

Bahrain Ensures Uninterrupted Energy Supply



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa chairs the board meeting

● HH Shaikh Nasser reviews mechanism

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Bahrain reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening energy security and operational readiness, as Bapco Energies reviewed its first-quarter performance for 2026 amid evolving regional conditions.

Chairing the board meeting, HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa highlighted that the Kingdom's progress in the energy sector continues to be guided by the vision of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, which aims to position the Kingdom as a leading regional energy hub.

He also underscored the role of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa in advancing this vision through practical initiatives that enhance stability, strengthen preparedness, and enable the Kingdom to respond confidently to regional developments.

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across the group and its subsidiaries, ensuring uninterrupted energy supplies and smooth operations nationwide. Emphasis was placed on maintaining the highest standards of employee safety and safeguarding critical infrastructure.

During the meeting, Mark Thomas, Group CEO, presented a detailed report outlining progress on strategic projects, operational efficiency, and measures to enhance resilience and reliability across the organisation.

The session concluded with Bapco Energies renewing its commitment to maintain stable energy supplies, meet local demand without disruption, and uphold operational excellence while adapting to regional changes.

Return to Calm

● A resident of over 20 years expresses confidence

● Safety and daily routine

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Bahrain is gradually returning to normal life following the recent ceasefire in the regional conflict. Light rainfall over the Kingdom adds a symbolic sense of calm after weeks of heightened tension.

A gentle drizzle fell across Manama on Tuesday, creating what residents described as a quiet and reflective moment, as streets and public spaces slowly regained their usual rhythm.

For more than 40 days, the Kingdom remained on high alert. Despite the situation, daily life continued with limited disruption. Restaurants, malls, and shops largely remained open, closing only briefly when advised by authorities. Residents continued their routines—shopping, dining, and moving through public spaces—supported by what many described as strong public trust in national security institutions.

Operations

The General Command of the Bahrain Defence Force announced that its air defence systems had intercepted and destroyed 194 missiles and 515 drones since the beginning of what it described as hostile attacks targeting the Kingdom. Officials said these operations demonstrated the country's preparedness and reinforced public



Rainy scenes over Manama and the Seef district during yesterday's calm weather, reflecting a peaceful atmosphere across Bahrain.



“Bahrain has always felt like a second home to me. I feel safe here.”



“Life here continues normally because people trust the country's security.”



“Even during difficult times, we can still go out and live our daily lives.”

confidence in national security systems.

At Oasis Mall, residents expressed continued reassurance. One long-term Arab expatriate, who has lived in Bahrain for over 20 years, said the Kingdom had become his second home. “I never think about going back to my home country. Bahrain is safe—it feels like my second home,” he said.

Younger residents also reflected similar confidence. A

teenager said his family allows him to move freely because of trust in the country's security. Another added that visible security presence, particularly near sensitive areas, contributes to a sense of safety and reassurance in daily life.

Across different communities, a shared sentiment remains consistent: Bahrain continues to be seen as a stable and secure place for both citizens and residents.

Flights

With operations at Bahrain International Airport fully restored following a brief precautionary suspension, normal flight schedules have resumed, further signaling a return to routine life.

As calm returns, the combination of reopened public spaces, steady daily activity, and recent rainfall symbolizes a wider sense of reassurance across the Kingdom.

Single Men's Housing Ban Sought in Family Areas

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Complaints about homes being rented to single expats in family neighbourhoods are reaching MPs from across Bahrain, Mohammed Al Olaiwi said, as he called for a change to the property rent law to stop such lets in residential areas.

Al Olaiwi said the matter was being raised in every constituency, despite the differences between districts, which he said showed the need for a legal change to bar such housing in the midst of family homes.

“All MPs receive complaints

about bachelor housing, despite the fact that our areas differ,” he said. “That makes a law and an amendment to the rent law necessary, so renting to bachelors in the middle of residential neighbourhoods is banned.”

Problem

He said the problem had dragged on since around 2006 and was still affecting Bahraini families, including residents in Muharraq.

According to Al Olaiwi, the trouble has not been confined to one part of the country. He said people in many areas were still dealing with harm linked



MP Mohammed Al Olaiwi

to such housing, with families left to live beside overcrowded properties rented to single workers.

He also blamed some land-

lords, saying they rent out homes with little care for nearby families or the effect on neighbours.

“Some landlords must bear blame as well,” he said. “Some do not care about the neighbours or about families living nearby. They rent the property to expats without caring about what this can bring upon those around them.”

Al Olaiwi said he had already shown videos in earlier sittings of Parliament which, he said, depicted Asian workers under the influence of alcohol, with some acting aggressively towards neighbours.

Air Traffic Restarts



H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa inspects the airport facilities

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Flight operations at Bahrain International Airport are steadily returning to normal following a temporary suspension, with officials confirming full operational readiness during an on-site inspection by senior leadership.

The Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, Dr. Sheikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, carried out an inspection visit to the airport to assess preparedness, coinciding with the departure of the first flights of national carrier Gulf Air after the reopening of airspace.

During the visit, the minister reviewed operational systems, passenger handling procedures, and coordination mechanisms in place at Bahrain International Airport, ensuring that all facilities were functioning smoothly as flight schedules resumed.

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He praised the joint efforts of airport personnel, security services, and civil aviation teams, highlighting their efficiency in restoring seamless operations and maintaining a safe environment for travellers throughout the transition period.

Expressing gratitude, he acknowledged the support of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during the temporary disruption, noting the importance of regional cooperation in ensuring continuity of air connectivity.

Ministry Seeks Approval to Remove Falcon Monument

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Plans to upgrade key roads leading to Bahrain International Airport could see the removal of one of Muharraq's most recognisable landmarks.

The Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture has asked the Muharraq Municipal Council to review and approve the removal of the falcon monument at the Falcon Interchange, as part of the ongoing road development scheme. In a letter to



The falcon monument at the Falcon Interchange the council, the ministry urged members to study the engineering designs and share their views



An artist's rendition of the new road development project before construction starts.

The wider project aims to ease congestion, improve traf-

fic flow, and enhance access to the airport terminal and nearby facilities. It is also expected to reduce pressure on major routes such as Arad Highway and Shaikh Khalifa Al Kabeer Highway, while supporting infrastructure growth in line with Bahrain Economic Vision 2030.

Phase 3A of the scheme focuses on the Falcon Interchange and includes a full reconstruction of the junction, along with upgrades to parts of Arad Highway and Shaikh Khalifa Al Kabeer Highway.