

Bahrain Hosts Housing Summit



Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Bahrain will host the second Innovation Summit in the Social Housing Sector from September 29 to October 3.

The event, organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning and Eskan Bank in cooperation with the GCC General Secretariat, will bring together housing officials, specialists and private-sector representatives to exchange expertise and review developments in social housing.

Committee Reviews Projects



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa chaired the 314th meeting of the Ministerial Committee for Development and Infrastructure Projects.

The committee reviewed developments on the tender for a new package of works under the Bahrain International Airport Access Roads Development Project and plans to develop more than 2,500 integrated housing units in Khalifa City through the Government Land Development Rights Programme.

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100+ Services Coming to Bahrain's AI Education Platform

UNESCO-King Hamad Prize recognises innovative education projects from Finland and Brazil for advancing AI, creativity and critical thinking.

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Bahrain and UNESCO honoured two international projects using digital technology and artificial intelligence to reshape education, with the 2026 UNESCO-King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Prize presented in Paris yesterday.

The 2026 prize was awarded to "Generation AI", led by the University of Eastern Finland in partnership with the University of Helsinki, the University of Oulu and other partners, and "Redacao Parana", submitted by the Education Secretariat of Brazil's State of Parana.

Speaking at the ceremony, Bahrain's Minister of Education, Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma conveyed the greetings and congratulations of His Majesty the King and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to the winners.

He highlighted Bahrain's long-standing partnership with UNESCO and said the prize represented an important outcome of that cooperation.

Dr. Juma also announced that Bahrain will soon launch an AI-powered educational platform offering more than 100 educational and administrative services for students, teachers and parents.



"The prize reflects Bahrain's strong and longstanding partnership with UNESCO."

DR MOHAMMED BIN MUBARAK JUMA,
MINISTER OF EDUCATION

The minister said Bahrain has also introduced the International Baccalaureate programme in government schools this academic year, making it the first country



in the region to integrate the IB curriculum directly into its public education system.

The ceremony coincides with Bahrain's designation of 2026 as the "Year of Isa the Great," honouring the late Isa the Great, Ruler of Bahrain and its Dependencies, whose era saw education move from traditional learning toward modern formal schooling.

UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Education Professor Cheon Tae-yeon praised

the winning projects and stressed the importance of closer coordination between UNESCO and member states in advancing digital education.

The prize, themed "Reimagining Creativity and Critical Thinking with AI", attracted 114 nominations from 58 countries and partner organisations. An independent international jury of digital education experts selected the two winners for their innovative use of technology.

Egypt Thanks HM the King



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a cable of thanks from Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi in response to His Majesty's congratulations on the anniversary of Egypt's July 23 Revolution.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, also received a cable of thanks from President El-Sisi for his congratulations on the occasion.

Bahrain Joins Space Summit



Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani attended a reception hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron at the Élysée Palace in Paris, marking the first International Space Summit.

During the reception, Dr. Al Zayani conveyed the greetings and best wishes of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa to President Macron.

The summit, brings together around 90 countries, along with researchers, astronauts, scientists, companies and international organisations. President Macron said more than 50 agreements had been signed, with 1 billion in investments announced for French space-related projects.

GCC Condemns Iranian Attacks, Demands Immediate Halt to Hostilities

Bahrain tells the UN Human Rights Council that Iran bears full responsibility for attacks threatening regional security and maritime safety

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Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office and other international organisations in Geneva, Ambassador Abdullah Abdul Latif Abdullah, delivered a statement on behalf of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries during the 63rd session of the UN Human Rights Council.

The statement was delivered during an interactive dialogue on the oral update presented by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights under Item Two of the council's agenda.

The GCC countries expressed their appreciation for the efforts



Ambassador Abdullah Abdul Latif Abdullah

of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and his office and took note of his oral briefing.

The bloc strongly condemned the recent Iranian attacks targeting several GCC countries, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and its civilian interests, including the safety of maritime navigation.

The GCC said these hostile acts constituted a flagrant violation of state sovereignty and the principles of international law, posing a direct threat to regional security and stability as well as to the safety of citizens and residents.

The GCC countries held Iran fully responsible for the consequences of the attacks and demanded their immediate cessation.

The statement also condemned the continued Israeli settlement

policies in the occupied West Bank, including the E1 settlement plan, describing them as a flagrant violation of international law and a systematic undermining of the Palestinian people's right to establish an independent state along the June 4, 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

The GCC reaffirmed its commitment to the multilateral international system, the principles of international law and the UN Charter. It also stressed its commitment to resolving disputes through peaceful means, particularly dialogue and mediation, describing them as the best way to address crises and strengthen security and stability.

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Max Fashion Unveils its Latest & Refreshed Store Design at City Centre Bahrain

● Store inaugurated by Sheikh Hamad Bin Salman Al Khalifa, Assistant Undersecretary for Domestic & Foreign Trade

● Max Fashion, part of Landmark Group and operated in Bahrain by Al Rashid Group, continues to invest in enhancing its retail presence across the Kingdom

● Revamped store combines an entirely new premium-yet-accessible look and feel with tech enhancements

Max Fashion, one of the region's leading value fashion brands and part of the Landmark Group, has launched its newly renovated store at City Centre Bahrain, introducing an all-new shopping experience that makes discovering new styles captivating and fun. The relaunch reflects the commitment by Al Rashid Group – an affiliate of the Landmark Group in the Kingdom – to continue investing in Bahrain, where it has been shaping the retail landscape for 53 years, and bringing its customers new and innovative ways to shop. The store was officially inaugurated by the guest of honor H.E. Sheikh Hamad Bin Salman Al Khalifa, Assistant Undersecretary for Domestic & Foreign Trade, in



the presence of Landmark Group leadership team, who marked the occasion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony before touring the store. Spanning over 15,000 square feet, the redesigned store brings Max Fashion's latest retail concept to one of Bahrain's most prominent shopping destinations, with a premium-yet-accessible environment designed to make fashion discovery easier and more engaging. The new environment features an open layout, wider aisles and intuitive navigation, alongside clearly defined zones that make it easier for customers to explore the latest collections for women, men and children. The new store brings together on-trend collections, digital displays, and refreshed fitting rooms with enhanced lighting, creating a more engaging and enjoyable environment. The store also incorporates advanced technology designed to make shopping faster and more seamless. RFID-enabled tracking supports greater inventory accuracy and real-time

stock visibility, helping customers find the products they want while enabling a quicker self-checkout experience. Online orders can be collected from the store through Click & Collect or delivered directly to customers with same-day delivery. Taking the experience beyond the physical store, Max Fashion is also bringing one of the region's first AI-powered Virtual Try-On experiences to customers in Bahrain through its online shopping experience. Developed with Google Cloud and powered by advanced generative AI, the feature allows shoppers to see how selected garments look, fit and drape across different body types before making a purchase. The personalised experience gives customers a better sense of how different styles could work for them, helping them explore pieces with greater confidence before making a purchase. By transforming online browsing into a more visual and interactive experience, Virtual Try-On helps remove uncertainty and gives customers the freedom to experiment

with different looks. Hani Weiss, Chief Executive Officer of Max Fashion MENA & SEA at Landmark Group, said: "Our belief has always been that latest fashion, and now technology, shouldn't carry a premium. If it makes shopping easier, it should be available to everyone. We are constantly reinventing the Max Fashion experience to meet the evolving needs of our customers, and the relaunch of our City Centre Bahrain store brings that approach to life through unique innovations by enhancing the customers' experience. Bahrain's customers are digitally fluent and value-driven in equal measure, which makes this the right market to show that innovation and accessibility can go hand in hand." The launch event builds on Max Fashion's strong connection with the Kingdom through its Love Bahrain campaign, which featured Bahraini TV presenters and media personalities Shaima Rahimi and Eman Zainal, showcasing the brand's latest collection. Bringing together Max Fashion's contemporary fashion offering



with familiar local personalities, the campaign celebrates Bahrain's diverse community and local talent. It also reflects Max Fashion's focus on understanding the needs, preferences and lifestyles of Bahraini customers, helping shape a fashion offering that feels relevant to the local market. Sandeep Narain, Senior Vice President & Country Head, Bahrain, Al Rashid Group said: "Al Rashid Group's story began here in 1973, and more than five decades on, Bahrain remains central to how Landmark Group grows. Today we operate over 20 outlets and two malls across the Kingdom, and this store is the clearest expression yet of how we intend to keep serving Bahraini families: with better spaces, smarter technology and a shopping experience built around how people actually live and shop here. We are not simply refreshing a store; we are continuing to invest in our brands in Bahrain, because we have real confidence in where this market and its retail sector are heading." The relaunch also forms part of Max Fashion's wider commitment to evolving its operations responsibly. Sustainability remains a long-term priority for the brand, with an increasing focus on eco-friendly fabrics, packaging

and community initiatives as it continues to grow across the region. The September collection is designed around the way customers live today. As the season begins to shift, the collection is focused on versatile pieces that make transitioning from one moment to the next feel effortless. Lightweight layers, elevated textures and considered details bring together comfort, style and practicality for both women and men, while the modern smart-casual edit offers easy options that move seamlessly from the workday into the evening. For kids, the collection takes a fresh approach to new-season dressing, combining comfortable essentials with playful colors and versatile denim styles that allow personality and self-expression to shine through. Across every category, the focus remains the same: delivering fashion-forward styles, exceptional value and effortless wearability for the season ahead. Max Fashion entered Bahrain in 2007 and today operates eight stores across the Kingdom's four governorates. Customers can now visit the newly opened store at City Centre Bahrain or shop online at maxfashion.com.

Bahrain India Ties



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa received outgoing Indian Ambassador Vinod Jacob, highlighting the longstanding Bahrain-India relationship and the continued growth of economic and trade ties. Shaikh Khalid commended the Indian community's contributions to Bahrain's development and praised Ambassador Jacob's efforts to strengthen bilateral cooperation during his tenure.

Historic Manama Building



Speaker of the Council of Representatives Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam visited the historic Manama Municipality Building to review its restoration and the Municipal Exhibition, accompanied by Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak and senior officials. The visit included a tour of the restored building and its original architectural features, along with documents and exhibits highlighting Bahrain's municipal history.

RHF Strengthens Partnership



Engineer Ibrahim Dalhan Al Doseri, Acting Secretary General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF), received Jocelyn Fenard, Representative UNFPA GCC, during his official visit to Bahrain. He was accompanied by Hassan Alrayes, Partnership and Liaison Officer, UNFPA GCC, Nawaful Shehab, Youth Empowerment Office UNFPA, and Hashem Mahfouz, Organizations Sector, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The two sides reviewed areas of mutual interest and cooperation and explored practical avenues for joint initiatives.

GCC Defence Coordination



Major General Staff Sheikh Ali bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Assistant Chief of Staff for Human Resources, led Bahrain's delegation at the 18th meeting of the Committee of Administration and Human Resources in the Armed Forces of GCC countries, held in Qatar. The meeting brought together members of the GCC Committee of Administration and Human Resources, with the participation of Major General Staff Salman bin Ibrahim Al Fadhala, Assistant Secretary-General for Military Affairs at the GCC Secretariat, and a representative of the Unified Military Command. Discussions covered administration, human resources and joint military action.

Private Sector Partnership



Capital Governor His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Hamoud Al Khalifa received businessman Yousif Salahuddin and Salah Yousif Salahuddin at the Governorate's office in Al Gudaibiya, where they reviewed community and development initiatives implemented by the Capital Governorate. The Governor praised the Salahuddin Group's continued contributions to supporting the Governorate's initiatives and projects, highlighting the private sector's role in strengthening community partnerships.

Diamond Health Standard



Brigadier Adnan Juma Bahar, Director General of the General Directorate of Reform and Rehabilitation, received the Diamond Level Healthy Workplace Certificate, presented by the Ministry of Health to the Pretrial Detention Centre. The recognition reflects the Directorate's efforts to promote a healthy workplace and sustainable practices through initiatives that support employees' quality of life. Brigadier Bahar said the certificate, the highest level awarded under the Healthy Workplace initiative, demonstrates the Directorate's commitment to approved health standards and programmes promoting healthy lifestyles.

Building on Trust, Driving Growth : Satish Babu Khiradkar Takes Charge as COO of New India Assurance Bahrain

The New India Assurance Co. Ltd. has appointed Mr. Satish Babu Khiradkar as Chief Operating Officer (COO) for Bahrain operations. Mr. Khiradkar took charge on 9 September 2026, succeeding Ms. Nimisha Kadam following the completion of her tenure.

An accomplished insurance professional, Mr. Khiradkar brings a distinctive blend of strong academic credentials, specialised insurance qualifications, extensive operational experience and a recognised passion for knowledge sharing to his new role. He holds B.A., B.Com. and M.Com. degrees, UGC-NET and SET qualifications, Fellowship in Insurance, along with specialised Diplomas in Fire, Health and Marine Insurance. His professional journey with New



Satish Babu Khiradkar,
COO, New India Assurance Bahrain

India Assurance spans diverse functions including branch management, underwriting, finance, business development and corporate/key account



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management, most recently serving as Chief Business Manager and Key Business Office In-charge. This breadth of experience has given him a comprehensive understanding of insurance operations, business development, risk and customer management.

His expertise and knowledge of insurance have also earned recognition in the professional training fraternity, with leading general insurance training institutes in India regularly inviting him as a Guest Faculty to deliver sessions on various insurance subjects and share his practical knowledge

and experience with insurance professionals.

On assuming charge, Mr. Khiradkar acknowledged the valuable contributions of his predecessors, including Mr. Vineet Kumar, Mr. Sohan Lal Koli, Mr. Hemendra Swaroop and Ms. Nimisha Kadam, whose efforts have helped strengthen the company's Bahrain operations.

He also highlighted New India Assurance's longstanding association with its Appointed Representative International Agencies Co. Ltd. (Intercol) and particularly appreciated the significant contribution of Mr. Abdul Rahman Ali Abdul Rahman

Alwazzan in strengthening this enduring relationship. He also expressed his appreciation for the continued support and cooperation extended by all brokers, business partners and fellow insurers.

Expressing his delight at his arrival in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Mr. Khiradkar said, "I am extremely delighted with the warm welcome I have received in Bahrain. The care, cooperation and genuine support extended by the people here, our colleagues, business associates and well-wishers have made my beginning truly memorable."

Thanking all insureds and customers for their continued trust in New India Assurance, he assured them of continued commitment to prompt, professional and dependable service. "We deeply value the

confidence our customers have placed in us and assure them that they will continue to receive the same high standards of service, with our constant endeavour to further improve responsiveness and turnaround time," he said.

As COO, Mr. Khiradkar will focus on customer-centric service, sustainable growth, prudent underwriting and stronger relationships with corporates, brokers and other intermediaries, while building upon New India Assurance's long-standing legacy in Bahrain.

"We have a strong legacy and trusted relationships. My endeavour will be to build upon this foundation and take New India Assurance Bahrain to greater heights, with customer trust and service remaining at the heart of our priorities," he added.

Wadi Al-Buhair remains open to public



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Wadi Al-Buhair remains open to the public and has not been shut by the Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Ministry or any other authority, Southern Municipal Council chairman Abdullah Abdul Latif has said.

He spoke after questions were raised over access to the valley, where plans call for building to be kept away while residents are given paths, lighting and traditional cafés.

'Wadi Al-Buhair is not closed,' Mr Abdul Latif told The Daily Tribune. 'Photographers can go there and take pictures.' He said fewer people had visited over the past couple of months because of the hot summer weather, rather than because anyone had barred entry. Parts of the wadi's rocky hills and terrain were ordered to be treated as a nature reserve in 2022, with the land protected from urban development.

Mr Abdul Latif said the move was meant to keep construction away rather than stop people entering.

Migratory and resident birds use the wetland, which lies between East Riffa and Sanad. Storks and gulls are among the birds seen there.

The area is also known for old limestone formations and fossils, with environmental studies putting parts of its geology at about 45 million years old.

Mr Abdul Latif wants the



"The aim is to protect the wadi, not prevent public access."

ABDULLAH ABDUL LATIF, SOUTHERN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

valley kept as a haven for birds while making it easier for residents to walk through and spend time there.

Plans include paths, lighting and traditional cafés. He also called on banks and large firms to help pay for tree planting and work on green spaces.

'It can become a lung for the area,' he said. A retention pond in the area also receives water from nearby freshwater aquifers, with aerators used to keep the water moving and curb stagnation and odour. The aim is to stop standing water from collecting near homes and becoming a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Mr Abdul Latif said he wanted the valley kept green, its water problems dealt with and its paths opened to residents. He cited Bahrain's target of three million trees, saying Wadi Al-Buhair should remain green and free from building.

Call to curb 24-hour karak shops

Karak shops accused of trading all night without permission are blocking Zallaq's main road, with customers' cars at times making it hard for ambulances to get through, a councillor has warned.

Hamad Al Zuabi told the Southern Municipal Council during its meeting yesterday that some shops stay open 24 hours a day even though their licences do not allow them to trade through the night.

He said a single car stopping by the roadside could hold up traffic across the area.

Mr Al Zuabi said the trouble went beyond shop signs. Shops staying open late bring cars onto Shaikh Yousif Al-Seddiqi Avenue, a key route into and out of Zallaq, he said.

Karak shops in residential areas, he argued, had no need to trade all night when customers stopping outside could block the road and disturb people living nearby.

Cars left along the avenue can leave little room for passing traffic. Ambulances have at times struggled to get through, he said.

Mr Al Zuabi said late-night businesses should be moved to petrol stations or commercial centres with enough parking rather than operate along residential roads.

He also called for checks



"Late-night shops are creating traffic and disturbing residents."

— HAMAD AL ZUABI, SOUTHERN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBER

after midnight on shops required to close at that hour, saying visits after closing time would show which businesses were still trading.

Mr Al Zuabi also questioned how shop-sign permits were being handled. He said the municipality had taken action in some cases despite owners holding permits, while other requests had gone unanswered.

He called for clear rules on signs, opening hours and licences, along with checks on businesses accused of breaking them, blocking roads or disturbing residents.



60-Stall Market Plan for Isa Town

Long-shut Lebanon Trade Centre proposed as home for local traders



The former Lebanon Trade Centre in Isa Town

A 60-stall central market for local food traders is being proposed at Isa Town's long-shut Lebanon Trade Centre as investors show interest in the site.

Southern Municipal Council member Mubarak Faraj said a memorandum was being drawn up to turn the former supermarket into a market for fish, fruit, vegetables, meat and poultry.

The building already has electricity and other services, which he said would save the cost of building a new market from scratch.

'The idea is to make this a proper central market for local traders,' he told The Daily Tribune. 'The buildings are already there and they have electricity and the basic services, so we can make use of what exists instead of spending money on new buildings.'

Around 20 stalls would go to fish sellers and another 20 to fruit and vegetable traders, with separate sections for meat and poultry.

Mr Faraj said the market would be mainly for smaller local sellers who cannot afford high shop rents.

'We want local traders to have somewhere they can work and sell their goods at rents they can afford,' he said. 'They should have a place where they are not pushed out by bigger businesses.'

He wants part of the site



Mubarak Faraj, Southern Municipal Council member

kept for small local traders as the municipality weighs bids for the property.

The Lebanon Trade Centre, once a large supermarket serving Isa Town, has been closed since November 2022.

It was emptied under a court eviction order in June 2024 after the company running it failed to meet payments to the Southern Municipality.

Home Electronics was also caught up in the dispute.

Mr Faraj said the existing flea market, known as Maqasees, was not a proper central market and suggested turning the former supermarket into a food market for Isa Town.

Part of the former electronics area is now used for sports and martial arts.

The Southern Municipal Council held the first meeting of its fifth and final session yesterday.

Chery Bahrain Hosts 2nd International Skills Contest, Reinforcing Service Excellence

Chery Bahrain hosted the 2nd Chery International Skills Contest, bringing together skilled professionals from across Chery's network in the Middle East. A total of 9 countries participated in this international showcase of expertise, professionalism and service excellence.

Hosting the international competition in Bahrain for the second time reflected the strength of Chery's local operations and the Kingdom's growing role within the brand's wider network. It also provided an opportunity to bring international expertise and best practices into the local market, enabling Chery Bahrain's teams to benchmark their capabilities against wider Chery standards.

Building on the success of the inaugural edition, this year's competition expanded to include both Technician and Service Advisor categories, placing greater emphasis on the complete after-sales journey, from technical expertise to customer service and communication. The competition also encouraged con-



tinuous learning and knowledge sharing among professionals across Chery's service network.

Participants were evaluated through practical and knowledge-based challenges covering key areas of technical and service delivery. Technicians demonstrated their capabilities in areas such as diagnosis, inspection and repair quality, while service advisors were assessed across key stages of the customer journey, including understanding customer needs, service delivery and

communication.

Following the competition, Hamzeh Afsan from Jordan was crowned champion in the Technician category, followed by Ali Hantoosh from Bahrain as first runner-up and Mohamed Hassan from Egypt as second runner-up. In the Service Advisor category, Jameel Ali from Bahrain secured first place, followed by Mahesh Krishnan from Qatar and Amanda Alshair from Kuwait as first and second runners-up, respectively.

The competition formed part of Chery

Bahrain's continued investment in its people and aftersales capabilities. By creating opportunities for its teams to learn, exchange expertise and measure themselves against international standards, Chery Bahrain continues to strengthen service quality and equip its people to deliver a consistently high-quality customer experience, ultimately building greater confidence in the brand.



American Mission Hospital and British University of Bahrain Sign Memorandum of Understanding

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American Mission Hospital (AMH) and the British University of Bahrain (BUB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen collaboration in education, health-care, professional development, research, and community engagement.

The MOU was signed at the King Hamad American Mission Hospital (KHAMH) by Dr. George Cheriyan, Corporate Chief Executive Officer of American Mission Hospital, on behalf of AMH, and Dr. Ebrahim M. Janahi, President of the British University of Bahrain, on behalf of BUB.

The partnership will provide



opportunities for BUB students to undertake internships, practical training opportunities and observation experiences at KHAMH, while facilitating knowledge-sharing through joint workshops, seminars, guest lectures and professional devel-

opment initiatives.

The collaboration will also support joint awareness and community outreach campaigns focused on health, wellbeing and psychology-related knowledge, as well as opportunities for collaborative research, publications and applied studies.

This strategic partnership reflects the shared commitment of American Mission Hospital and the British University of Bahrain to developing future professionals, encouraging knowledge exchange and contributing positively to the wider community.

American Mission Hospital looks forward to a productive partnership that supports student development, advances knowledge, and strengthens community engagement.



Police warn children over fake online profiles

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Parents should promise children they will not punish them or cut their screen time for reporting an online stranger, a senior police officer has said.

Colonel Dr Osama Bahar, head of Hidd Police Station, said children must know they can tell their parents about messages or pictures from strangers without fearing punishment or losing time on their phones, tablets or games.

In a video message published on the Interior Ministry's media platforms, he asked parents to hand the device to their children after making that promise first.

"Tell your beautiful princess and your little man: 'I promise, as your father or mother, that I will stand by you and I will not punish you over any word or picture sent by a stranger,'" he said.

He also asked parents to promise that reporting such contact would not lead to less screen time.

Colonel Dr Bahar then addressed children directly.

'Any stranger you do not know, do not talk to them on



any programme, any game or any app,' he said.

If a stranger gets in touch, children should screenshot the messages and pictures, make no reply and show them to their parents.

Colonel Dr Bahar told the story of a boy in the United States who began talking online to



someone he believed was a girl.

Those behind the account learnt which school he attended, where he lived and who his parents were. The boy also sent a picture of himself and received an inappropriate picture in return.

He later discovered that the account was being run by three men from another continent.

'Behind the picture of a pretty girl was a group of monsters who wanted to harm the boy in any way they could,' Colonel Dr Bahar said.

He said something bad later happened to the boy, but did not say what.

Colonel Dr Bahar urged children to think of themselves as brave and smart enough to refuse contact from strangers and tell their parents what had happened.

'A hero is someone who is not afraid, who screenshots everything a stranger sends, does not reply at all and tells his mother and father about anything he receives,' he said.

Colonel Osama Bahar - Head of Hidd Police Station

From The Court

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22 Drug Capsules Recovered From Suspect

An Asian man was arrested at Bahrain airport after authorities received confidential information that he planned to smuggle drugs into the Kingdom concealed inside his body. An alert was issued to air entry points after investigations identified the suspect and his expected arrival.

The man was handed over to the Anti-Narcotics Directorate and admitted hiding the drugs inside his body.

He was taken to a hospital, where 22 capsules were removed in two batches. Bahraini and Gulf currencies were also found in his possession.

Investigations linked him to an organised drug-trafficking network. The Public Prosecution charged him with importing and possessing narcotic drugs for trafficking and personal use. The High Criminal Court will issue its judgment on September 29.

The Lower Criminal Court sentenced a defendant to one year in prison and ordered the confiscation of his mobile phone after he published social media posts containing offensive remarks about Islamic figures.

The case began after the Cybercrime Combating Directorate reported the posts to the Public Prosecution, noting that they had been widely circulated and could incite discord and undermine social cohesion.

The defendant admitted publishing the posts during questioning. The Cybercrime



Prosecution said it would continue to take firm action against the unlawful use of social media, including offences involving religious figures and sanctities.

One-Year Jail Term for Offensive Posts

Two Sisters Jailed Over 77 Stolen-Card Phones

Two sisters have had their four-year prison sentences upheld by the Court of Cassation after being convicted of laundering more than BD21,000 linked to the purchase and sale of 77 mobile phones using stolen credit card details.

The case came to light after an electronics retailer noticed suspicious transactions in which phones were paid for from an Arab country but delivered to people in Bahrain. Investigations traced the deliveries to the sisters, who allegedly received and sold the phones before transferring proceeds to a man abroad.



Financial investigations found that more than BD21,000 was transferred through exchange houses and other individuals to conceal the source of the money. The first defendant, who remains at large, was separately sentenced in absentia to six years in prison and a BD100,000 fine.

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Bapco Energies, through its corporate venture arm, BeVentures, has successfully deployed Andium's advanced emissions monitoring and decarbonization technology within its Upstream operations, marking the first operational deployment arising from a BeVentures investment.

The deployment brings Andium's technology into Bapco Upstream's operations, strengthening methane detection and emissions monitoring capabilities through more timely and accurate operational data. The technology is expected to support improved safety, efficiency, and environmental performance while demonstrating how BeVentures can connect emerging technologies with real operational requirements across the Group.

The deployment was announced at Bapco Upstream in the presence of Mr. Mark Thomas, Group Chief Executive Officer of Bapco Energies; Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery, Acting Managing Director at Bapco Energies, and Chief Executive Officer of Bapco Refining; Mr. Johanns Pleininger, Chief Executive Officer of Bapco Upstream; Mrs. Basema Al Mah-



roos, Chief Executive Officer of Bapco Tazweed; Mrs. Areije Al Shakar, Chief Executive Officer of BeVentures; Mr. Jory Schwach, Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Andium; alongside other senior executives.

Ms. Areije Al Shakar, Chief Executive Officer of BeVentures, added: "The deployment of Andium's technology at Bapco Upstream demonstrates how targeted investments can deliver practical value within our operations. BeVentures' role goes beyond investing in promising technologies. We look for solutions that can address real business needs and then work

with our operating companies to put them into practice".

Mr. Johanns Pleininger, Chief Executive Officer of Bapco Upstream, commented: "Andium's solution provides our teams with more timely visibility into methane emissions and field conditions, enabling faster detection, improved monitoring, and more informed operational decision-making. As methane management continues to be an important area of focus for the industry, this deployment represents a practical step forward in strengthening our capabilities and advancing more efficient and responsible operations."

Mr. Jory Schwach, Chief Ex-

ecutive Officer and Founder of Andium, said: "Bapco Energies has shown what it looks like when an investor is also the operator. Andium's technology is now running at Bapco Upstream, giving teams continuous, real-time visibility into methane and operational conditions rather than periodic snapshots. We are proud to be the first BeVentures investment to go live in the field, and we look forward to extending this across the Group."



The successful deployment provides a foundation for exploring further applications of the technology across Bapco Energies' operations, supporting continued improvements in operational performance and emissions management.



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Financial Statements

31 December 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2025

	December 31, 2025 BHD	December 31, 2024 BHD
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property and equipment	1,768,406	2,336,737
Total non-current assets	1,768,406	2,336,737
Current assets		
Investments	28,427,224	22,173,150
Accounts receivables	2,720,040	2,599,822
Prepayments and other assets	-	476,876
Cash and bank balances	4,567,332	13,904,341
Total current assets	35,714,596	39,154,189
Total assets	37,483,002	41,490,926
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Retained surplus	15,401,740	15,946,270
Total equity	15,401,740	15,946,270
Liabilities		
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	-	278,595
Employee end of service liabilities	58,924	51,841
Deferred income	15,503,388	18,663,258
Total non-current liabilities	15,562,312	18,993,694
Current liabilities		
Accounts payables	654,987	671,834
Accruals and other liabilities	284,977	318,283
Deferred income	5,303,530	5,288,721
Lease liabilities	275,456	272,124
Total current liabilities	6,518,950	6,550,962
Total liabilities	22,081,262	25,544,656
Total equity and liabilities	37,483,002	41,490,926

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	2025 BHD	2024 BHD
Operating income		
Annual telecom license fees	8,432,604	8,522,252
Amortization on frequency and spectrum fees	5,288,721	5,272,842
Frequency and spectrum fees	3,540,612	3,825,857
Other regulatory income	2,366,333	2,042,211
Income from issuing numbers	1,075,860	1,073,371
Fines and application fees	451,748	431,811
Total operating income	21,155,878	21,168,344
Operating expenses		
Staff costs	(4,022,617)	(4,037,637)
General and administrative expenses	(1,161,995)	(1,333,440)
Consultancy and legal fees	(737,961)	(588,035)
Advertising and publicity	(48,699)	(49,996)
Lease interest expense	(21,793)	(41,073)
Depreciation	(563,959)	(575,019)
Provision for doubtful debts on other receivables	(567,956)	-
Total operating expenses	(7,124,980)	(6,625,200)
Net income from operation	14,030,898	14,543,144
Non-operating income		
Interest income	102,020	200,139
Investments fair value gain	1,254,074	1,174,547
Other income	14,748	28,440
Total non-operating income	1,370,842	1,403,126
Surplus for the year	15,401,740	15,946,270

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	2025 BHD	2024 BHD
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Surplus for the year	15,401,740	15,946,270
Adjustment for:		
Amortisation of deferred income	(5,288,721)	(5,272,842)
Investment fair value gain	(1,254,074)	(1,174,547)
Depreciation	563,959	575,019
Adjustment on property and equipment	37,210	-
Lease interest	21,793	41,073
Provision for employees' benefits	7,083	10,524
Provision for doubtful debts on other receivables	567,956	-
	10,056,946	10,125,497
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decreased / (increased) accounts receivables	(120,217)	(338,395)
(Increased) / decreased prepayments and other assets	(91,080)	288,059
(Decreased) / increased accounts payables	(16,848)	646,259
Increased / (decreased) accruals and other liabilities	(33,306)	(717,088)
Deferred income received during the year	2,143,660	2,126,035
Employees benefits paid	-	(12,160)
Net cash generated from operating activities	11,939,155	12,118,207
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of property and equipment	(31,330)	(346,815)
Acquisition of new investments	(5,000,000)	-
Decrease in term deposits with banks	-	7,773,438
Net cash (used in) / generated from investing activities	(5,031,330)	7,426,623
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Surplus remitted to the Ministry of Finance and National Economy	(15,946,270)	(13,728,146)
Principal payment of lease liabilities	(276,771)	(281,601)
Interest expense paid	(21,793)	(41,073)
Net cash used in financing activities	(16,244,834)	(14,050,820)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	(9,337,009)	5,494,010
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	13,904,341	8,410,331
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	4,567,332	13,904,341

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on August 12, 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Eng. Muna Al Sayed Ali Al Hashemi
Chairperson

Philip Marnick
General Director

With Prizes Totalling \$2 Million:

Al Baraka Islamic Bank Announces “Bab alBarakat” and Unveils \$1 Million “Millionaire alBarakat” Prize

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Al Baraka Islamic Bank, one of the leading Islamic banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain, recently announced the launch of the new 2026–2027 edition of “Bab alBarakat” Prize scheme, featuring cash prizes with a total value of USD2 million. The new edition reflects the Bank’s continued commitment to rewarding its customers and promoting a culture of savings in accordance with the principles of Islamic Shari’a.

The new scheme will feature the launch of the “Millionaire alBarakat” prize, worth USD 1 million, with one winner to be announced during the final draw scheduled for March 2027. The prize will be the largest ever offered under the Al Barakat Scheme, while the remaining prizes will be awarded through a series of draws held



Mazin Dhaif, Chief Retail Officer at Al Baraka Islamic Bank

throughout the programme period. The scheme will also feature a variety of monthly prizes, including a monthly salary prize totalling USD 120,000, special “alBarakat Plus” prizes, as well as a range of other cash prizes that provide customers with more opportunities to win and achieve their financial aspirations.

The first draws will com-

mence in October 2026, with subsequent draws continuing until March 2027, giving eligible alBarakat and alBarakat Plus customers multiple opportunities to win as they maintain and grow their savings balances.

In this regard, Al Baraka Islamic Bank invites both existing and new customers to open an “alBarakat” or “alBarakat Plus” account, or increase their existing balances, to take advantage

of the available opportunities and qualify for the upcoming draws, bringing them one step closer to becoming the next “Millionaire alBarakat”.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr Mazin Dhaif, Chief Retail Officer at Al Baraka Islamic Bank, said: “The new edition of Bab alBarakat scheme marks another milestone in our journey to deliver an increasingly rewarding and valuable banking

experience to our customers. We have enhanced it to offer bigger prizes and a wider range of winning opportunities, in line with our customers’ aspirations and our commitment to promoting a culture of savings and long-term financial planning.”

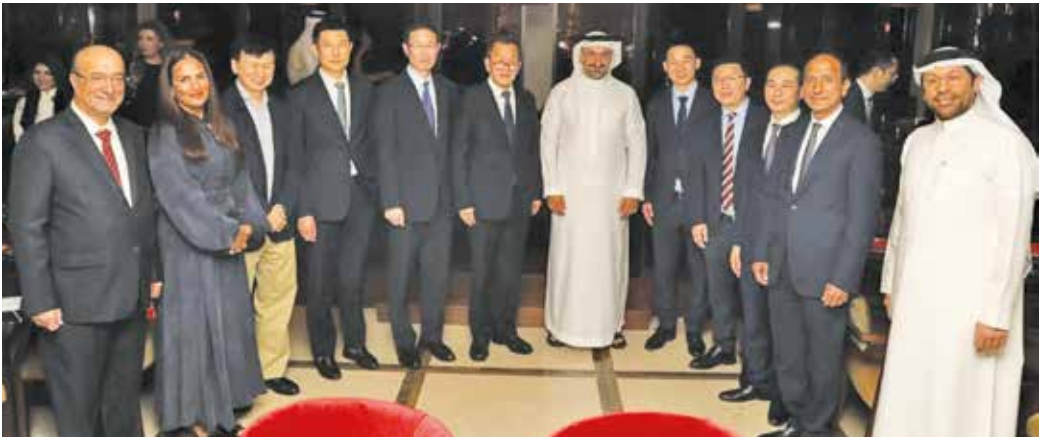
He added: “We are proud to announce the launch of the USD 1 million ‘Millionaire alBarakat’ prize, which reflects our vision of delivering meaningful value to our customers and rewarding them for their continued trust. We encourage all customers to seize this opportunity by growing and maintaining their balances, as one of them could be our next ‘Millionaire alBarakat’.”

The “Bab alBarakat” scheme

is one of Al Baraka Islamic Bank’s leading savings schemes, combining opportunities to win rewarding prizes with access to a comprehensive range of Shari’a-compliant banking services and solutions, providing customers with a trusted and integrated banking experience.

Al Baraka Islamic Bank is among the leading Islamic banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Since its establishment in 1984, the Bank has achieved outstanding results in providing banking services to both individuals and corporates. It has a strong track record of innovation and delivering Shari’a-compliant investment and financing solutions. The Bank also continues to play a pioneering role in supporting social responsibility and sustainability initiatives, maintaining a prominent position among Islamic banking institutions serving customers worldwide.

Gulf Hotels Group Reopens China Garden at Gulf Hotel Bahrain as Part of Wider Renovation and Expansion plan



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Gulf Hotels Group (GHG), Bahrain’s leading hospitality company, today reopened China Garden at Gulf Hotel Bahrain following a full renovation, under the patronage of H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce. The ceremony, held three decades after China Garden first opened at the hotel in 1996, was attended by the Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the Kingdom of Bahrain, business officials, senior editors and representatives of Bahrain’s media, and GHG’s Chairman, Vice Chairman and board of directors.

The reopening forms part of a broader renovation plan under way across Gulf Hotel Bahrain’s dining portfolio, as Gulf Hotels Group reinvests in some of its most established restaurant brands. Alongside China Garden, GHG has also recently completed renovations of two other long-standing restaurants at the hotel: Takht Jamsheed, known for its Persian fine dining and live entertainment, and Café Délice, the hotel’s all-day Middle Eastern and international café. The work has run alongside Gulf Hotel Bahrain’s own phased renovation, following the Group’s agreement with Marriott International in 2024 to integrate the property into Marriott’s Autograph Collection portfolio and the Marri-



ott Bonvoy loyalty programme, while the hotel continues to operate under GHG management and retains its original name.

The renovation also marks a further step in China Garden’s own growth beyond Gulf Hotel Bahrain. Known for Szechuan, Cantonese and Peking specialities prepared by a dedicated team of Chinese chefs, the restaurant extended to Al Liwan in 2024 and, later that year, introduced Zen by China Garden, a concept restaurant led by Chef Wang at Time Out Market Bahrain. Across its locations, the brand has kept its emphasis on authentic Chinese cuisine and traditional cooking techniques, an approach GHG credits with the concept’s three-decade run in a dining market that has changed considerably since it first opened.

Ahmed Janahi, Group Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Hotels Group, said “The renovation programme across both our hotels and restaurants re-

flects the company’s long-term commitment to reinvesting in our properties and contributing to the growth of Bahrain’s tourism sector,” he said “China Garden has been part of Bahrain’s dining scene for thirty years, and this renovation is about ensuring it continues to meet the expectations of our guests without losing the authenticity that built its reputation,” he said. “It is also part of the wider strategy we have set for the Group: renewing our restaurants and hotels, growing our brands into new locations, and building a portfolio that can compete regionally as well as at home.”

Gulf Hotel Bahrain, the Group’s flagship property and the first five-star hotel to open in the Kingdom, in 1969, remains at the centre of a multi-year renovation programme that the Group says will continue over the coming years as part of its wider strategy of growing its hotel and restaurant brands across the region.

BASREC Celebrates the Achievement of Two Bahraini Engineers in Global Training Programme with BAE Systems Company in the UK



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Mr. Fawzi Ahmed Kanoo, Chairman of Bahrain Ship Repairing & Engineering Company B.S.C. (BASREC), welcomed engineers Ameera Hashem and Marwa Al Nazer and congratulated them on successfully completing a three-month international work experience programme with BAE Systems at Portsmouth Naval Base in the United Kingdom, supported by the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) under its Global Work Experience Programme.

Mr. Kanoo expressed his pride in the engineers’ achievement, commending their competence, professionalism, and distinguished representation of BASREC and the Kingdom of Bahrain. He highlighted the importance of such opportunities in developing Bahraini engineering expertise and strengthening the role of women in the maritime sector.

He added that the initiative builds on the long-standing relationship between BASREC and BAE Systems, developed through years of cooperation in supporting, repairing, and maintaining Royal Navy vessels in the Arabian Gulf. The programme also creates further opportunities for knowledge exchange, transfer of expertise, and the adoption of international best practices in developing Bahraini engineering

talent.

During the programme, which ran from June to August 2026, Ameera and Marwa worked alongside the maritime support teams at Portsmouth Naval Base, gaining specialised practical experience in asset management, ship repair and maintenance, safety and compliance, testing and commissioning, as well as exposure to international best practices in marine engineering.

At the conclusion of the programme, Mr. Scott Jamieson, Managing Director at BAE Systems, praised Ameera and Marwa for their professionalism, commitment, and performance. He also highlighted the long-standing relationship between BAE Systems and BASREC, built over years of cooperation in supporting, repairing, and maintaining naval vessels. He noted that this initiative further strengthens the partnership through the exchange of expertise and knowledge and exposure to international best practices.

Mrs. Narjis Almoosawi, Acting Chief Executive Officer of BASREC, said: “We are proud of Ameera and Marwa’s achievement and of them being the first two Arab female engineers to participate in this training programme with BAE Systems at the Naval Base. Their achievement reflects the capabilities of Bahraini talent

and the growing presence of women in the maritime sector.

“We also extend our sincere appreciation to the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) for supporting this valuable opportunity, which has contributed to the exchange of expertise, transfer of knowledge, and exposure to international best practices. This achievement reflects BASREC’s commitment to developing Bahraini talent, empowering women in technical and engineering fields, and leveraging international expertise to strengthen the Kingdom of Bahrain’s maritime capabilities.”

Commenting on their experience, Ameera and Marwa said: “We extend our sincere thanks to BASREC’s management and the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) for providing us with this valuable opportunity. We are proud to have represented the Kingdom of Bahrain and BASREC in this international experience, which enriched our practical expertise and developed our knowledge in marine engineering, ship management, repair and maintenance, while exposing us to international best practices.

“We look forward to putting the knowledge and experience we have gained into practice at BASREC and sharing it with our colleagues to contribute to the continued development of our operations and strengthen the company’s technical capabilities.”

Bahrain Chamber Explores International Cooperation

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The Bahrain Chamber attended the AIM Investment Summit 2026, held in Dubai under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai, and in partnership with the UAE Ministry of Foreign Trade. The participation reflected the strong and historic fraternal ties between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, as well as their growing economic, trade, investment, and social integration.

The delegation engaged with investors, business leaders, and decision-makers to explore promising investment opportunities, build partnerships, and connect Bahraini businesses with international counterparts, supporting greater mar-



ket access and competitiveness.

Second Vice Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Nawaf Al Zayani, and Head of the delegation, said that the Summit provided an important platform to promote Bahrain's investment opportunities, strengthen engagement with investors and decision-makers, and explore areas of cooperation that support the private sector and economic growth.

He noted that the Summit facilitated the exchange of expertise and perspectives, while opening new avenues for promising and sustainable partnerships for Bahrain's private sector.

During his participation in the session titled "Chambers in the Era of Technology," Al Zayani highlighted the role of chambers of commerce in promoting sustainable trade and



reshaping the investment ecosystem. He emphasized the importance of digitalizing trade, advancing sustainability, enabling small and medium-sized enterprises to expand internationally, and strengthening cooperation among chambers of commerce. He also highlighted the role of technology and artificial intelligence in connecting businesses with markets, investment opportunities, and supply

chains, while enhancing their global competitiveness.

He stressed the importance of translating cooperation among chambers of commerce into practical initiatives that connect businesses, increase exports, attract investment, and strengthen supply chain resilience, thereby supporting sustainable growth amid evolving economic and geopolitical conditions.

In addition to Al Zayani, the delegation included Vice Treasurer Khalid Juma and Board Members Sussan Abu Al Hassan and Abeer Almoayyed. The delegation attended a number of economic sessions and held meetings, including a session on global investment prospects and investment trends in the GCC countries, as well as meetings with the Ajman Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Moroccan Agency for the Development of Investments and Exports (AMDIE) to explore cooperation, partnership, and investment opportunities.

The participation reaffirmed the Bahrain Chamber's role in supporting the Kingdom's economic priorities, strengthening its position as an attractive destination for investment and business, promoting economic diversification, and attracting quality investments that contribute to sustainable growth.

'AA' MSCI ESG rating makes Zain one of the GCC's highest-rated companies

● **Zain's ESG rating ranks it among global telecom leaders of 164 companies**

● **Zain Bahrain continues to support the Kingdom's economic development through digital innovation, advanced technology solutions and responsible business practices, in line with Bahrain Economic Vision 2030.**

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Zain Group, a leading TechCo providing innovative ICT and digital lifestyle communications across eight markets in the Middle East and Africa, has recently seen its Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) rating upgraded from 'A' to 'AA', marking a significant milestone in the Group's ongoing commitment of sustainable growth, sound governance and responsible business leadership.

This makes Zain one of the highest-rated companies across the region of all industries within the MSCI ESG assessment uni-

verse and places Zain Group in the Leader category among a global peer universe of 164 telecommunications companies.

Zain cemented its position among the highest-performing telecommunications companies in the GCC, including Zain Bahrain, while reinforcing the momentum of its long-term ESG journey and demonstrating the effectiveness of the Group's approach to identifying and managing material ESG risks and opportunities.

Zain Vice-Chairman and Group CEO, Bader Al-Kharafi commented, "Achieving an 'AA' ESG rating marks a defining milestone in Zain's transformation into a purpose-driven TechCo. It is a collective, Group-wide achievement that validates the disciplined execution of our '4WARD-Progress with Purpose' strategy. Across Zain's ecosystem, our Boards, governance structures and sustainability teams are embedding sound environmental, social and governance practices into strategic decision-making and operational execution."

He added: "Our progression to an 'AA' rating demonstrates that credible ESG leadership is built through consistent action, transparent measurement and accountability. By ensuring that



Rating marks a defining milestone in Zain's transformation into a purpose-driven TechCo and validates the execution of our '4WARD-Progress with Purpose' strategy

BADER AL-KHARAFI,
ZAIN VICE-CHAIRMAN AND GROUP CEO



At Zain Bahrain, we see ESG not simply as a corporate responsibility, but as an important component of how we create long-term value for our customers, employees, shareholders and the wider community.

AMMAR AL KETBI, CEO, ZAIN BAHRAIN

our governance frameworks remain aligned with evolving international standards and best practices across every business function, we have strengthened our ability to anticipate risks, safeguard stakeholder trust and create lasting value. This progress also advances our purpose: 'Better Lives. Lasting Connec-

tions."

Commenting on the achievement, Ammar Al-Ketbi, Zain Bahrain CEO, said: "Zain 'AA' MSCI ESG rating is a significant achievement that reflects how sustainability and responsible business practices are increasingly embedded across our operations. At Zain Bahrain, we

see ESG not simply as a corporate responsibility, but as an important component of how we create long-term value for our customers, employees, shareholders and the wider community. This direction is particularly relevant in Bahrain, where sustainability, competitiveness and innovation remain central to the Kingdom's long-term economic development."

The latest assessment recognized Zain's continued advancement across several material areas, with the Group performing above the telecommunications industry average in privacy and data security, labor management, environmental practices and corporate behavior, including internal controls and policies.

Zain's data security practices were identified as leading those of industry peers, supported by pre-emptive measures, established incident-response mechanisms and provisions for conducting due diligence on the data-security practices of suppliers.

The assessment also recognized the Group's efforts to strengthen employee engagement and responsible workplace practices through measures to support a culture in which ethical conduct, employee experience and accountability are treated as core components of

long-term business performance.

Zain's 'AA' rating reinforces the strategic importance the Group places on effective oversight, ethical leadership, transparent reporting and disciplined risk management. These practices provide stakeholders with greater confidence that the company is being managed responsibly while supporting its ability to navigate an increasingly complex technological, regulatory and geopolitical environment.

MSCI ESG Ratings assess companies' resilience to financially relevant, industry-specific sustainability risks and opportunities. Companies receive an industry-relative rating on a seven-level scale ranging from 'AAA' to 'CCC', based on their exposure to relevant risks and the effectiveness of their management practices.

Zain Bahrain continues to support the Kingdom's economic development through digital innovation, advanced technology solutions and responsible business practices, in line with Bahrain Economic Vision 2030. This also reflects Zain Group's '4WARD - Progress with Purpose' strategy, which strengthens ESG practices across its operations while creating sustainable value for customers, employees, communities and the wider economy.

BENEFIT Concludes Fifth Edition of "Masar" Fintech Summer Internship Program

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BENEFIT, the Kingdom's innovator and leading company in Fintech and electronic financial transactions service, announced the successful conclusion of the fifth edition of its annual "Masar" Fintech Summer Internship Program 2026, following two months of practical training and professional development for third and fourth-year university students.

The program provided participants with a well-rounded professional experience in a real workplace environment, giving them the opportunity to work across several departments and teams at BENEFIT. It also enabled them to gain first-hand exposure to the fintech sector, understand how different functions collaborate in de-



livering projects and services, and develop practical skills that support their transition from university to the workplace with greater confidence.

This year's edition of "Masar" featured a diverse range of training and development activities, combining hands-on learning within departments

with enrichment activities beyond the workplace. These activities helped strengthen participants' communication, teamwork, and career readiness skills, while giving them a broader understanding of BENEFIT's role in supporting Bahrain's digital payments infrastructure and electronic fi-

nancial services ecosystem.

Mr. Salah Al Awadhi, Chief Human Resources Officer at BENEFIT, said: "We are proud to conclude the fifth edition of Masar, which continues to strengthen its role as a practical platform for preparing Bahraini youth and giving them meaningful exposure to the fintech

sector. Throughout the program, we saw strong engagement from the participants and a clear commitment to learning and development, reflecting the promising potential of young talent and their ability to contribute to the future of Bahrain's financial sector."

Mr. Al Awadhi added: "At BENEFIT, we are committed to making Masar a truly valuable internship experience that combines practical knowledge

with personal and professional development. We believe that investing in young talent is an essential part of supporting the growth of Bahrain's financial services ecosystem, while preparing future professionals who can keep pace with digital transformation and contribute to strengthening the Kingdom's position as a regional financial hub."

The success of "Masar" reflects BENEFIT's continued commitment to bridging the gap between higher education and the needs of the labor market. Through practical training initiatives, the company continues to provide young people with opportunities to learn in real professional environments and prepare for careers in high-growth sectors, particularly fintech.



Salah Al Awadhi, Chief Human Resources Officer at BENEFIT



A Sharpa robot makes a Blizzard ice cream for a customer at a Dairy Queen store in Shanghai

Bangladesh measles crisis kills more than 1,000 children

AFP | Dhaka, Bangladesh

The death toll from measles in Bangladesh has topped 1,000 children since March, health officials said Wednesday, admitting that failures in a vaccination drive may have fuelled the outbreak.

The South Asian nation of 170 million has recorded 1,002 deaths and 187,484 infections among children, making this year's outbreak the country's deadliest in decades, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Measles is highly contagious, spreading through coughs and sneezes, and has no specific treatment once caught.

Complications can include brain swelling and severe breathing problems. Although anyone can catch the disease, young children are particularly vulnerable.

The disease has kept spreading in Bangladesh even as health authorities rolled out a mass vaccination drive to combat the outbreak.

DGHS spokesman Zahid Raihan said more than 18 million children had been vaccinated so far, and teams were searching for those who had missed inoculations.

"We couldn't achieve herd immunity," Raihan told AFP.



Measles is one of the most contagious diseases known. If one infected person enters a group of people who aren't immune, up to 90% of close, unprotected contacts can become infected. The virus can also remain infectious in the air for up to two hours after an infected person leaves.

EU gives Spain 115 mn euros aid over Ceuta crisis



Migrants display clothes, food, and other items laid out on the ground for sale as they spend the night on El Trampolin beach in Ceuta

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

The EU yesterday said it was granting Spain 115 million euros (\$130 million) in emergency aid to help bolster border security and assist returns after the massive migrant rush into the north African exclave.

More than 70,000 migrants crossed into Spanish territory from Morocco on July 30 and 31 in an unprecedented rush

that left scores dead, most by drowning as they tried to swim around a breakwater.

"The situation in Ceuta has put pressure on our external borders," said European Commission vice president Henna Virkkunen.

"Our message remains clear: we are committed to combat illegal migration and ensure the swift return of those who remain illegally in Ceuta."

Ukrainian drone hits Russian Arctic region, almost 3,000 km from border

AFP | Moscow, Russia

A Ukrainian drone sparked a fire at an industrial facility in Russia's Arctic Yamalia region yesterday, some 2,800 kilometres (1,700 miles) from the Ukrainian border, officials said.

The Russian Mediazona news outlet reported the attack was the longest-range on Russia since Moscow launched its Ukraine offensive in 2022.

"A drone attack on an industrial facility in Novy Urengoy was repelled today. Falling debris from the drone caused a fire," the governor of Russia's Yamalo-Nenets region, Dmitry Artyukhov, said on Telegram.

"The main thing is that there were no deaths or injuries. The extent and nature of the damage are being determined," he added.



Dmytro Chubenko (back), spokesperson of the Kharkiv prosecutor, and his assistant cover a Russian Shahed drone shot down by Ukraine's air defense forces in a field used for the storage of Russian missiles in Kharkiv

Novy Urengoy, home to around 100,000 people, lies just south of Russia's Arctic circle.

Ukraine's Fire Point arms com-

pany said the drone "travelled over 3,300 km and successfully hit the target" in a post on social media.

Artem Zhoga, the Kremlin's envoy to the Urals, said the strike was the first ever to hit the Arctic part of his region.

Ukraine has escalated its long-range strikes on Russia in recent months, in retaliation for daily Russian bombardment of Ukrainian towns and cities.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said earlier in September that his country's drones would make Russian airspace "completely unsafe" for the duration of the war.

Mediazona reported the strike appeared to target an energy facility, quoting Ukrainian open-source intelligence.

Israel will not 'expel or deport' anyone from Gaza



Prematurely-born babies lie in infant warmers at the overcrowded neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip

AFP | Ljubljana, Slovenia

Israel's Foreign Minister Gideon Saar yesterday said his country was "not planning to expel or to deport anyone from Gaza Strip" during a visit to Slovenia for the opening of an Israeli embassy.

If someone wants to leave Gaza "from his own will, and there is a country which is ready to accept him, as it happens from any conflict area in the world, we will not oppose that," he added.

Several Israeli cabinet members have spoken of plans to remove all two million people from war-ravaged Gaza, although they largely cast the initiative as voluntary, saying that Palestinians want to leave and

Israel hails 'friendship' with Slovenia ahead of embassy opening

Ljubljana, Slovenia

Israel's Foreign Minister Gideon Saar thanked Slovenia for its "friendship" and for "standing with Israel when it matters" ahead of the opening of an Israeli embassy in Ljubljana yesterday.

Saar's visit and the embassy opening are the latest manifestations of a diplomatic reset under nationalist Slovenian

Prime Minister Janez Jansa, who is embracing Israel as a chill sets in between it and much of the rest of Europe.

The pivot by Jansa, who has long been at loggerheads with the European Union and who took power for a fourth time earlier this year, is a sharp contrast with the previous centre-left government, which described Israel's campaign in Gaza as "genocide".

are prevented by the militant group Hamas.

Saar was speaking at a press

conference in Ljubljana ahead of the opening of an Israeli embassy there as Slovenia looks

to reset diplomatic ties with Israel under nationalist Prime Minister Janez Jansa.

He thanked Slovenia for its "friendship" and for "standing with Israel when it matters".

"An embassy is more than a flag in the building. It is an investment in a relationship and a commitment to its future. And that is exactly what we are planning to do together," Saar said.

"Israel remembers its friends. As you have stood with us, we will stand with you," he said.

The opening of an Israeli embassy in Ljubljana marks a dramatic departure from the policies of the previous centre-left government, which had been one of the EU's most critical voices on Israel's military offensive in Gaza.



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People need security – against internal and external threats. We can only achieve that with a strong German economy. 1.3 percent economic growth for 2026 shows: Our first measures are helping. We are on the right track.

@bundeskanzler

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On the occasion of the International Space Summit in Paris, Amazon Leo renews its trust in Arianespace with 6 additional launches, 24 in total. This demonstrates French and European excellence in space access. Let us continue to aim high.

@EmmanuelMacron

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We, the main actors connecting the Republic of Korea and France, have greeted our fellow compatriots. On the last day of our visit to France, we shared lunch with our fellow compatriots.

@Jaemyung_Lee

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Peace is never a passive achievement. Peace is hard work. As I ring the Peace Bell to commemorate #PeaceDay, I call on world leaders to stand with us: Take action; Invest in solutions; And do the hard work of building lasting, sustainable peace.

@antoniouterres

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)

Researchers who uncovered cause of narcolepsy honoured

Washington, United States

Two researchers who did groundbreaking work on narcolepsy, the neurological disorder that triggers sudden sleep attacks, won a prestigious science award on Wednesday.

An Albert Lasker prize -- often described as a possible hint at a Nobel -- went to Emmanuel Mignot of France and Japan's Masashi Yanagisawa for their work back in the 1990s.

Working with very different approaches they reached the same conclusion as to the cause of narcolepsy: in people, it is a missing brain chemical.

Their studies opened the way for treatment of the condition and revolutionized the still-nascent field of sleep science.

Mignot remembers considering the disorder characterized by sleep attacks and sudden



Japan's Masashi Yanagisawa and Emmanuel Mignot of France

loss of muscle tone in both animals and humans as "really weird," and set out to find what causes it.

He spent a decade studying the genome of dogs, in which narcolepsy can be hereditary, in hopes of finding the culprit gene. A popular video in France these days shows a dog running playfully in a yard, then abruptly collapsing in sleep.

This needle-in-a-hay-stack challenge finally paid off for Mignot in 1999.

Around the same time Yanagisawa identified the neurotransmitter orexin, also called hypocretin, which at first he thought was involved in the feeling of hunger. But it turns out the absence of this substance caused narcolepsy in mice.

Trump gave \$45,000 cash gift to 'human printer' aide



Natalie Harp

AFP | Washington, United States



Chamberlain Harris

US President Donald Trump gave his executive assistant Natalie Harp a \$45,000 cash gift, US media reported.

Two other White House employees, Margo Martin and Chamberlain Harris, received similar amounts, according to the Washington Post.

The three women described the payments as "Cash Gift for Holidays," the Post reported Tuesday, citing financial disclosure forms.

Harp has been a near-constant presence at Trump's side in his second term and has been dubbed the "human printer" -- thanks to her role carrying a portable machine to print out documents that Trump asks for.

She is one of the few officials with direct access to Trump's Truth Social account and types out posts as he dictates them, even inserting his trademark capital letters, according to footage in a 2024 election campaign documentary.

The 35-year-old earns \$150,000 a year in her role as the special assistant and execu-



Margo Martin

utive assistant to the president, according to an annual report to Congress.

A White House spokesperson defended the gifts, citing Trump's "longstanding practice of giving Christmas gifts to people in his orbit, including at times employees and aides."

The gifts were unrelated to any of the individuals' duties,

making them "entirely permissible under relevant legal and ethical standards," the spokesperson said.

Director of White House Oval Office operations Walt Nauta also reported a presidential gift of \$20,000, in addition to his annual salary of \$175,000, according to the Post.

Greek woman has IVF birth from 22-year-old embryo after losing son

AFP | Athens, Greece

A Greek woman has given birth from an embryo frozen over 22 years ago after losing her son born from the same treatment, her doctor said Wednesday.

"For Christina Rapti-Tzelepi, today's birth carries special emotional significance," gynaecologist Konstantinos Pantos said in a Facebook post.

"In 2004, after an embryo transfer, she had a healthy baby boy on the first attempt. In October 2025, the family experienced the tragic loss of their son in a road traffic accident at the age of 21," Pantos said.

Rapti-Tzelepi is 54, the maximum allowed age in Greece for in vitro fertilisation.

She gave birth to a baby girl on Wednesday follow-

ing the transfer in December of an embryo from the same initial batch, Pantos said.

"There was mourning and joy involved, but everything disappeared this morning when we held our beauty in our arms," Rapti-Tzelepi told state TV ERT.

Rapti-Tzelepi's husband Konstantinos Raptis said the family were in a "race against time" to see the pregnancy through.

"My wife reached, quite literally, the very limits of the age restrictions imposed by the existing legislation," Raptis said in a statement.

He called for the national IVF age limit to be lifted.

"Older women have an immeasurable capacity to offer mature, conscious and unconditional love, as well as a stability that no statistic can ever fully measure," Raptis said.

Human pyramid



Brazil's Army soldiers form a human pyramid on a motorbike during the Independence Day parade in Brasilia

Netanyahu says 'very close' to toppling Iran's Islamic republic

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said during a visit to Israeli troops in southern Syria yesterday that Iran's Islamic republic was on the verge of collapse, as fighting in the six-month Middle East war intensifies.

"There is still work to be done -- the main task is to bring down the terror regime in Iran. We are very close to that," he said on the Syrian side of Mount Hermon on the Israel-Syria border during a visit with Defence Minister Israel Katz.

"We know that the entire axis will ultimately collapse," he added, referring to Iran's

proxy groups in the Middle East.

In southern Syria, Israeli forces have been stationed in a "security zone" since the fall of longtime ruler Bashar al-Assad in December 2024.

Norway bids farewell to King Harald V, ‘grandfather’ of the nation

Harald was the oldest reigning monarch in Europe

- Some 48,000 people lined the streets for the procession
- He was to be laid to rest in a \$2 million sarcophagus whose design remains secret.
- On the throne since 1991, Harald had always ruled out abdicating, despite mounting health woes toward the end of his life.

AFP | Oslo, Norway

Norway bid farewell yesterday to King Harald V in a funeral reflecting his open and unifying nature, and attended by dignitaries including Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky and Britain's Prince William.

After a procession through the streets of Oslo packed with crowds and a funeral service at Oslo's Lutheran cathedral, the king's casket was transported to the Akershus Castle church where it was to be placed in the royal crypt.

Until his death on August 28 at age 89, Harald was the oldest reigning monarch in Europe and hugely popular among Norwegians, despite the scandals that dogged his family toward the end of his reign.

Some 48,000 people lined



Carried on an artillery carriage, the king's casket, draped in the red royal banner, was transported along the city's main avenue



Members of the royal family are driven back to the royal palace in Oslo, Norway, after the funeral service for late King Harald V

the streets for the procession, police said.

"He was our rock," Inger Elise Kolsto, a 63-year-old accountant, told AFP.

Carried on an artillery carriage, the king's casket, draped in the red royal banner, was

transported along the city's main avenue, followed on foot by his son and heir King Haakon VIII, members of his family, and dozens of other dignitaries.

Only Harald's widow, 89-year-old Queen Sonja, and the new Queen Mette-Marit, who un-



(LtoR) Queen Sonja of Norway, Crown Princess Ingrid Alexandra of Norway and Prince Sverre Magnus of Norway wave from the balcony of the Royal Palace as the public applauds in Oslo, Norway



(LtoR) King Haakon VIII of Norway and Queen Mette-Marit of Norway wave from the balcony of the Royal Palace as the public applauds in Oslo, Norway

derwent a lung transplant in June, followed the procession in a car.

Among other guests were Scandinavia's royal families, royal couples from Spain, Belgium and the Netherlands, the crown prince of Japan, the pres-

idents of Finland and Germany, and the French and Thai prime ministers.

Sarcophagus

The church service began at 1:00 pm with a nationwide minute of silence.

"He struck a balance between being stately and being down-to-earth," Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store said in his eulogy.

"He made Norway greater. He spoke of a 'we' in Norway where everyone is there for each other."

Marius Borg Hoiby, Mette-Marit's son from a previous relationship who is under house arrest pending the appeal of a rape and assault conviction, had been granted permission to attend the funeral.

At the end of the service, four F-35 fighter jets flew over the cathedral in formation, as the casket made its way to the Akershus Castle.

There, after a private ceremony with the family, the casket was to be lowered into the crypt of the royal mausoleum, next to Harald's parents and grandparents.



"Did you know Norway's King Harald V was a world champion sailor? He won the World Championship in 1987 – and even carried Norway's flag at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics."

Brent oil passes \$100 on Mideast flare-up

AFP | London, United Kingdom

International oil benchmark Brent spiked above \$100 a barrel yesterday for the first time since late July following renewed US-Iran hostilities in the Middle East, stoking fears of widespread price rises and interest rate hikes.

The jump in crude prices -- with Brent up more than three% to as high as \$101.55 a barrel -- dragged down stock markets, with investors worrying that major central banks will raise rates in a bid to keep a lid on inflation.

On Wall Street, the Dow was down 0.8% in late morning trading.

Across the Atlantic, Europe's markets fell with Paris ending the day down nearly 2% as European natural gas prices rose sharply to their highest level since early 2023, topping 80 euros per megawatt-hour, as nations strive to replenish stocks ahead of winter.

The \$100-a-barrel mark for crude oil "is a psychological level that



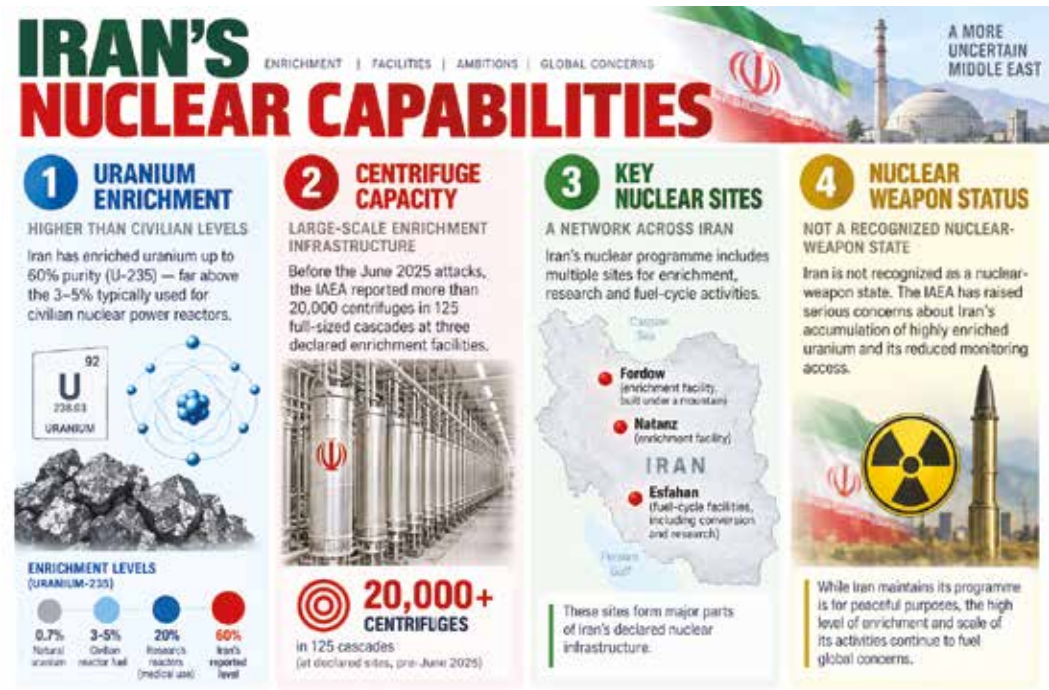
Surge in construction at suspected Iran nuclear site: analysts

The deeply buried site at Pickaxe Mountain is near Natanz

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- However, the analysts added that they could not refute nor substantiate a reported Israeli intelligence claim
- The deeply buried granite fortification would be difficult to destroy even with the heaviest non-nuclear US munitions

AFP | Washington, United States

A suspected underground Iranian nuclear site has seen a surge in construc-



tion this year, according to a review of satellite imagery published by US analysts yesterday. The deeply buried site at Pickaxe Mountain is near Natanz where Western intelligence suspects Iran is building an undeclared enrichment facility. On July 21, President Donald Trump threatened a US military strike on Pickaxe Mountain in

his war against Iran that has the declared aim of destroying its nuclear program. Analysts at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), a Washing-

ton-based think tank, reviewed satellite imagery spanning six years, the latest from August 9. "Together, these images reveal more road activity at Pickaxe Mountain in 2026 than at any point in the site's history," the CSIS analysts wrote. "There is a clear surge in construction activity in 2026 that corresponds to the raising and hardening of the portal accesses, paving of the internal road network, reinforcement around access areas, and the flattening and removal of excavation spoil," they added.

However, the analysts added that they could not refute nor substantiate a reported Israeli intelligence claim that Iran moved centrifuges into Pickaxe Mountain. In July, Trump said, "We'll be hitting that area pretty soon, and very heavily," but apparently did not follow through on the threat. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the UN nuclear watchdog, has request-

ed information about Pickaxe Mountain and access to the facility. Iran has reportedly never responded to the IAEA requests, CSIS said. The deeply buried granite fortification would be difficult to destroy even with the heaviest non-nuclear US munitions, the analysts wrote.

BETTER YOU KNOW

Iran's Pickaxe Mountain isn't just a mountain — it hides a suspected nuclear complex buried deep underground, just 2 kilometres from Natanz. Its exact purpose remains unverified, making it one of Iran's most mysterious nuclear sites.

IAEA board refers Iran to UN Security Council

AFP | Vienna, Austria

The IAEA board of governors yesterday voted to refer Iran to the UN Security Council over its nuclear "non-compliance" in a diplomatic move to pile pressure on the Islamic republic. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has not had access to key nuclear facilities in Iran since Israel, joined by the United States, launched a 12-day conflict in June 2025 that included strikes on nuclear sites. Nuclear facilities have also been hit in the latest war, which erupted on February 28, and the IAEA has repeatedly urged to be given access. The resolution, seen by AFP, was adopted by 23 votes in favour, three votes against and eight abstentions, two diplomats told AFP. Russia, China



and Niger voted against it. It "requests the (IAEA) director general to report" Iran to the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations. The resolution, submitted by Britain, France, Germany and the United States, marks the first time Iran has been referred to the Security Council in 20 years for failing to comply with

its nuclear reporting obligations. The move is seen as largely symbolic as Iran allies China and Russia hold power to veto any sanctions against Tehran. The text notes "with grave concern... Iran's continued non-compliance with its obligations" and "reiterates its call upon Iran to urgently remedy its non-compliance". It also calls on Tehran "to engage seriously and without preconditions in talks aimed at building international confidence in the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme". Iran's ambassador to the UN in Vienna, Reza Najafi, said the resolution was a "political tool". "Iran will cooperate only to the extent that circumstances and safety permit," he told reporters after the board's vote.

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From webs to water



A resident wearing a Spider-Man costume extinguishes a land fire at Kereng Bangkirai in Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan. Toxic haze has shrouded parts of Indonesia and Malaysia for weeks as Jakarta struggles to contain fires that have scorched large tracts of Borneo and Sumatra, with the smoke drifting into neighbouring Malaysia, Singapore, and Brunei.

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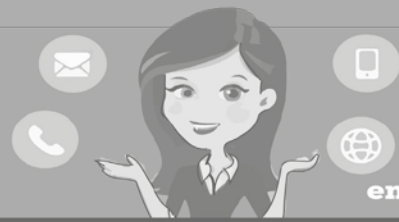
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Bahrain Chairs GCC Side in Meeting with EU Political and Security Committee



Dr. Mohammed Ali Bahzad, Ambassador of Bahrain to Belgium and Head of the Kingdom's Mission to the European Union, chaired the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) delegation at a meeting with ambassadors of the European Union's Political and Security Committee (PSC), representing all 27 EU member states.

The meeting formed part of ongoing consultations and coordination between the GCC and the EU ahead of the second GCC-EU Summit, scheduled to be held in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in October.

Discussions focused on the repercussions of recent Iranian attacks against GCC countries and their implications for regional security and stability. Participants stressed the importance of respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of states and rejecting attacks targeting civilian infrastructure, vital facilities, and other essential installations.

The meeting underscored the need for continued efforts to de-escalate tensions and strengthen regional security, while supporting diplomatic and international efforts to address ongoing challenges.

Particular attention was given to maritime security and freedom of navigation through the Strait of Hormuz and the Bab Al Mandab Strait. Participants highlighted the strategic importance of maintaining safe and uninterrupted maritime routes and called for closer cooperation with international partners to protect the free flow of shipping and trade in accordance with



Dr. Mohammed Ali Bahzad, Ambassador of Bahrain to Belgium and Head of the Kingdom's Mission to the European Union

international law.

The security of these key waterways has direct implications for energy supplies, international trade, global economic stability and international supply chains.

The participants further emphasised the importance of continued political and diplomatic coordination between the GCC and the EU in response to regional developments.

The meeting also discussed advancing the GCC-EU strategic partnership, particularly in areas of mutual interest including maritime security, energy, economic cooperation, connectivity and mobility.

Participants stressed that stronger cooperation in these areas would serve the interests of both sides, contribute to regional and international stability, and reinforce the foundations of the strategic partnership.

The discussions are also expected to contribute to preparations for the upcoming GCC-EU Summit and help shape its outcomes, particularly regarding connectivity, security cooperation and other shared priorities.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Small Step Towards Safer Roads

The proposal to stop restaurants and cafés from serving customers who illegally double-park while waiting for takeaway orders is a welcome step.

Every evening, busy restaurants and tea shops can become difficult to navigate when vehicles block lanes or entrances. While customers may only intend to stop for a few minutes, these small stops can quickly create congestion and inconvenience for other road users.

Restaurants also have a role to play. Refusing service to customers who deliberately park illegally could encourage better behaviour without placing the entire responsibility on traffic authorities.

At the same time, enforcement should be fair and clearly communicated. Customers should know where they can safely stop, while businesses should have reasonable arrangements for takeaway collections.

If implemented properly, the proposal could help make busy areas safer, less congested and more orderly.

Mohammed Al Hassan

A Necessary Step to Keep Our Roads Safe

The decision to regulate the use of electric bicycles and scooters is a welcome and necessary step toward making our roads safer.

While these vehicles offer a convenient and environmentally friendly way to travel, their increasing use also brings responsibilities. Clear age restrictions are particularly important. Children may not always have the experience or judgment needed to safely navigate roads and interact with other road users.

I believe parents have an especially important role to play. Allowing a child to ride without proper supervision can put not only the child but also pedestrians and motorists at risk.

The requirement to wear helmets and protective equipment should also be taken seriously. A short journey without safety gear can have serious consequences in the event of an accident.

The 25km/h speed limit and restrictions on using high-speed roads, vehicle lanes and emergency lanes are equally important. Electric bicycles and scooters should complement our transport system, not create additional dangers.

Ultimately, regulations can only work when people understand and respect them. Continued awareness campaigns, combined with enforcement, will help ensure that electric mobility remains safe and responsible for everyone.

This decision should therefore be viewed not as a restriction, but as a measure to protect lives.

Ahmed

A smoke-free Bahrain is a healthier Bahrain

A recent Lancet study highlighting the devastating global impact of second-hand smoke should encourage every country to examine whether its existing protections are strong enough. Nearly 1.7 million people reportedly die each year from exposure to second-hand smoke, while around 2.7 billion people, including 767 million children, remain exposed.

For Bahrain, this should be more than a global health statistic. It is an opportunity to strengthen protection for families, children and other vulnerable people from involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke.

Bahrain could consider stronger enforcement of smoke-free regulations in public areas, workplaces and other shared spaces, while also encouraging smoke-free homes and vehicles where children are present. Clearer public awareness campaigns could help families understand that second-hand smoke is not simply an inconvenience but a serious health risk.

The country has the opportunity to take a stronger preventive approach by making smoke-free environments the norm rather than the exception.

Protecting people who choose not to smoke—particularly children—should be a shared responsibility. Stronger enforcement, public awareness and community participation could help Bahrain reduce preventable exposure and contribute to a healthier society.

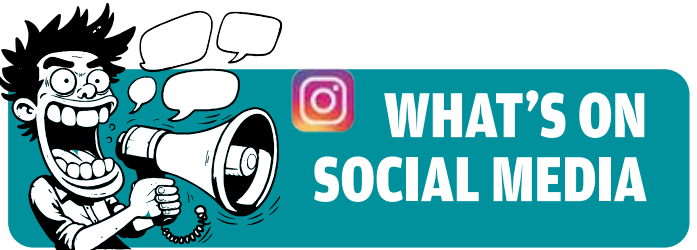
Hamsa Sherif, Manama Resident

PICTURE OF THE DAY



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NEWSTOON



Second-Hand Smoke Kills Nearly 1.7M Globally, Study Finds

A Lancet study reveals that second-hand smoke kills nearly 1.7 million people annually. With 2.7 billion exposed globally, including 767 million children, health experts urge governments to enforce stricter tobacco controls in homes and public spaces to save vulnerable lives.

TOP COMMENTS

- hirenjsagar

Night clubs are the worst spot for non-smokers and secondhand smoke.
- purnov_n_ahmed

It's global issue who cares
- ab_111z

2.6 million deaths globally each year cuz of alcohol nobody will say anything just target smokers
- ifra_javed06

Governments should issue fines for smoking in public areas, just as they do for breaking other laws. This would discourage people from picking up the habit and prevent addiction..
- thiefofbahrain

Smoking in public is very bad. It should be banned totally in Bahrain
- ees.81

Then stop selling it!!!



Protecting Consumers from Price Gouging Amid Shipping Disruptions

Ongoing regional conflicts and severe maritime disruptions along critical shipping corridors—most notably the Strait of Hormuz—have undeniably strained Gulf supply chains. With vessel rerouting, heightened security tariffs, and escalating marine insurance premiums, a modest increase in the retail price of imported food items is an understandable economic outcome. However, what should be a transparent and proportionate cost adjustment is increasingly being exploited by opportunistic traders engaging in deliberate price gouging and speculative markups.

Across local markets, consumers face sharp, unjustified price hikes on essential everyday staples that far outpace actual freight and logistics cost increases. Most concerning is the widespread practice of applying these elevated retail rates to older warehouse inventory imported long before current shipping disruptions occurred. Using public anxiety over regional instability as leverage to maximize profit margins places an unfair financial burden directly on fixed-income and middle-class families already balancing essential living expenses.

While external geopolitical conflicts and global shipping bottlenecks remain beyond domestic control, local market practices fall squarely under national regulatory oversight. The Ministry of Industry and Commerce’s Consumer Protection Directorate must take immediate, decisive action by deploying field inspection teams across wholesale and retail distribution networks. Authorities must rigorously audit import invoices, cross-referencing genuine freight receipts against retail shelf tags to separate authentic supply chain cost increases from artificial inflation.

Enforcing strict administrative fines, business closures, and public disclosures against violators will send a clear message that commercial exploitation during a crisis will not be tolerated. Implementing robust market surveillance and protecting residents from speculative pricing is essential to safeguarding household stability and preserving consumer trust across the Kingdom.

Mohammed Jaffer, Manama

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Spikers miss quarters despite Oman sweep



Sayed Hashem Ali attacks against the Oman block

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Bahrain missed out on the quarter-finals of the AVC Volleyball Men's Continental Championship 2026 despite completing their preliminary-round campaign with a straight-sets victory over Oman yesterday.

The kingdom's senior men's volleyball team won 3-0 (25-16, 25-19, 25-23) at Kitakyushu City General Gymnasium in Fukuoka, Japan, securing their first victory of the tournament and finishing third in Pool A behind Japan and Australia.

The nationals, coached by Montenegrin Ivan Joksimovic, took the opening two sets with authority before holding off a stronger Omani challenge in the third to wrap up the contest in one hour and 34 minutes.

Sayed Hashem Ali led Bahrain's scoring with 12 points, including 11 in attack and one block, while Hassan Haider also played an important role at the net.

The result provided a positive end to a difficult opening stage following successive 3-0 defeats against Australia and defending champions Japan.

However, only the two best



Bahrain's squad celebrate their first victory of the tournament

third-placed teams advanced alongside the top two from each of the three groups. Chinese Taipei secured one of those places, while India claimed the other ahead of Bahrain on points ratio.

Hosts Japan, Australia, Iran, China, Thailand and South Korea qualified automatically, completing the eight-team quarter-final line-up.

Despite falling short of the last eight, Joksimovic said the victory provided an important boost to the team's morale and world ranking.

"The win was extremely important for us, not only from a morale standpoint but also for

the world rankings," he said.

"It earned us nine ranking points and moved us up five places in the FIVB standings. Although we did not achieve our goal of reaching the quarter-finals, we leave with an important gain and must continue building on it."

The continental championship offers two further rewards beyond the Asian title. The winners will secure the tournament's sole direct qualification place for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics, while the top three finishers will earn berths at the 2027 FIVB Men's Volleyball World Cup.

Bahrain await expanded Gulf draw

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Bahrain's under-17 football team will discover their group-stage opponents today when the draw for the expanded 2026 GFF U17 Gulf Cup is held.

Scheduled for October 16 to November 4 in Qatar, the tournament will feature a record 10 nations in its largest field to date.

Egypt and China will join the Arab Gulf Cup Football Federation's eight member nations as invited participants. Their inclusion is intended to provide young Gulf players with stronger and more varied opposition ahead of future international assignments.

Today's proceedings will be conducted virtually from the governing body's headquarters in Doha at 12pm.

Five seeding pots have been formed, with Bahrain placed alongside Yemen in Pot Four.



Youth footballers line up ahead of a recent match

Qatar and Saudi Arabia occupy Pot One, followed by the UAE and Iraq in Pot Two.

Kuwait and Oman make up Pot Three, while the two guest teams complete the seedings in Pot Five.

The sides will be split into two groups of five. Hosts Qatar will head Group A, while holders Saudi Arabia take their place at the top of Group B.

The leading two from each section will advance to the semi-finals. The Group A winners face the Group B runners-up, while the Group B winners meet the second-placed side from Group A.

This will be the second edition since the youth tournament was relaunched under the federation last year. However, its roots stretch back to the former

GCC U17 Championship, first staged in 2001.

Bahrain endured a difficult campaign in 2025, losing 4-0 to Saudi Arabia and 2-0 to Iraq. A narrow 3-2 defeat against Kuwait then ended their involvement in the group stage.

The eventual champions went on to beat the UAE 2-0 in the final at Grand Hamad Stadium in Doha, securing their sixth title overall. Abdulaziz Al Fawaz and Abdulrahman Sufyani scored the goals, with the latter also named the tournament's best player.

The Gulf event will provide Bahrain with their final competitive preparation for the 2027 AFC U17 Asian Cup qualifiers, which begin four days later in Salalah. The kingdom will face Kuwait, Brunei Darussalam, hosts Oman and Lebanon in Group G, with only the top side advancing to the continental finals.

Racing season set for October

Bahrain's 2026-27 horse racing season will get underway on October 30, launching a busy calendar of domestic and international meetings organised by the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club.

The Bahrain International Trophy will provide the first



Action from a previous King's Cup meeting at the Bahrain Turf Club

major highlight on November 13, bringing leading horses, jockeys and trainers to the kingdom for one of its most prestigious races.

Attention will then turn to the His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cup on December 18, the final headline event of the year.

Racing resumes in 2027 with the His Royal Highness the Crown Prince's Cup on January 29, followed by the His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cup on February 18.

The His Majesty the King's Cup will take centre stage on March 5 before the campaign concludes on April 16.

Shaikh Isa arrives for Asiad



Abdulhaffar welcomes HH Shaikh Isa to Japan

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His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Vice-President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, has arrived in Japan for the 20th Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026, which run from September 19 to October 4.

He was welcomed by Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Atiyatallah Al Khalifa, First Secretary at the Bahrain Embassy in Japan, and delegation head Ahmed Mohammed Abdulhaffar.

The Vice-President described the Games as an important stage for Bahraini sport and an opportunity for the kingdom to strengthen its continental standing.

"We hope, through Team Bahrain's participation, to maintain an honourable

presence and achieve results that reflect the development of Bahraini sport and the strong competitive capabilities of our athletes," he said.

"We are confident that our champions can perform at their best and raise the kingdom's flag high. The preparation and readiness we have seen give us reason to be optimistic about a positive campaign."

He added that competing in Aichi-Nagoya is not solely about winning medals, but also gaining valuable experience against Asia's leading athletes.

The BOC official also praised the administrative and technical staff, along with the participating federations, for providing the competitors with the best possible conditions.

'Play Tennis' Coaching Course Set for October

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The Bahrain Tennis Federation will organise a foundational "Play Tennis" course for aspiring coaches from October 28 to 31, 2026, at its Isa Town headquarters under the supervision of national coach Hamad Al Ferdan.

The 35-hour programme will combine online learning, theory and practical court sessions, covering tennis fundamentals, beginner coaching, scoring, competitions and training session management.

The course is open to aspiring coaches, physical education teachers, assistant coaches, volunteers and parents aged 16 and above. Participants who successfully complete the required examinations and practical assessments will receive an International Tennis Federation-accredited certificate.

The participation fee is BD25, with places limited to 24 participants. Registration closes on October 21, 2026, with priority given to tennis coaches and physical education teachers.



The course will equip participants with the essential skills to introduce tennis to beginners and deliver effective, enjoyable training sessions

HAMAD AL FARDAN, DIRECTOR OF COACH EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Applicants must also create an account on the World Tennis Academy platform and complete the required online prerequisites before the course begins.



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