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Apple launches latest iPhone 17

AFP | San Fracisco, US

Apple yesterday showed off a new, slimmer iph-one “Air” model with “high density battery” and a brand new processor, as well as an iPhone 17, the latest upgrade to its flagship smartphone.

The iPhone Air model is the star of the annual product launch event, and Apple said the model is its most durable iPhone yet. **(Detailed report on Page 7)**

Iran agrees to new cooperation deal with IAEA

AFP | Tehran

Iran said yesterday it has agreed a new cooperation framework with the UN nuclear watchdog after its suspension of cooperation following June attacks by Israel and the US.

“Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) have reached an understanding on how to engage under the new circumstances,” foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei told state television after a meeting in Cairo between Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and International Atomic Energy Agency chief Rafael Grossi.

The head of the IAEA, Rafael Grossi, hailed a new framework agreement with Iran, calling it an “important step in the right direction”. In a post on X, he said he agreed with Araghchi “on practical modalities to resume inspection activities in Iran”.

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HM King: Growing Bahrain-Saudi ties a source of pride

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa expressed pride in the deep-rooted and historical relations between the Kingdoms of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, and their mutual keenness to further strengthen and consolidate them for the benefit of both peoples. He highlighted the steady progress of cooperation, coordination, and joint action across all sectors, particularly cultural, scientific, and knowledge-related areas.

HM the King made the remarks as he received yesterday, at Al Safriya Palace, His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Special Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques,



HM the King receives HRH Prince Faisal bin Salman

Chairman of the King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives (Darah), and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the

King Fahd National Library.

HRH Prince Faisal bin Salman conveyed the greetings of King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud,

the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud,

the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and their wishes fo Bahrain and its people of further progress and prosperity.

HM the King relayed his greetings and best wishes to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, wishing them good health and wellbeing, and further prosperity and development to the Saudi people.

HM King Hamad also commended the keenness of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to strengthen Bahraini-Saudi relations, and commended the honourable historic stances of Saudi Arabia in support of Bahrain, as well as its pioneering role in strengthening joint Gulf and Arab action.

Bahrain Stands With Qatar

Kingdom affirms support and solidarity with Qatar

Bahrain condemns Israeli attack

Expresses full solidarity

Urges calm de-escalation

TDT | Agencies

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday expressed the Kingdom of Bahrain’s condemnation of the Israeli attack on the State of Qatar, considering it a violation of Qatari national sovereignty and the principles of international law.

The Kingdom expressed its full solidarity with the State of Qatar in all the measures taken to protect its security, sovereignty, and the safety of its citizens and residents, calling for calm and de-escalation to preserve regional peace and security.

The Shura Council and the Council of Representatives of the Kingdom also affirmed their full support and solidarity with the State of Qatar. The councils announced its backing for all measures and actions Qatar takes to protect its security, stability, and sovereignty, and to



Residential buildings housing Hamas political bureau members in Qatar targeted by Israeli attack

ensure the safety of citizens and residents on its territory.

Further, the councils condemned and denounced the Israeli attack on Qatar, describing it as a violation of Qatar’s sovereignty and a breach of international law and conventions. They emphasised Bahrain’s firm and unwavering stance in support of Qatar and its continued call for de-escalation to preserve regional peace and security.

The councils also commended the strong ties and relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the State of Qatar, highlighting the deep-rooted relations

between the two countries. They emphasised the strong relations among the Gulf Cooperation Council states, and hoped for the continued stability, security, and prosperity of the Gulf states under their leaderships.

Global condemnation

Germany called the strike “unacceptable” and warned that it risked derailing delicate hostage negotiations, a report said. Morocco, Sudan and Libya issued official statements condemning the strike, while Egypt and the Arab League also voiced support for Qatar and

denounced the violation of its sovereignty, reports said.

A White House spokesperson was cited as saying that the strike “does not advance Israel or America’s goals,” distancing Washington from the operation while stressing Qatar’s essential role as mediator. In a separate statement, Qatar’s government was reported to have rejected claims that it had been warned in advance, saying a U.S. official only called “during the explosions.”

Fatalities confirmed

Media reports quoting Hamas

officials said their top leadership survived the strike, but five members were killed. Another report said a Qatari Internal Security Force officer was among the dead.

As per news reports, the attack occurred while Hamas leaders were in a meeting discussing a U.S.-drafted ceasefire proposal, indicating that the strike directly targeted ongoing diplomatic efforts.

Israel claims responsibility

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was quoted as saying that Israel bears full responsibility for what he described as a “precise strike” designed to limit civilian harm. He argued that the operation was necessary to hasten the end of the war.

Soon after the strike, air raid sirens sounded in Israel following a missile launch from Yemen, underscoring the wider regional fallout of the Doha attack, according to another report.

The strike on Qatar’s capital, widely described as unprecedented, has widened the circle of international condemnation and underscored Bahrain’s call for calm and de-escalation to preserve regional peace and security. **(Global condemnation – see detailed report on page 8)**