

The IAEA board voted 23-3 to refer Iran to the UN Security Council over its nuclear non-compliance, escalating international pressure on Tehran.

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 longstanding 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.



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“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 El 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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