

Bahrain's land area reaches 787.79 sq. kms.



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Bahrain's land area stands at 787.79 square kilometres, up by about one square kilometre on 2023.

Territorial waters are put at roughly 7,481 square kilometres. Both figures come from the Survey and Land Registration Bureau's latest field survey, published on its Open Data Platform.

The water figure has barely moved since 2016, holding near 7,480 square kilometres. Land has inched up by about eight square kilometres over nine years and by 4.8 square kilometres in five years, from about 783 square kilometres in 2019.

The totals cover the main island of Bahrain and the key outlying islands of Muharraq, Asry, Sitra, Jidda and Umm an Nasan.

By governorate, the Southern is the largest at 488.77 square kilometres, equal to 62 per cent of the Kingdom's area.

Next come the Northern at 145.69 square kilometres, the Capital at 79.23 square kilometres and Muharraq at 74.1 square kilometres.

US air travel could 'slow to a trickle'

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Air travel in the US could soon "slow to a trickle," authorities warned yesterday as thousands more flights were cancelled or delayed and passengers faced chaos triggered by the federal government shutdown.

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said the number of flights being snarled or cut would multiply if the funding impasse between Democrats and Republicans continues. (Detailed report on Business Page)

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HM King hails growing Bahrain-Oman relations

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa expressed the Kingdom of Bahrain's pride in its longstanding ties with the Sultanate of Oman, which continue to develop through mutual commitment to enhancing cooperation in all domains.

HM the King was speaking as he received yesterday Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior of the Sultanate of Oman, at Al Safriya Palace during his visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The visit was at the invitation of General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister



HM the King receives the Omani Interior Minister of Interior.

Greetings

Al Busaidi conveyed the greetings and best wishes of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq

of Oman to the Kingdom and its people, wishing them continued progress and prosperity under HM the King's leadership.

HM King Hamad welcomed the Omani minister and extend-

ed greetings and best wishes to HM Sultan Haitham and to the Omani people for continued prosperity and success.

HM the King underscored the importance of such bilateral vis-

its in promoting cooperation, coordination and joint action at all levels, particularly in security affairs, serving the shared interests of both nations.

Role

HM the King also commended HM Sultan Haitham's role in deepening bilateral relations and driving Oman's ongoing progress and development.

The meeting reviewed recent regional developments and issues of mutual interest.

Al Busaidi expressed deep appreciation of His Majesty's efforts to enhance the longstanding ties and advance cooperation between Bahrain and Oman.

Investment vision

HRH Prince Salman inaugurates second phase of Avenues - Bahrain expansion project

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has underscored Bahrain's commitment to advancing visions and programmes aimed at strengthening economic infrastructure and creating an environment that attracts investments.

"Bahrain remains committed to strengthening its economic infrastructure and providing a business-friendly environment that encourages investment and entrepreneurship," he said, highlighting the Kingdom's dedication to sustainable growth.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he inaugurated yesterday the second phase of the Avenues - Bahrain expansion project, held under his patronage.

During the inauguration, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister toured the new extension, noting the seamless blend of modern facilities with tradi-



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister officially inaugurates the expansion project with a ribbon-cutting

tional Bahraini architecture.

"Projects like the Avenues expansion reflect the Kingdom's ambitious development plans and demonstrate our commitment to sustainable economic growth," he added.

HRH Prince Salman also commended the efforts of the project organisers, describing the expansion as a testament to the strength and resilience of Bahrain's development initiatives.

"The achievements we witness today are the result of Team Bahrain's unwavering determination to turn challenges into accomplishments," he remarked.

Partnerships

Emphasising the role of partnerships, His Royal Highness said, "Collaboration with the private sector is essential to advancing our sustainable devel-

opment goals and strengthening the national economy."

He further highlighted the importance of fostering a culture of entrepreneurship and expanding regional and international trade to achieve Bahrain's strategic objectives.

The second phase of the Avenues - Bahrain adds 40,000 square metres of new leasable space, doubling the mall's total area to 80,000 square metres.

The expansion features 244 retail units, new entertainment zones including an ice-skating rink and a supermarket, as well as an underground parking facility for approximately 1,300 vehicles.

Distinctive areas such as The Forum, Grand Plaza, Electra, and The Souk showcase contemporary designs that provide a comprehensive shopping and leisure experience.

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'Show of forgiveness'

Parents waive right against defendant in child car death case

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The High Criminal Court continued hearing the case of a woman accused of causing the death of a four-and-a-half-year-old boy who was left in her car for hours.

Yesterday, the boy's father told the bench he was waiving his private right and said the defendant did not intend the out-

come. The mother also waived her right.

The child died on 13 October after he was not taken to his kindergarten and remained in the vehicle at midday.

The Public Prosecution said Hamad Town Northern Police Station reported the death.

Investigators went to the scene, impounded the car and examined it.

A forensic pathologist at the



The late Hassan

Forensic Evidence Directorate found the cause of death was asphyxiation inside a vehicle with its windows shut and no ventilation for several hours.

The defendant was questioned and admitted the charge.

She said she transports children to kindergartens and schools without a licence from the competent authorities and does so using her private car, which is not licensed for trans-

port.

She acknowledged she forgot the boy in the car for hours.

Prosecutors took statements from the child's relatives, the kindergarten director and the owner.

On the evidence, the Prosecution ordered that the defendant be remanded and referred to the

First High Criminal Court. The case remains before the court.