama

Al Salam Bank announced its financial results for 2025, delivering record performance supported by expanded scale and the disciplined execution of strategic initiatives.

### Q4 results

During the fourth quarter of 2025, net profit attributable to owners' of the bank reached BD 18.6 million (USD 49.5 million), compared to BD 16.7 million (USD 44.3 million) in Q4 2024, reflecting an increase of 11.8%. The growth in profitability was driven by the improved performance of the group's core banking opera-

Rafik Nayed, Group Chief Executive Officer of Al Salam Bank

tions, effective asset liability management, and the implementation of group-wide growth and optimization initiatives. Earnings per share for the quarter stood at 5.4 fils (1.4 US cents), compared to 5.3 fils (1.4 US cents) for the corresponding period in 2024. Total comprehensive income attributable to owners' of the bank increased to BD 5.4 million (USD 14.2 million) in Q4 2025, compared to a loss of BD 4.0 million (loss of USD 10.5 million) in Q4 2024.

### Full year results

For the financial year ended 31 December 2025, net profit at-

utable to owners' of the bank increased by 30.2% to BD 76.8 million (USD 203.8 million), up from BD 59.0 million (USD 156.5 million) in 2024. Accordingly, earnings per share (EPS) increased to 22.7 fils (6.0 US cents) in 2025, compared to 19.2 fils (5.1 USD cents) in 2024. Total comprehensive income attributable to owners' of the bank increased by 54.1% to BD 103.4 million (USD 274.3 million) in 2025, compared to BD 67.1 million (USD 178.0 million) in 2024.

Driven by the successful execution of various capital-building initiatives during the year, equity attributable to owners' of the bank increased by 28.3% from BD 360.5 million (USD 956.2 million) in 2024 to BD 462.4 million (USD 1.23 billion), while group's total owners' equity increased by 26.3% to BD 749.7 million (USD 1.99 billion).

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The group's balance sheet continued to expand with total assets closing 2025 at BD 8.05 billion (USD 21.36 billion), compared to BD 7.06 billion (USD 18.73 billion) in 2024, translating to an increase of 14.0%. In line with the group's strategy to accelerate market share acquisition, financing assets increased by 11.1% to BD 4.10 billion (USD 10.79 billion) and customer deposits increased by 7.1% to close the year at BD 5.48 billion (USD 14.54 billion).

### Dividend

The Board of Directors recommended a dividend distribution of 15% of the bank's issued and paid-up share capital (8% cash dividends and 7% stock dividends), aggregating to BD 44.1 million (USD 117.0 million). This recommendation is subject to AGM and regulatory approvals. Commenting on the

year-end results, His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Mustahail Al Mashani, Chairman of Al Salam Bank, said: "Our performance marks consecutive years of sustained growth in scale and profitability, positioning Al Salam Bank as a leading, diversified financial group in the region. Our focused strategy and consistent execution, underpinned by prudent financial management, accelerated transformation initiatives, and

strong governance, has positioned us to effectively capitalize on growth opportunities, reinforce our leading market positioning, and deliver long-term value to all our stakeholders".

Rafik Nayed, Group Chief Executive Officer of Al Salam Bank, added: "Our results reflect the resilience of our operating model and the effectiveness of our strategic direction as we transition to a new phase of performance and growth. During the year, we remained focused on optimizing the balance sheet, expanding our funding base, and broadening our revenue drivers across key verticals including banking, asset management (ASB Capital), takaful (Solidarity Group), and our network of subsidiaries and associates. Collectively, our strategic initiatives are designed to shape a financial group that is diversified in structure, digital in execution, and disciplined in its pursuit of value".

His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Mustahail Al Mashani, Chairman of Al Salam Bank

## Hope Fund, Industry Ministry announce new identity of HQ Industrial Project



### Manama

The Hope Fund, in partnership with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, announced the launch of the new identity of the HQ Industrial project, which includes a makerspace and an industrial innovation centre.

The announcement was made during an official ceremony attended by Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce; Shaikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of HQ; as well as representatives of the public and private sectors and members

of the industrial community.

The event featured a presentation of the project's new visual identity, along with an overview of its launch and operational plans. HQ Industrial offers an integrated industrial infrastructure comprising dedicated manufacturing spaces, operational facilities, and support services, in addition to shared industrial workspaces and areas designated for development and innovation.

Additionally, the project aims to enhance the capabilities of industrial entrepreneurs by supporting product development and strengthening competitiveness in local and regional markets.

## EU warns Meta it must open up WhatsApp to rival AI chatbots

### Brussels, Belgium

The EU executive told Meta yesterday that it must let rival AI chatbots use its WhatsApp platform, after an antitrust probe found the US giant to be in breach of the bloc's competition rules.

The European Commission said a change in Meta's terms had "effectively" barred third-party artificial intelligence assistants from connecting to customers via the messaging platform since January. Competition chief Teresa Ribera said the EU was "considering" interim measures to "avoid Meta's new policy irreparably harming competition in Europe".

The EU executive sent Meta

a warning known as a "statement of objections", a formal step in antitrust probes, and the US giant now has a chance to reply and defend itself.

## News in brief

◆ **China yesterday** denied US allegations it had conducted secret nuclear explosive tests, calling them "outright lies" and accusing Washington of making excuses to start up its own trials. At the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva on Friday, Thomas DiNanno, US under secretary of state for arms control accused China of conducting the tests, including one on 22 June 2020, and of preparing for more tests with massive yields. "The US allegations are completely groundless and are outright lies. China firmly opposes the US attempt to fabricate excuses for its own restarting of nuclear tests," China's ministry of foreign affairs said in a statement to AFP on Monday. It also urged the United States to "immediately stop its irresponsible actions". US President Donald Trump said in October that Washington would start testing nuclear weapons "on an equal basis" with Moscow and Beijing, but without elaborating or explaining what kind of nuclear testing he wanted to resume.



**China rejects US claims of secret nuclear tests**

◆ **Sydney police pepper spray protesters during rallies against Israeli president's visit**

in the wake of the December shooting at Sydney's Bondi Beach that killed 15 people at a Hanukkah festival. But he was met with protests in Australia's two largest cities on Monday evening with a Sydney rally turning violent as police hit protesters and members of the media, including AFP, with pepper spray. An AFP journalist said they saw at least 15 protesters being arrested as members of the rally scuffled with the police. Palestine Action Group spokesman Josh Lees said on Instagram the police had "repeatedly charged us with horses and pepper spray". New South Wales police declined to comment when contacted by AFP.

◆ **A Lebanese Islamist group** accused Israel yesterday of abducting one of its members during a cross-border raid in the country's south, as Israel dubbed the suspect a "senior terrorist". Israel frequently carries out military operations in southern Lebanon despite a November 2024 ceasefire aimed at ending more than a year of hostilities with militant group Hezbollah. It launches air strikes and occupies five points on Lebanese territory that it deems strategic. On Monday, the Jamaa Islamiya group, an ally of Palestinian Hamas, accused Israel of seizing one of its officials, Atwi Atwi, from his home in the Hasbaya district and taking him to an unknown location. Jamaa Islamiya, which has claimed responsibility for multiple attacks against Israel during the war with Hezbollah, condemned "the Israeli occupation forces' infiltration".

**Israel seizes member of Lebanese Islamist group in raid**



## SPOTLIGHT

### Brain training reduces dementia risk by 25%, study finds

AFP | Paris, France

Researchers announced on Monday that a randomised controlled trial -- considered the gold standard for medical research -- has finally identified something capable of significantly lowering people's risk of developing dementia.

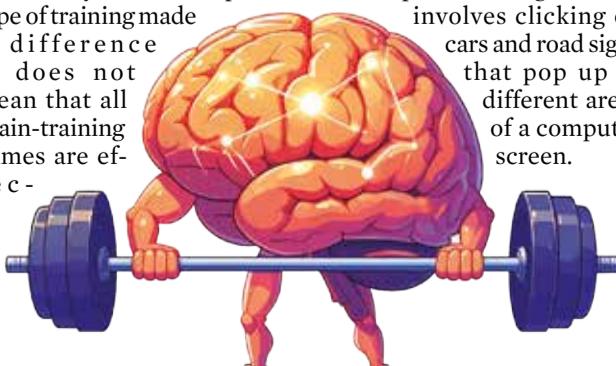
And rather than an expensive drug, it was a cheap and simple brain-training exercise that was found to decrease dementia rates by a quarter, according to the study.

"For the first time, this is a gold-standard study that's given us an idea of what we can do to reduce risk for developing dementia," study co-author Marilyn Albert of Johns Hopkins University in the United States told AFP.

Although there are a vast amount of brain-training games and apps which claim to fight off cognitive decline, there has been little high-quality, long-term research proving their effectiveness.

The US team of researchers warned that their study -- which only found one specific type of training made a difference -- does not mean that all brain-training games are effective.

The speed training exercise involves clicking on cars and road signs that pop up in different areas of a computer screen.



# Eight countries condemn Israel's 'illegal' West Bank control measures

New measures allow Jewish Israelis to buy West Bank land

● **Envisages transferring authority in parts of Palestinian cities over building permits to Israel**

● **More than 500,000 Israelis live in settlements and outposts in the West Bank**

AFP | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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Israel approved the measures, announced by Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and Defence Minister Israel Katz, on Sunday. They include allowing Jewish Israelis to buy West Bank land, a joint statement from the ministers said.

The foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the UAE, Qatar, Indonesia, Pakistan, Egypt and Turkey "condemned in the strongest terms the illegal Israeli



This picture taken from the "E1 corridor" northeast of Jerusalem in the occupied West Bank shows vehicles moving along a highway near the Israeli settlement of Maale Adumim (top)

decisions and measures aimed at imposing unlawful Israeli sovereignty", a Saudi statement said.

They are an attempt at "entrenching settlement activity, and enforcing a new legal and administrative reality in the occupied West Bank, thereby accelerating attempts at its illegal annexation and the displacement

of the Palestinian people", the foreign ministry statement added.

The Israeli measures also envisage transferring authority

over building permits for settlements in parts of Palestinian cities, including Hebron, from the Palestinian Authority's municipalities to Israel.

Smotrich said the move was aimed at "deepening our roots in all regions of the Land of Israel and burying the idea of a Palestinian state".

The Palestinian presidency in Ramallah, which exercises limited control over some discontiguous areas of the West Bank, also condemned the decision, saying

it was aimed at "deepening attempts to annex the occupied West Bank".

The announcement comes days ahead of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's visit to the United States, where he is due to meet President Donald Trump, who has upheld US opposition to Israeli annexation of the West Bank.



**More than 500,000 Israelis live in settlements and outposts in the West Bank, which are illegal under international law.**

**Around three million Palestinians live in the territory.**

**Another 200,000 Israelis live in Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem, which the UN says is part of the Palestinian territories.**

### Norway launches probe of diplomat and husband over Epstein links

AFP | Oslo, Norway

**N**orwegian police said yesterday they had launched a corruption investigation into a high-profile diplomat, Mona Juul, and her husband Terje Rod-Larsen as an accomplice, over the couple's links to late US sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

The police economic crime



unit Okokrim said in statement the probe began last week and that an Oslo residence was searched on Monday, as well as a residence belonging to a witness.

"We have launched an investigation to determine whether any criminal offences have been committed. We are facing a comprehensive and by all accounts

lengthy investigation," Okokrim chief Pal Lønseth, said. Juul was head of section at Norway's foreign ministry before becoming Norway's ambassador to the UK during the 2010s. Juul, 66, and Rod-Larsen, 78, played key roles in the secret Israeli-Palestinian negotiations which led to the Oslo Accords of the early 1990s.

### Prince William, Kate 'deeply concerned' by latest Epstein revelations: spokesman

AFP | London, United Kingdom

**P**rince William and his wife Catherine have been "deeply concerned" by the latest revelations linking William's uncle Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor to late US sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, Kensington Palace said yesterday.

"I can confirm that the Prince and Princess of Wales have been deeply concerned by the continued revelations," the palace said in a statement.

It added that "their thoughts remain focused on the victims" of Epstein, who died in prison awaiting trial on sex trafficking charges in 2019.

The statement was the first public comment from the heir to the throne and his wife on the scandal since the latest release of Epstein files more than a week ago and as the monarchy faces scrutiny over the scandal.

It follows a renewed furore



**Britain's Catherine (L), Princess of Wales and Britain's Prince William, Prince of Wales travel in the Ascot Landau carriage**

over Andrew's close links to Epstein, with King Charles III's brother under pressure to further explain them.

Andrew stepped back from royal duties in 2019 over the ties and following claims by Epstein

she was trafficked to have sex with the disgraced royal three times, including twice when she was 17.

King Charles III stripped his brother of his royal titles and honours late last year after Giuffre recounted the claims in

shocking detail in a posthumous memoir.

Last week it emerged a second alleged Epstein victim has claimed through her lawyer that the late US financier had sent her to Britain in 2010 to have sex with Andrew.

The ex-prince, who has strenuously denied any wrongdoing, was ousted from his Windsor mansion home, just west of London, earlier than planned last week in the wake of the latest revelations.

The files released in the US included newly-damaging evidence, including a lawyer's letter alleging that Andrew and Epstein pressured a woman hired as an exotic dancer for sex as part of a threesome in 2006.

They also contained embarrassing photos of Andrew kneeling over a clothed woman lying on the ground, and emails inviting Epstein to Buckingham Palace to talk in "private".

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St. Paul is thought to have been shipwrecked at Malta

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Edmond Halley is appointed as the second Astronomer Royal at the Greenwich Observatory



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Happy to receive a phone call from my friend, Prime Minister Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam. We reviewed progress in the wide-ranging cooperation between India and Mauritius since our memorable meeting in Varanasi last year. Reaffirmed our commitment to further strengthen the special, historic and people-centric ties that unite our two nations.

India and Mauritius will continue to work together to achieve shared objectives of peace and stability in the Indian Ocean Region.

I look forward to welcoming him to India for the AI Impact Summit next week.

@narendramodi

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Congratulations, António José Seguro, on your election as President of Portugal. The Portuguese citizens have spoken and, in the face of devastation caused by the storms, demonstrated remarkable democratic resilience. Portugal's voice for our shared European values remains strong.

@vonderleyen

# Japan PM Takaichi basks in historic election triumph

Takaichi's LDP won a two-thirds majority

● Japan's first woman prime minister

● She had said Japan could intervene militarily if Beijing sought to take Taiwan by force

AFP | Tokyo, Japan

Japanese premier Sanae Takaichi said yesterday that the public saw an "urgent need" for major reform after a historic election landslide, pledging to boost the country's defences in order to protect its territory.

Sunday's snap vote saw Takaichi's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) win a two-thirds majority in the lower house for the first time in its history, capitalising on her strong popularity since taking office in October.

The outcome allows Japan's first woman prime minister to stamp her mark on the country of 123 million people over the next four years, having pledged to boost the economy and get tough on immigration.

"This is the start of a heavy, heavy responsibility to make Japan stronger, more prosperous," Takaichi, 64, told a news conference on Monday.



Japan's Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi enters the Prime Minister's Office in Tokyo

"We believe that the public has shown understanding and sympathy regarding our appeals concerning the urgent need for a major policy shift," she said.

The admirer of "Iron Lady" Margaret Thatcher also said she would bolster Japan's defences, including through creating a new intelligence bureau and revising key security policy documents.

## Honeymoon

Capitalising on her honeymoon start after becoming Japan's fifth premier in as many years in October, Takaichi called the snap election last month.

The gamble paid off, with the LDP winning around 316 of the 465 seats contested, according to Japanese media.

That takes the party past the 310-seat threshold needed for a two-thirds majority for the first time in its history and may prompt the government to try and make changes to the country's constitution. US President Donald Trump -- who is due to host Takaichi in Washington next month -- congratulated her after an earlier endorsement.

"I wish you Great Success in passing your Conservative, Peace Through Strength Agenda," Trump wrote on Truth Social.

## US vice president visits Armenia, Azerbaijan to 'advance' peace

AFP | Yerevan, Armenia

US Vice President JD Vance arrived in Armenia yesterday, before a scheduled trip to Azerbaijan, as Washington seeks to consolidate a peace process between the neighbours.

Vance is the most senior US official to visit Armenia, where he is also expected to advance a flagship project to improve road and rail infra-



US Vice President JD Vance

recently a close Russia ally -- comes as Moscow's influence has dwindled in the region since its 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

At a White House summit in August 2025, US President Donald Trump brokered an agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan that saw the two countries commit to renouncing claims on each other's territory and refrain from using force.

## UN deplores Hong Kong mogul Jimmy Lai's jailing

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The United Nations rights chief deplored Monday the 20-year-sentence handed to Hong Kong pro-democracy media tycoon Jimmy Lai, demanding that the verdict be "promptly quashed".

Lai, a British citizen and founder of the now-defunct Apple Daily newspaper, was found guilty in December of



urging foreign countries to impose sanctions on Hong Kong and for publishing "se-

ditive" articles in his paper.

On Monday, a Hong Kong court handed down the harshest penalty yet under a Beijing-imposed national security law.

"Jimmy Lai is a publisher sentenced to 20 years in prison for exercising rights protected under international law," UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk said in a statement.

BY INVITATION

## Bahrain Brings Alternative Healthcare into the Mainstream



HIMA BINDU KOTA

Interest in alternative and complementary healthcare has grown worldwide, driven by a shift towards preventive, lifestyle-based and holistic approaches to well-being. Practices such as acupuncture, herbal medicine, yoga and mindfulness are now widely used across the United States, Europe and Asia. Global health bodies, including the World Health Organization, have encouraged governments to regulate and integrate these practices into national health systems to improve safety, quality and patient care.

This global trend is increasingly visible in Bahrain. As lifestyle-related conditions such as diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease become more prevalent, more residents are exploring alternative therapies alongside conventional medical care. Recognising this shift early, the Government of Bahrain has adopted a structured and forward-looking approach, bringing alternative healthcare into the national health framework through regulation, licensing and policy oversight.

Alternative healthcare is not new to Bahraini society. Traditional practices such as hijama (cupping) and herbal remedies have long been part of community health traditions.

The National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) has since played a central role in implementing this vision. Through licensing requirements, verification of professional qualifications and regular facility inspections, the authority ensures that alternative healthcare services meet acceptable safety and quality standards. Practices such as hijama, acupuncture, Ayurveda, traditional Chinese medicine, chiropractic care, homeopathy and therapeutic massage are now subject to the same regulatory discipline expected of other health services. This framework protects patients while allowing credible practitioners to operate transparently.

Crucially, government policy positions alternative healthcare as complementary to modern medicine, not a replacement for it. Conventional medical treatment remains central to Bahrain's healthcare system, with alternative therapies encouraged as supportive options where appropriate. This distinction has helped prevent unrealistic claims while encouraging coordination between patients, physicians and licensed alternative practitioners. The emphasis remains firmly on evidence, transparency and informed choice -- principles that protect patients while respecting cultural and personal preferences.

Bahrain has also invested in capacity building and international cooperation. Health authorities have engaged with countries that have long-standing traditional medicine systems, particularly India and China, to study best practices in training, certification and clinical governance. These exchanges have helped shape licensing standards suited to Bahrain's healthcare environment while maintaining international credibility.

Beyond health outcomes, the regulated integration of alternative healthcare supports wider national goals. It contributes to Bahrain's Vision 2030 focus on quality of life, preventive care and service-sector diversification. Properly regulated wellness services also enhance the Kingdom's appeal as a destination for medical and wellness tourism, while creating professional opportunities within the health sector.

Challenges remain, particularly in addressing misinformation and discouraging unlicensed practice. However, Bahrain's regulatory framework provides a strong foundation to address these concerns over time.

By choosing regulation over restriction and integration over neglect, Bahrain has demonstrated a balanced and forward-looking approach. As global interest in holistic health continues to rise, the Kingdom's policies ensure that alternative healthcare evolves as a credible, well-governed component of its modern healthcare system.

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# CAMPUS

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# RCSI's Institutional Thematic Review Reaffirms Commitment to Quality and Enhancement

Manama

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) – Medical University of Bahrain recently welcomed an international review panel to its campus, alongside colleagues from the Quality Enhancement Office of RCSI in Dublin, to undertake an Institutional Thematic Review focused on two strategically significant themes. This review forms a key part of the University's quality assurance framework and supports the continuation of RCSI's recognition by the National University of Ireland (NUI).

Undertaken by an international panel representing Ireland, the United Kingdom and Canada, the review was chaired by Dr Claire Carney, Principal Fellow of The Higher Education Academy (PFHEA), alongside Dr Bryn Jones, Former Professor and Deputy Vice Principal at Heriot-Watt University (Dubai), Professor Ameen Patel, Professor of Medicine at McMaster University, Ms Lisa Maye-Gregory, Quality and Operations Manager in the School of Postgraduate Studies at RCSI in Dublin, and Mr James Hennessy, Chemical Physics 2025 Graduate, Uni-



RCSI Bahrain Institutional Thematic Review Panel including from RCSI Dublin

versity College Cork. The panel's extensive expertise, operational insight and global perspectives strengthened the review process and reinforced the University's commitment to evidence-informed enhancement.

Upon completion of the review, the Chair, Dr Claire Carney, stated: "The review team commended RCSI Medical University of Bahrain in areas related to the strong staff commitment, its purposeful regional and global positioning and its cohesive educational environment that encourages and promotes positive student experience."

The Quality Enhancement Office of RCSI in Dublin, led by Ms Aisling Reast, Head of Quality Enhancement, oversees rigorous institutional and academic quality standards across RCSI's international campuses, ensuring consistent quality assurance and control aligned with RCSI's Transnational Education model. This model ensures that medical students graduating from RCSI Medical University of Bahrain are supported by the same educational standards and quality frameworks as their peers in Dublin.

During her visit to the University, Dr Aisling Reast explained: "RCSI Quality Enhancement Office is committed to optimising cross-institutional quality assurance and governance systems. This review has been a strong example of cross-campus collaboration between colleagues in Dublin and Bahrain, shared learning and our collective commitment to quality and enhance-

ment across the RCSI community." Professor Sameer Otoom, President of RCSI Medical University of Bahrain, commented: "Our University's trans-national education model is underpinned by the international quality standards of RCSI in Dublin. This institutional thematic review, alongside all institutional and programmatic reviews, is a testament to our commitment to delivering world-class medical and health sciences education, offering young talent with sustainable career pathways, and advancing Bahrain's Higher Education and Healthcare sectors in line with the national vision 2030."

RCSI Medical University of Bahrain extends sincere thanks and appreciation to the review panel members, colleagues from RCSI in Dublin, staff, students, and stakeholders whose engagement and contributions optimised the review outcome. The University also acknowledges Dr Nichola McLaren, Head of Quality and Academic Development, for her exemplary leadership, and to her team for their professionalism in facilitating the review.

# A New Dawn Of Dreams: NMS Bahrain Bids Farewell To Grade XII Students



Manama

New Millennium School, Bahrain accorded a warm and heartfelt farewell to its graduating Grade XII students at a grand ceremony held on 31st January, 2024 in the school auditorium. The occasion celebrated the remarkable journey, accomplishments, and aspirations of the outgoing batch as they prepare to step confidently into the next phase of their lives.

The ceremony was graced by the esteemed Principal, Headmistresses, teachers, and students of Grades XI and XII. The auditorium resonated with a

sense of pride, gratitude, and nostalgia, reflecting the strong bonds shared within the NMS community.

The morning unfolded with inspiring addresses, touching tributes, and vibrant cultural performances that beautifully captured the spirit of togetherness and the memories forged over the years. One of the most

cherished segments of the event was the Title Ceremony, where distinctive titles were conferred upon the outgoing students, acknowledging their individuality, talents, and contributions. This segment added a deeply personal and emotional dimension to the celebrations.

The programme was further enlivened by a vibrant cultural bonanza, featuring foot-tapping dance performances, melodious songs, and energetic musical presentations by the students.

Each performance added colour and emotion to the morning, keeping the audience thoroughly engaged.

A specially curated skit portraying the various stages of school life—from Kindergarten to Grade XII—struck a deep emotional chord with the audience. Through moments of innocence, learning, friendship, discipline, and growth, the skit beautifully captured the essence of the students' journey at NMS

Bahrain, evoking both laughter and nostalgia.

Addressing the gathering, Principal, Dr Arun Kuumar Sharma, read out the message sent by the Chief Guest Mr. Ganesh Pillai, Vice - Chairman, R.P.Group and conveyed the blessings bestowed by the Honourable Chairman, Dr. Ravi Pillai and Managing Director, Ms. Geetha Pillai.

He also showered his blessings and best wishes to the graduating students, guiding them to face their forthcoming examinations and life's challenges with courage and optimism. His message emphasized that farewells are not endings, but gate-

ways to new opportunities and achievements.

The farewell ceremony was

a harmonious blend of emotion, celebration and reflection. It left behind lasting memories for the graduating students and reaffirmed the school's enduring legacy of nurturing confident, compassionate, and capable individuals ready to make their mark on the world.



## Indian Film Festival in Bahrain Celebrates 55 Years of Diplomacy



The Embassy of India in Bahrain hosted a successful Indian Film Festival, at Epix Cinema, Sanabis. The event marked the 55th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Bahrain and was organized under the DCDFC Scheme of India's Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. The festival featured two acclaimed films, *The Diplomat* (Hindi) and *Manjummel Boys* (Malayalam), attracting nearly 300 guests. Both screenings saw full occupancy, highlighting the local enthusiasm for Indian cinema. H.E. Mr. Vinod K. Jacob, Ambassador of India, inaugurated the festival alongside Dr. Ali Hasan Follad, Advisor to the Ministry of Tourism, and Mr. Yousuf Salahuddin, Chairman of Serendipity.

## Science Talent Awards Honors Top Achievers in Bahrain



The Science International Forum (SIF) Bahrain held its VVM-Sashtra Pratibha Award ceremony at the Bahrain Society of Engineers Hall. Chief Guest Professor Aniruddh B. Pandit, Vice-Chancellor of ICT Mumbai, presented awards to 80 high-achieving students from a pool of 3,500 participants. Out of the winners, 12 were crowned "Sashtra Pratibhas," earning a prestigious study tour to India's top scientific hubs, including ISRO, DRDO, BrahMos, and the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre. Another 68 students received A+ grades. Prof. Pandit emphasized the role of youth in India's scientific progress during an interactive 'Meet the Scientist' session. The event, presided over by SIF President Anilal K.S., featured addresses by Dr. Ravi Warrier, Dr. Babu Ramachandran, and Dr. Vinod Manikkara. K. Chandrasekharan welcomed the guests, while General Secretary Prashanth Dharmaraj delivered the vote of thanks, celebrating the students' academic excellence.

## Kollam Pravasi Association Hosts Desert Camp



The Kollam Pravasi Association (KPA) organized a vibrant Desert Winter Camp for its members and families in Sakhir. Inaugurated by KPA President Anoj Master, the event drew over 150 participants for a night of celebration under the desert stars. Spanning from 8:00 PM to 3:00 AM, the camp was filled with energy. Highlights included cultural performances by 'Srishti' artists and a series of interactive games and sports organized for both children and adults.

## Engineering Students Visit Bahrain for Exposure



Twenty engineering students from Tamil Nadu, India arrived in Bahrain for an overseas exposure programme coordinated by Al Ahlia University. The visit is part of the Tamil Nadu Government's flagship "Naan Mudhalvan" scheme, which empowers youth through industry-relevant skills and global perspectives. Selected from over 7,000 applicants, these high-achieving students—mostly from rural backgrounds—engaged in an interactive session hosted by the Bharathi Association. Association President Vallam Basheer, General Secretary Abdul Qaiyum, and other officials provided career mentorship and motivation.

## Pravasi Welfare's 'Meet Your Doctor' Initiative Supports Hundreds in Bahrain



The "Meet Your Doctor" consultation camp, organized by MedCare, the healthcare wing of Pravasi Welfare, provided vital medical support to hundreds of expatriates and their families at the Pravasi Centre in Zinj. The free health initiative offered expert consultations across various departments, including General, Internal, and Sports Medicine, Dental, ENT, and Gynecology. A professional medical team led by Dr. Anoop Abdullah, Dr. Jais Joy, and Dr. Mohammed Faisal provided check-ups, health awareness, and free medications. The event was managed by Pravasi Welfare General Secretary Ashik Erumeli and MedCare Coordinator Anas Kanjirappally, alongside a dedicated team of volunteers.



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# Mansouri, Hodaikulieva win U-14 tennis titles



Turkmenistan's Nazli Hodaikulieva in action



Saudi Arabia's Hamza Al-Mansouri in action

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Saudi Arabia's Hamza Al-Mansouri and Turkmenistan's Nazli Hodaikulieva were crowned singles champions as the first week of the Asian Development Ten-

nis Championship for Under-14 players concluded in Bahrain, organisers said.

Top seed Al-Mansouri secured the boys' singles title with a straight-sets victory over Iraq's Hassan Ali Hatem Al-Ghraryari, winning 6-2, 7-5. In

the girls' final, top seed Hodaikulieva staged a comeback after losing the opening set to Jordan's Aya Sofia Gokashao before clinching the title 0-6, 6-1, 6-3.

In doubles, Al-Mansouri teamed up with fellow Saudi

Elias Al-Ghafli to claim the boys' title with a 7-6(2), 6-4 win over Jordan's Omar Istanbully and Ryan Kawar.

Turkmenistan's Hodaikulieva and partner Ishankuliyeva captured the girls' doubles crown after defeating Lebanon's Ma-

ria El and Maryam Kamiraldin 6-3, 7-5.

The tournament continues with second-week matches beginning in Bahrain, with finals scheduled after the completion of both weeks of competition

## Bahrain, UAE tennis bodies boost women's cooperation



The Bahrain Tennis Federation's Women's Committee held a high-level coordination meeting with UAE tennis official Fatima Bujasim to strengthen cooperation and advance women's tennis development in both countries, officials said. The talks, held at Zayed Sports City in Abu Dhabi, focused on enhancing regional sporting ties, exchanging expertise and exploring joint initiatives aimed at empowering female athletes and expanding women's participation in tennis and padel across the Gulf.

## LaLiga 'light years' behind Premier League, complains Cazorla

AFP | Madrid

Real Oviedo midfielder Santi Cazorla complained Spain's LaLiga is a long way behind the Premier League on Sunday, a day after his team's match at Rayo Vallecano was postponed at short notice.

Oviedo's visit to Rayo's Vallecas Stadium on Saturday was called off hours before the game with LaLiga explaining the conditions were not safe for the players because of the state of the recently-laid pitch.

"The reality is LaLiga is light years behind the Premier League in every sense," wrote former Arsenal playmaker Cazorla on social media.

Rayo players protested



Santi Cazorla

against their own club on Friday in a statement calling for improvements at Vallecas and better treatment of their fans.

On Sunday, Oviedo called on the Spanish football federation (RFEF) to declare them winners of the match, yet to be rescheduled, although the request is widely considered unlikely to be successful.

## 'I need to improve', says Haaland after barren spell

AFP | London

Erling Haaland said tiredness was no excuse for his poor goalscoring run in 2026 as he demands more of himself to keep Manchester City in the hunt for four trophies.

Haaland scored a dramatic stoppage-time winner from the penalty spot as City beat Liverpool 2-1 on Sunday to remain six points behind Arsenal in the Premier League title race.

The 25-year-old has netted 28 times in 36 games for City this season.

But he has not scored from open play in the Premier League since December 20 and has just three goals in his last 13 appearances.

"Of course, I haven't scored enough goals since the start of this year and I know that I need to improve," said the Norwegian.

"I know I need to be more sharp, better at all of this, and this is something that I have to work on."

"I have to keep going because this is what everyone deserves and expects."

Pep Guardiola said last month that Haaland was "exhausted" by a gruelling schedule with City still involved in four competitions.

Guardiola's men will face Arsenal in the League Cup final next month, are into the last 16 of the Champions League, and face fourth-tier Salford in the fourth round of the FA Cup.

"I don't want to speak about why I haven't performed. I don't think there's any excuse. Fatigue is a lot in the head," added Haaland.

"It's a lot of games. Look at



Manchester City's Norwegian striker #09 Erling Haaland (L) shoots a penalty kick (file photo)

at Anfield.

The visitors trailed to Dominik Szoboszlai's brilliant free-kick with just six minutes of normal time remaining until Haaland teed up Bernardo Silva to level.

Haaland then kept his cool in a frenzied atmosphere from the spot to rekindle City's hopes in the title race.

They can ramp up the pressure even more on Arsenal with victory over Fulham on Wednesday to halve the deficit at the top before the Gunners face Brentford 24 hours later.

"We've seen before that the title race is not over until it's over," said Haaland.

"Right now I need to focus on Fulham because there's still many games (to go)."



Bahrain's Winfred Yavi on her way to victory at Alà dei Sardi

# Bahrain's golden girl strikes again

Winfred Yavi wins 6km cross-country race in Sardinia, Italy

**Hussain Almaskati**  
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Bahrain's Olympic champion Winfred Yavi delivered another exceptional performance on the international stage, winning the women's 6km race at the Cross di Alà dei Sardi - Memorial Elisa Migliore in Sardinia, Italy, on Sunday.

Competing in her second race of the season, Yavi crossed the line in 20:37, well ahead of Burundi's Francine Nyomukunzi (21:40) and Britain's Emily

Grace Collinge (22:21).

From the opening metres on the rolling Coiluna course, Yavi took control. She quickly settled into a strong rhythm, forcing Nyomukunzi to chase. By the midpoint, Yavi had opened daylight on her rivals. She maintained her form through the final kilometre and powered across the finish line unchallenged.

The victory confirmed Yavi as the standout athlete in a field packed with experienced European and international compet-

itors. At 26, she is ranked #2 in the world in the 3000m steeplechase. Her career highlights include Olympic gold in Paris 2024, a World Championship title, a Diamond League Final win, and a World Championships silver medal. Her latest success in Italy marks a strong start to the season and signals what's ahead for Bahrain's star sprinter.

Yavi's performance in Sardinia also demonstrates her readiness for the months ahead. Yavi will next compete at the World

Military Cross Country Championships in Trikala, Greece, starting February 25. Later in the year, she will focus on the Asian Games in Nagoya, Japan, in September.

The Cross di Alà dei Sardi is one of Italy's most prestigious cross-country events, attracting elite runners from across Europe and beyond. Yavi's win adds another high-profile chapter to the race's history and highlights the Kingdom's rising influence on the global athletics stage.

## Scotland spoil Italy's T20 World Cup debut with big win

AFP | Kolkata

T20 World Cup debutants Italy had a bruising introduction to cricket's biggest stage as they suffered a crushing 73-run loss to Scotland yesterday in Kolkata.

Scotland piled up 207-4 with opener George Munsey top-scoring with 84 and in reply Italy were bowled out for 134 in 16.4 overs.

Off-spinner Michael Leask took 4-17 for Scotland, adding to his batting cameo of an unbeaten 22 off five balls.

A nation better known for its football, Italy are the lowest-ranked side in the 20-team tournament and were making a slice of history here.

Chasing a mammoth 208 for victory, they suffered early blows before a valiant fourth-wicket partnership of 73 between Australia-born brothers Ben and Harry Manenti kept them afloat at Eden Gardens.

But Harry departed for 37 and



Scotland's George Munsey reacts after playing a shot

Ben got out after his 31-ball 52 as the Italian batting collapsed from 113-3.

"Hopefully we'll sit down at some stage and reflect on that little partnership that we had and it would have been nice to contribute to a win there," said vice-captain Harry.

He called playing with his

brother "special". "Obviously growing up and playing backyard cricket with him, batting together, and as young kids then dreaming of being at a World Cup batting together and we've got to live that out today."

South Africa-born captain Wayne Madsen could not bat

### Scorecard

Scotland 207 for 4 (Munsey 84, McMullen 41) beat Italy (B Manenti 52, Leask 4-17) by 73 runs

after he dislocated his shoulder while fielding and might miss the rest of the tournament.

Scotland skipper Richie Berrington said it was vital for them to bounce back after losing their opening match of the tournament.

"Really pleased to get our first win. In the end it was a comprehensive win, but we had to work hard for it," he said.

Scotland originally failed to qualify for the World Cup but with only two weeks to go they replaced Bangladesh, who were kicked out after they refused to play in India.

### Madsen heartbreak

Italy won the toss and bowled in the Group C encounter, where there were a few Italian fans decked out in the country's

## Zimbabwe dominate Oman on return to T20 World Cup



Zimbabwe's Blessing Muzarabani (2L) celebrates with teammates

AFP | Colombo

did the early damage, reducing Oman to 27-5 with none of their top order managing to get into double figures.

"We have to take it game by game and we are very happy with the win," said Muzarabani, who won the player-of-the-match award.

"I am just coming from a back injury and didn't want to really push it, so I shortened my run a bit. There was some good bounce on the pitch and I thought we used the conditions well."

A face-saving 42-run stand for the sixth wicket between Sufyan Mahmood and Vinayak Shukla gave Oman's total some respectability.

## Bhaksi clinches Veedol Stableford title in Awali thriller



A group photo during the awarding ceremony

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Shuvendu Bhaksi delivered a standout performance to win the Veedol Stableford golf competition, finishing with an impressive 40 points in a closely contested event supported for the fourth consecutive year by



TD Balbir Singh, winner Shuvendu Bhaksi, Veedol KN Singh and Captain Steve Newall

sponsor Veedol.

Bhaksi broke 90 gross during his round and scored on every hole, with a highlight chip-in birdie on the 14th. Debbie Beedie produced a similar moment of brilliance with her own chip-in birdie as favourable playing conditions helped several golfers perform strongly.

Nathan Prince and Abdul Elah Fakhroo finished just one point behind Bhaksi with 39 points each, while nine players equalled or bettered their handicaps in the competition. Prizes were presented after a dinner ceremony by tournament

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# Family fun hits Sakhir Testing

BIC lines up fun-filled family attractions off the track for F1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2026



● **BIC to host six days of F1 tests, first from Wednesday to Friday this week and then again from 18 to 20 February**

● **Fans to get a chance to be the first in the world to see F1's 'new era' cars in person and on track this Thursday and Friday and on 19 and 20 February**

● **All those attending on testing's open days to enjoy racing simulators and challenging Batak and stick catching games at BIC**

## Manama

Formula 1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2026 gets underway this week at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) and there is plenty in store both on and off the track for all those attending on the tests' open days to the public.

'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East' is all geared up to host six days of testing over two three-day sessions, first from this Wednesday to Friday

games will be putting fans' re-

and then again from 18 to 20 February.

F1's superstar drivers and their teams will be busy maximising their track running and gathering data ahead of the top flight's highly anticipated 'new era', featuring a host of transformative new regulations around a brand-new, more agile F1 car and an 11th team joining the grid in the 2026 FIA F1 World Championship.

The six days of testing will be the first chance for F1 enthusiasts in Bahrain and around the world to witness in person the next generation of F1 cars in action ahead of the start of the new campaign. Fans will be able to access the tests on the last two days of each three-day session, this Thursday and Friday (Editor's note: 12 and 13 February) and then again on 19 and 20 February.

All those attending will also be able to enjoy a series of off-track attractions, including dynamic racing simulators, a Batak reaction game, and a stick catching game.

The racing simulators offer motorsport enthusiasts the chance to step into the world of speed and adrenaline and feel every turn and acceleration along an F1 track in a virtual setting.

The Batak and stick catching

flexes to the test, challenging hand-and-eye coordination in a pair of activities that F1's superstar drivers practice regularly to keep their skills razor sharp.

Aside from these, fans visiting BIC during testing will also have the chance to see a display of the new 2026 F1 car in its special Bahrain livery.

Tickets per open day of F1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2026 cost BD10 for adults and BD5 for children.

There is also free access on both open days of the second Bahrain test on 19 and 20 February for all who purchased their tickets to the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026 before 8 September last year.

To buy tickets or to get more information, visit the circuit's

official website [bahraingp.com](http://bahraingp.com) or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.

BIC is also offering exclusive hospitality packages during the tests, featuring the best views of the action along with incredible, five-star cuisine and beverage selection. The hospitality lounge is located right above the F1 pit lane. Full details on BIC's hospitality offerings are available on [bahraingp.com](http://bahraingp.com). The packages can be booked online or by calling +973-17451086.

BIC will be opening its gates on testing's open days at 11am and they will close at 7pm.

This year's F1 pre-season tests will be the sixth consecutive year that Sakhir has been selected as the venue for F1's most important preparation period ahead

of the new world championship. Testing was first held in Bahrain in 2009 and then again in 2014. They have since taken place in Bahrain each year from 2021.

The event will bring together all 11 F1 teams and it will be the first opportunity for fans in Bahrain and worldwide to see the brand new Cadillac F1 Team, who are set to join McLaren, Mercedes, Ferrari, Red Bull Racing, Williams, Haas, Racing Bulls, Aston Martin, Alpine, and Audi in motorsport's top flight.

The pre-season tests will pave the way for the start of the new season, which will kick off a couple of weeks later with the Australian Grand Prix weekend, scheduled for 6 to 8 March. F1's star drivers and teams will then continue their battles with rac-

es in China and Japan, before returning to the Kingdom for the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026 from 10 to 12 April – the fourth round of the 24-race world championship.

Tickets to the grand prix weekend are selling fast, with seats in both the Main Grandstand and Turn 1 Grandstand already 95 per cent sold. Tickets are also selling out quickly for the Beyon Grandstand, University Grandstand, and Victory Grandstand.

To buy tickets or for more information on F1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2026, the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026, or on other events and activities at BIC, visit [bahraingp.com](http://bahraingp.com), call the BIC Hotline, or follow the circuit on social media.

## Howe would 'step aside' if right for Newcastle

AFP | London

Eddie Howe said yesterday he would resign if he felt it was the best thing for Newcastle after a dismal run that has dropped the Magpies down to 12th in the Premier League.

Howe has twice led the club into the Champions League and ended a 70-year wait to win a domestic trophy by lifting the League Cup since taking over at St James' Park in 2021.

The 48-year-old has been linked with succeeding Thomas Tuchel as England manager and with the job as the next permanent Manchester United boss.

But Howe vowed to "work better" and "do more" after his side were booed off following a 3-2 home defeat to Brentford



Eddie Howe

on Saturday.

"No, there's no doubt in my mind," he said when asked if he remains the right man to take the club forward.

"That's why I'm sat here. If there was, then I wouldn't be because, as I said, the club is the most important thing."

"I'd never put myself before the club. If I didn't think I was the correct man to take the team forward and I could give the players what they need, then I would step aside and let someone else do it."

## Kuwait Club Ends Muharraq Super League Run

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Muharraq's FIBA West Asia Super League campaign ended last night with a 78-69 loss to Kuwait SC at the BBA Arena in Umm Al Hassam. The defeat, their second in the play-off series, eliminates the Red Wolves and sends Kuwait SC, a former two-time FIBA WASL-Gulf League champion, into the semi-finals to face Saudi Arabia's top-seeded Al Ittihad.

The Red Wolves needed a win to force a deciding third game after losing the first leg in Kuwait, but despite a determined effort, they were unable to overcome their opponents.

The game was tight in the opening quarters, Kuwait SC led 15-13 after the first, but Muharraq bounced back in the second, taking it 26-24 to stay in contention. The third quarter proved



Mohammed Ameer battles Jamal Jones at the rim

decisive. Kuwait SC, led by Jofrey Lauvergne, erased a three-point deficit with a 14-0 run to take a 53-42 lead that Muharraq

could not recover from. In the fourth quarter, the visitors outscored the Red Wolves 20-17 to seal the 78-69 result.

Kuwait SC, missing Hamad Hasan who became a father earlier in the day, relied on Lauvergne's 20 points and 16 rebounds, along with key contributions from Charlie Moore and Mohammed Hasan, to secure the win. Muharraq showed determination throughout, but their season ended on home court, giving the team a moment to reflect and regroup for next year.