

Warships and Waterways

As tensions simmer in the Strait of Hormuz, the UK moved a warship closer to the Gulf as part of a growing multinational effort to secure shipping lanes. | **P8**

Post-war instability demands a unified global approach

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Luxury villa draw gets boost with new savings offer

Loyalty Reaffirmed

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Yousif Saleh Al Saleh reaffirmed the Jaafari community's loyalty to HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and support for the government led by HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa. He said the community remains an integral part of Bahrain's social fabric, supporting national unity, coexistence and development.

The Endowments Council also backed the Ministry of Interior's security measures and praised authorities for arresting a group linked to Iran's IRGC and the ideology of Wilayat al-Faqih. It rejected attempts to spread division and urged the public to rely on official sources and avoid rumours.

Terrorism Denounced

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Bahrain strongly condemned a "terrorist attack" that targeted the city of Smara in Morocco, expressing full solidarity with the North African kingdom and rejecting all forms of violence aimed at destabilising security and public order.

In a statement, the Bahraini foreign ministry said it "strongly denounces and condemns the sinful terrorist attack" against Smara, stressing Bahrain's firm rejection of all acts of terrorism that threaten Morocco's stability and endanger civilians.

The ministry reaffirmed Bahrain's "full solidarity" with Morocco and its support for country's sovereign rights in the Moroccan Sahara. It also expressed backing for measures taken by Rabat to safeguard its security, stability, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

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Bahrain and Russia ties highlighted on Victory Day

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HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a congratulatory cable to Russian President Vladimir Putin marking Russia's Victory Day.

The king conveyed his best

wishes to Putin for good health and happiness, expressing hope for continued progress and prosperity for the Russian people under his leadership.

HM King Hamad also praised the level of bilateral relations between Bahrain and Russia, reaffirming

Bahrain's commitment to strengthening cooperation and advancing ties in a way that serves the mutual interests of both countries.

Victory Day, celebrated annually on May 9, commemorates the Soviet Union's victory over Nazi Germany in World War II.



HM the King



President Vladimir Putin

Gulf Nations Back Bahrain's Sovereignty Measures

Pledge a united front against terrorism and threats targeting Bahrain's national security

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Bahrain won backing from Gulf allies after authorities announced the dismantling of a group linked to Iran's Revolutionary Guards and the ideology of "Wilayat al-Faqih" according to official statements.

The support came from fellow Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) members including Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates, Morocco and Jordan, following Bahrain's announcement of arrests tied to alleged espionage and security-related offences.



General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior

Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al



Shaikh Fahad Yusuf Saud Al Sabah, Kuwait's First Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister

Khalifa received a phone call from Kuwait's First Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Shaikh Fahad Yusuf



Jassem Mohamed AlBudaiwi, GCC Secretary-General

Saud Al Sabah, who expressed support for Bahrain's measures to preserve security and stability. The Kuwaiti minister praised



Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Emirati Foreign Minister

the "efficiency and vigilance" of security agencies and reaffirmed Kuwait's solidarity with the kingdom against threats to its security.

Bahrain Airport Services to expand into Saudi Arabia

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Bahrain Airport Services (BAS) has announced plans to launch operations in Saudi Arabia, marking a major step in its regional expansion strategy as it seeks to grow beyond its home market.

The new entity, BAS Saudi, will be based in the Kingdom's Eastern Province and is expected to provide ground handling services for the aviation sector, drawing on the company's long-standing operational experience at Bahrain International Airport.

BAS said the expansion aligns with its broader strategy to strengthen its presence in key Gulf markets, including Saudi Arabia and Oman, while diversifying its aviation services portfolio.

"The announcement of BAS Saudi represents a pivotal step in our journey towards regional



Bahrain International Airport

expansion," said Nabeel Khalid Kanoo, chairman of Bahrain Airport Services.

He added that Saudi Arabia's rapidly growing aviation sector offered "strong growth potential", noting that the company is also

exploring opportunities in Oman, particularly in aircraft maintenance and technical inspection.

The company said it is currently assessing operating rights at multiple airports across Saudi Arabia and is pursuing partner-

ships with industry stakeholders as part of its expansion plans.

BAS said the move reflects its aim to keep pace with regional aviation growth and infrastructure development, while strengthening its competitive-

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