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Ombudswoman meets UK diplomat



Ghada Hameed Habib, Secretary General of the Ombuds Office, received Fiona Walker Doyle, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the United Kingdom in Bahrain.

Habib highlighted the longstanding relations and partnership between Bahrain and the UK and discussed ways to strengthen cooperation and coordination, particularly in areas related to the work of the Ombuds Office.

Doyle praised the Ombuds Office's role in promoting human rights and justice, and affirmed the UK's keenness to develop further opportunities for cooperation and joint work between the two sides.

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Cabinet condemns Houthi missile attacks on Saudi Arabia

● Government entities to be restructured.

● 2025 final account approved.

● Capital Municipality to twin with Larnaca.

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chaired the weekly Cabinet Meeting on Monday at Gudaibiya Palace.

The Cabinet commended the Bahrain Shield joint military exercise, hosted by Bahrain and attended by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

It described the exercise as a practical extension of GCC efforts to strengthen collective security, defence integration and joint deterrence programmes. The Cabinet also praised the speech delivered by His Majesty the King during the exercise.

The meeting also highlighted His Majesty's meeting with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, with the Cabinet expressing appreciation for the welcome extended to the King and his accompanying delegation during

the visit to Egypt.

The Cabinet congratulated the winners of the 10th Prime Minister's Award for Journalism, noting the award's role in promoting media excellence and supporting the development of journalists and media professionals.

Marking International Youth Day, the Cabinet reaffirmed the government's commitment to creating quality opportunities for Bahraini youth. It also commended the efforts of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa in supporting young people and developing youth talent.

The Cabinet welcomed a statement by UN Security Council members condemning missile attacks by the Iranian-backed Houthi militia against Saudi Arabia and attacks targeting commercial vessels. It also condemned the militia's attack on civilians and civilian infrastructure in Najran.

Cabinet decisions

The Cabinet approved several measures after reviewing memoranda submitted by the Government Executive Committee, the Civil Service Council, ministerial committees and ministers.

- Several priority draft laws addressing development needs and benefiting Bahraini citizens.
- Restructuring of several government entities to improve performance and efficiency.
- Bahrain's Unified Final Account and final results for fiscal year 2025.
- An MoU on smart agriculture cooperation between Bahrain's Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture and South Korea's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.
- An MoU establishing a twinning relationship between the Capital Municipality and Larnaca Municipality in Cyprus.
- The government's response to several proposals submitted by the Council of Representatives.

Trump Extends US Shipping Waiver Amid Iran Tensions

90-day extension aims to ease US energy transport pressures as Strait of Hormuz disruptions keep fuel costs elevated

U.S. President Donald Trump has extended a waiver for another 90 days, allowing certain foreign vessels to transport oil and other commodities between US ports as the war involving Iran continues to disrupt global energy flows.

The latest waiver, which comes before the previous relief expires in mid-August, has a narrower

focus on energy transportation, a White House official said.

White House spokeswoman

Taylor Rogers said the extension would help ensure the military and key industries have continued access to critical resources. She said the waiver had contributed to increased domestic deliveries of gasoline, diesel and jet fuel.

The new measure also requires authorities to review the availability of US vessels before determining whether the waiver can apply to individual voyages.

Oil prices have risen sharply since US and Israeli strikes on

Iran in late February triggered the conflict, while disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz have further affected global energy supplies.

US gasoline prices have also increased, adding pressure on household budgets ahead of the upcoming midterm elections.

Under the 1920 Jones Act, goods transported by sea between US ports must generally be carried on vessels that are built in the United States, owned by US interests and registered under the US flag.

Death Toll Climbs After 7.4-Magnitude Colombia Quake



The damage sustained by the Manizales Cathedral are pictured after the earthquake in Manizales, Colombia. [Read more on page 10](#)

Drought declared in 'almost three-quarters' of England



Some 71.3 percent of England is in drought, the UK government said Monday, after the nation experienced its driest July on record, with a fifth heatwave and scant rain forecast for the week ahead. "Almost three-quarters of England is now in drought as conditions worsen following a dry start to August," the environment department said, as parts of the central Midlands and northeast England experienced prolonged dry weather.

Gulf Air CEO visits Youth City 2030



Gulf Air Chief Executive Officer Martin Gauss visited Youth City 2030 to review programmes aimed at preparing young people for future careers. The initiative is organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs in cooperation with strategic partner Labour Fund (Tamkeen).

Gauss toured the Gulf Air platform, where participants learn about the aviation sector and career opportunities, and reviewed programmes covering leadership, entrepreneurship, science and technology, arts and culture, media and entertainment, and sports.

He praised the programme's focus on innovation and highlighted the importance of equipping young people with skills for changing labour market needs. He also reaffirmed Gulf Air's support for Youth City 2030 and its efforts to encourage young people to explore careers in aviation.

Space Agency concludes lunar hackathon



The Bahrain Space Agency (BSA) has concluded its "Building a Lunar Colony" Hackathon, organised in cooperation with Youth City 2030 at AlMabarrah AlKhalifa. The event brought together Bahraini youth aged 18 to 35 specialising in information technology, engineering, architecture, design and science.

Held over 48 consecutive hours, the hackathon challenged participants to develop innovative concepts for a sustainable lunar base capable of supporting human life on the Moon. An external panel of experts and academics in engineering, science, research and industry judged the projects.

BSA Chief Executive Officer Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim Al Asiri said the event supports the agency's strategy to promote space science, innovation and creativity among Bahraini youth.

Salmaniya's push for smarter healthcare

Digital initiatives seek to strengthen connectivity and streamline healthcare services

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Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health, Lieutenant General Dr Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, visited Salmaniya Medical Complex to review the latest digital transformation and development projects aimed at making healthcare more connected, efficient and patient-focused.

During the visit, he reviewed the progress of digital initiatives across government hospitals, including the new electronic medical records management system, MAK-RMS. The system is designed to connect government hospitals through a secure electronic platform, giving authorised medical staff organised access to patient health information. The move is expected to strengthen continuity of care, speed up procedures and support more accu-



rate clinical decision-making. Dr Sheikh Mohammed was also briefed on efforts to improve hospital workflows and patient movement, focusing on reducing delays and making services more efficient.

His tour included outpatient clinics, clinics in the Al-Fateh building and the Accident and Emergency Unit, where he reviewed patient classification, workflow and measures being taken to improve response

times and healthcare safety.

The Chairman stressed that continued investment in digital transformation and health infrastructure is essential to raising the quality and efficiency of services.

Government Hospitals Chief Executive Officer Dr Mariam Adhbi Al Jalahma said the ongoing electronic health systems, automation and digital projects represent key steps toward a more integrated and

sustainable government healthcare system.

Behind the technology is a simple objective: ensuring that information moves faster, services work more efficiently and patients experience a more seamless journey through the healthcare system.

The visit also recognised the medical, nursing and administrative teams whose daily work remains central to delivering that care.

Youth investment key to Bahrain's development, minister says

Wail Al Mubarak meets participants of HIPO-YOUTH leadership programme



Municipalities and Agriculture Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak met participants of the eighth batch of the national leadership programme HIPO-YOUTH, stressing that investing in and empowering Bahraini youth is essential to sustaining the Kingdom's development.

The programme, organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs in cooperation with the Bahrain Society for Human Resources Management, is being held at Youth City 2030.

Al Mubarak highlighted the importance of teamwork, initiative and innovation, describing Bahraini youth as a key national asset and stressing the need to provide them with

opportunities to develop their leadership capabilities.

During the meeting, the minister shared aspects of his professional experience and outlined the ministry's work in municipal and agricultural services, food security and development projects.

He also highlighted environmental initiatives, including the plan to reach 3.6 million trees by 2035 and the Bahrain Mangrove initiative, which aims to quadruple mangrove trees by the same year.

The meeting included an interactive discussion, with Al Mubarak responding to participants' questions and listening to their views and suggestions on youth development and national priorities.

Student initiative brings stories to life for young readers

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Students from Jidhafs Secondary Industrial Boys School earned university scholarships after building an impressive record in competitions, innovation programmes and volunteering initiatives.

Ayoub Salah Ali and Hussain Saeed Al Kaddad developed their skills through activities spanning design, digital empowerment, photography, entrepreneurship and community service.

Their participation in the UNIDO entrepreneurship and innovation programme proved a turning point, leading to national and Gulf-level competitions and eventually university scholarships for next year through Injaz Bahrain.

The pair also participated in a space hackathon supervised by NASA and the Education Ministry, as well as events focused on youth, peace and development, entrepreneurship and sustainable development.

Their achievements extend beyond competitions. They have volunteered in iftar campaigns and Bahraini Women's Day initiatives and received the Mahfoodha Al Zayani volunteering award.

The students have also contributed to school me-



Lujain Mahmood Ali



Hussain Saeed Al Kaddad and Ayoub Salah Ali

dia and cultural activities, including advertising videos, television directing and the school magazine. Ayoub has additionally conducted workshops on artificial intelligence tools.

School principal Mousa Ebrahim Al Ajmi said their achievements demonstrate what students can accomplish when passion, opportunity, support and determination come together.

Royal Humanitarian Foundation, Tamkeen discuss cooperation

Meeting explores support for humanitarian and community projects

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The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) discussed ways to strengthen cooperation with the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) to support humanitarian and developmental initiatives.

Acting RHF Secretary-General Engineer Ebrahim Dalhan Aldoseri met with Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez, a member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees and Chief Executive of Tamkeen, along with volunteer and The Journey Adventures owner Fajer Mofeez.

The meeting focused on supporting the Foundation's



programmes and Netaj Khair Bahrain projects while exploring opportunities to exchange administrative and strategic

expertise.

Both sides stressed the importance of continuing their partnership to enhance com-

munity service and increase the impact of humanitarian and developmental programmes and projects.

New Hajar entrance nears completion

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A new entrance from Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Highway serving Hajar, Shakhoura and Shakhoura Housing is nearing completion, Northern Municipal Council member Tareq Al Farsani said.

The entrance links the highway to the station in Block 465 in Hajar and is expected to provide an additional access route for residents while easing traffic pressure in surrounding areas.

Al Farsani clarified that the project is not the replacement road for Road 13, but a tempo-



"The new entrance is not the alternative road for Road 13. It is a temporary traffic solution serving the station and surrounding areas."

- TAREQ AL FARSANI

rary traffic solution serving the station and nearby areas.

He said the proposed alternative road for Road 13 is a separate project, with details to be announced once the required budget is available.

Al Farsani added that he is continuing to follow up on the project and will keep residents informed of developments.

Once completed, the alternative road is expected to improve connectivity and traffic flow in the fifth constituency of the Northern Governorate.



MP Calls for 24-Hour Dental Emergency Clinics

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Mohammed Darwish

A proposal by MP Jalal Kadhem to open 24-hour dental emergency clinics across Bahrain would give patients an affordable lifeline when pain strikes outside normal hours, he has argued, as the Government said the present system already meets that need.

Mr Kadhem called on the Health Ministry to provide round-the-clock dental emergency care at health centres in every governorate, citing packed daytime clinics, scarce appointments and the high cost of private treatment.

He said some dental cases cannot wait for a routine appointment and patients are often left with little choice but to turn to private clinics, where fees can weigh heavily on lower-income families.

A free 24-hour dental service, he said, would give those patients somewhere to turn and ease the strain caused by long waits for government appointments.

Mr Kadhem also said the plan could open jobs for unemployed Bahraini dentists and called for



“The proposal supports efforts to ensure round-the-clock access to primary healthcare services across all governorates.”

- JALAL KADHEM, MP

enough funding to hire local staff and run the service across the governorates.

He cited Bahrain’s Constitution, which gives citizens the right to healthcare and requires the state to provide treatment and preventive care through hospitals and other health institutions.

The MP also pointed to his earlier call for higher health



spending during debate on the state budget.

He said the proposal was in keeping with moves to keep primary healthcare centres open around the clock in each governorate and extend evening hours at other centres.

The Government, however, said it had studied the proposal and found that the care sought by Mr Kadhem was already available.

Dental clinics at health centres across Bahrain work morning and evening shifts, including those at nine centres that stay

open 24 hours a day. Those centres also operate at weekends and on public holidays.

When dental clinics are closed, general practitioners at the 24-hour centres can deal with urgent dental cases, prescribe medicine and send patients needing specialist treatment to emergency departments at government hospitals, the Government said.

It added that doctors working at those centres were qualified to treat dental emergencies and decide which cases required hospital care.

Shops cannot reserve public parking spaces

‘Customers only’ signs have no legal force unless the space is privately allocated or officially permitted



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Hasan Barakat

Being outside a shop does not give its owner legal rights over nearby public parking. Shop owners cannot reserve public parking spaces for their customers simply because the spaces are located outside their businesses, lawyer Abdulkareem Al Ahmed has said.

Cones, chains, barriers or signs placed on public roads, pavements or parking bays to prevent others from parking are not permitted unless the area is privately owned or officially allocated to the business under its site plan and licence, or the owner has obtained a permit from the competent authority.

Al Ahmed said the location of a parking space in front of a shop does not give the business any special claim over it. What matters is whether the space is public or privately designated.

Under the Traffic Law’s implementing regulations, public roads include roads and public areas open for general use,

“Unauthorised barriers blocking public parking can be removed at the violator’s expense.”

- LAWYER ABDULKAREEM AL AHMED

while pavements are primarily designated for pedestrians.

The law prohibits occupying roads or pavements in a way that obstructs traffic or pedestrian movement. Temporary occupation requires official permission, and authorities may remove unauthorised barriers at the violator’s expense.

Official traffic signs and road markings determine where parking and waiting are permitted. A homemade “customers only” sign therefore does not create a legal right to reserve a public parking bay.

Businesses also have a responsibility to provide sufficient parking for their own vehicles and visitors, where required by law. However, this does not give them the right to take over public parking spaces outside their premises.

FROM THE COURT | TDT | Manama Rehab Mohammad

Man jailed for burning woman’s car over BD800 debt

Court appoints lawyer as defendant challenges three-year sentence

The High Criminal Court appointed a lawyer to represent a man challenging a three-year prison sentence issued against him in absentia for burning a woman’s car.

The Public Prosecution accused the man of intentionally setting fire to the vehicle in circumstances that could endanger lives and property.

The woman told investigators she met the defendant

through Instagram and later received several payments from him totalling BD800 after seeking financial help. She said he demanded repayment after learning she was getting married and later threatened her over the debt.

Her car was subsequently set on fire, and she told police that CCTV footage identified the defendant as the person responsible.

The defendant denied set-

ting the car on fire, saying he had lent the woman BD800 over several months and had only asked her to repay the money. He claimed he was in the area with friends when the incident occurred but committed no offence.

The court set August 16 to bring the defendant from custody and appoint a lawyer to represent him in his appeal against the in-absentia judgment.

Egyptian manager jailed over Pregabalin

40-year-old sentenced to five years and permanent deportation

The High Criminal Court sentenced a 40-year-old Egyptian customer services manager to five years in prison and fined him BD3,000 for possessing Pregabalin with intent to sell.

The court also ordered the seizure of the confiscated items and the defendant’s permanent deportation from Bahrain.

The case dates to February 10,

2026, when customs officers at Bahrain International Airport found 193 Pregabalin tablets hidden among dietary supplements in the defendant’s luggage.

A further 162 tablets were discovered inside another supplement container in his trouser pocket.

According to investigators, the defendant said he brought the

tablets from Egypt for a friend in return for BD250. Further investigations found that he had purchased the medication abroad at a lower price and intended to sell it in Bahrain at a higher price.

Laboratory tests confirmed that the seized tablets contained Pregabalin, a psychotropic substance.

Three Asians jailed over 700kg wire theft

Security guard assaulted and locked inside room during warehouse robbery

The High Criminal Court has sentenced three Asian men to five years in prison and ordered their deportation after convicting them of taking part in a robbery involving 700kg of electrical wires.

The men, aged 36, 36 and 24, were convicted of assaulting and restraining a company security guard before stealing property from a warehouse in Ras Zuwayed.

The 37-year-old guard told investigators that two masked

men attacked him inside the security room before four others joined them. The group tied him to a chair, took the main gate key and entered the company’s warehouse.

They broke the warehouse lock and removed electrical wires before leaving the guard locked inside the security room. He remained trapped from around 2am until 7am, when a company employee found him.

Police later received information that several Asian men

were attempting to sell a large quantity of electrical wires at a scrap shop. Officers arrested three suspects when they returned to the location, while a fourth escaped.

The seized wires weighed around 700kg and were reportedly being sold for BD1,800 per kilogram. Police also found that the bus used by the suspects had been fitted with a different number plate in an apparent attempt to avoid detection.

Darker windows proposed to beat heat

Some GCC states already allow higher tinting levels, the proposal notes.



● The move aims to reduce heat and direct sunlight inside vehicles.

● Higher tinting could improve comfort for drivers and passengers.

● 50% window tint proposed for vehicles in Bahrain.



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Hasan Barakat

MP Hamad AlDoy

Drivers in Bahrain could be allowed to tint their car windows up to 50 per cent under a proposal submitted by MP Hamad AlDoy.

The proposal calls for a study to increase the maximum permitted tinting level, aiming to reduce heat inside vehicles and improve comfort for drivers and passen-

gers.

Its explanatory memorandum states that Bahrain’s high temperatures make window tinting an important way to limit direct sunlight and reduce cabin heat.

The proposal notes that some GCC states already permit higher tinting levels while maintaining security and traffic requirements.

AlDoy said raising the limit to 50 per cent could improve driving conditions and reduce reliance on full-power air conditioning, while remaining within the security and traffic controls set by the competent authorities.

The proposal seeks to balance road users’ comfort with security and road safety requirements.



A proposal suggests that Bahrain consider allowing vehicle window tinting of up to 50 per cent to reduce cabin heat.

BTEA reviews tourism growth plans

Board examines Q2 performance, events and Exhibition World Bahrain projects

The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) Board of Directors held its third regular meeting of 2026, chaired by Tourism Minister Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi.

BTEA Chief Executive Officer Sarah Ahmed Buhiji attended the meeting.

The board reviewed tourism sector performance indicators for the second quarter of 2026, along with development priorities and measures to support sustainable growth and strengthen the sector's resilience.

It also discussed BTEA's marketing and promotional efforts to attract more visitors and reinforce Bahrain's position as a regional and international tour-



ism destination.

The board reviewed the upcoming events calendar, strategic projects and efforts to develop the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) tourism sector.

It also followed up on developments at Exhibition World Bahrain and efforts to attract

major events, exhibitions and conferences to the Kingdom.

Al Sairafi stressed the importance of continuing initiatives that support tourism growth, strengthen private-sector partnerships and develop quality projects that contribute to Bahrain's tourism and economic development.

UNEECO Group Reaffirms Loyalty to Bahrain Through Pledge Ceremony

UNEECO Group organized a pledge ceremony bringing together its leadership, management, and employees to reaffirm their loyalty and unwavering commitment to His Majesty the King and the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The ceremony was led by Group Chairman Mr. Abdulrahman Juma, alongside Directors Mr. Mohamed Juma, Mr. Khalid Juma, and Mr. Yusuf Juma. Chief Operating Officer Mr. Jayashankar Viswanathan, members of the management team, and staff also participated by signing the pledge as a symbol of their dedication and allegiance to the Kingdom.

The event highlighted UNEECO Group's deep respect for Bahrain's leadership, national



values, and vision for sustainable development. Company officials emphasized that the pledge reflects the organization's continued commitment to supporting the Kingdom's progress through responsible business practices, community engagement, and excellence in

service. UNEECO reaffirmed that it remains proud to contribute to Bahrain's ongoing growth and prosperity while standing united in support of the nation's leadership and future aspirations.

Before AC, Bahrain Had the Badgeer

Its openings were sealed in winter, effectively switching the cooling system off

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Hasan Barakat

Long before electricity reached Bahrain, traditional homes used a natural cooling system known as the badgeer to circulate air and reduce indoor temperatures.

Bahraini heritage enthusiast Hasan Al Majed, who documents the design and construction of traditional Bahraini homes, explained that the badgeer was a roof tower open on all four sides. It captured wind from whichever direction it came, funnelled the air

into the house and helped cool the rooms below.

During winter, the openings could simply be closed when cooling was no longer needed.

Traditional Bahraini homes evolved from early structures made of palm fronds into mud houses built with palm trunks, branches, mud and sea stone. Palm trunks were later replaced by danjal, timber from coastal mangrove trees valued for its strength and resistance to humidity and salt.

Danjal was used not only in roofs but also for livestock pens

and fences. Once it was no longer suitable for construction, it could be reused as firewood or charcoal.

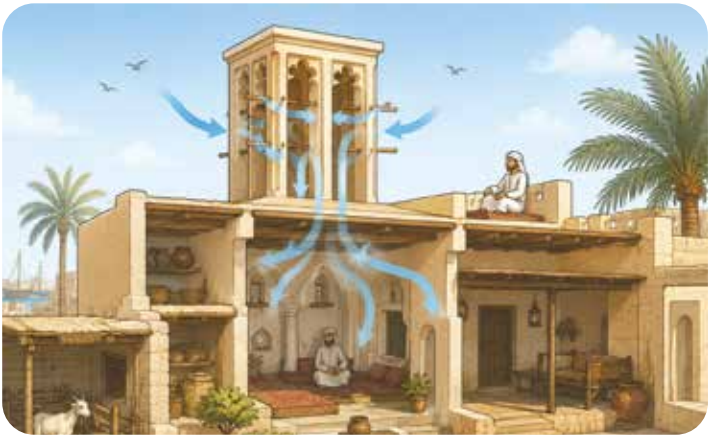
The house itself was designed around the climate. Courtyards helped circulate air, while the liwan, a covered veranda, provided a shaded area for family gatherings and receiving guests. A storage room known as the malaha was used to keep provisions, while families could sleep on rooftops during hot summer nights.

The design of these traditional homes reflected a practical response to Bahrain's heat, humidity and salty coastal environment,



Hasan Al Majed, Heritage enthusiast

relying on natural materials and airflow rather than electricity or mechanical cooling.



The 200-Year-Old Cooling System Hidden Above Bahrain's Homes



SILAH GULF B.S.C. – Financial Statements 30 June 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 30 June 2026

	Six – month period ended	
	30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	31st December 2025 (Audited)
	BD	BD
ASSETS		
Furniture and equipment	59,547	51,345
Right-of-use assets	95,047	160,530
Accounts receivable, prepayments and other assets	2,411,839	2,613,208
Bank balances and cash	8,309,831	5,889,886
TOTAL ASSETS	10,876,264	8,724,969
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Share capital	5,453,143	3,817,200
Share premium	943,638	-
Treasury shares	(112,391)	-
Statutory reserve	286,147	265,559
Retained earnings	2,196,108	2,390,024
Total equity	8,766,645	6,472,783
LIABILITIES		
Employees' end of service benefits	408,764	410,278
Lease liabilities	100,132	166,641
Accounts payable and accruals	1,600,723	1,675,267
Total liabilities	2,109,619	2,252,186
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	10,876,264	8,724,969

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the six-month period ended 30 June 2026

	Three – month period ended		Six – month period ended	
	30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	30 June 2025 (unaudited and unreviewed)	30 Jun 2026 (Reviewed)	30 June 2025 (Reviewed)
	BD	BD	BD	BD
Revenue from contracts with customers	2,050,219	2,183,702	4,084,886	4,202,160
Cost of service delivery	(1,542,893)	(1,665,048)	(3,213,575)	(3,329,207)
GROSS PROFIT	507,326	518,654	871,321	872,953
Interest income	73,855	61,122	139,485	122,942
Depreciation on furniture and equipment	(8,579)	(5,756)	(16,603)	(11,028)
General and administration expenses	(372,476)	(295,347)	(742,099)	(578,522)
Finance costs	(5,102)	(4,687)	(15,031)	(12,471)
Directors' remuneration	(14,125)	(13,525)	(31,100)	(27,550)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR BEFORE INCOME TAX	180,839	260,461	265,973	366,324
Income tax	-	-	(94)	-
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	180,839	260,461	265,877	366,324
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	180,839	260,461	265,877	366,324
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (FILS)	3.529	6.823	4.016	9.597

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed)

	Share capital BD	Share premium BD	Treasury shares BD	Statutory reserve BD	Retained earnings BD	Total BD
Balance at 1 January 2026	3,817,200	-	-	265,559	2,390,024	6,472,783
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	205,877	205,877
Transferred to statutory reserve	-	-	-	20,588	(20,588)	-
Issue of share capital	1,635,943	1,243,317	-	-	-	2,879,260
Transaction cost related to issue of share capital	-	(898,669)	-	-	-	(898,669)
Treasury shares acquired	-	-	(112,391)	-	-	(112,391)
Transaction cost borne by ultimate parent Company	-	598,990	-	-	-	598,990
Final dividend for 2025 approved and paid	-	-	-	-	(379,205)	(379,205)
Balance at 30 June 2026	5,453,143	943,638	(112,391)	286,147	2,196,108	8,766,645
Balance at 1 January 2025	3,817,200	-	-	218,479	1,966,306	6,001,985
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	366,324	366,324
Transferred to statutory reserve	-	-	-	36,632	(36,632)	-
Balance at 30 June 2025	3,817,200	-	-	255,111	2,295,998	6,368,309

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed)

	Six – month period ended	
	30 June 2026 BD	30 June 2025 BD
Net cash flows from (used in) operating activities	209,283	(451,655)
Net cash flows from investing activities	3,010,145	174,728
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities	2,017,908	(58,679)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	5,237,336	(335,606)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	1,599,886	1,895,873
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF PERIOD	6,837,222	1,560,267

The above financial statements have been extracted from the finance statement of Silah Gulf B.S.C. for the six-month period ended 30 June 2026 which were audited by Ernst & Young who have expressed an unqualified conclusion on 10th August 2026.

For more information, please refer to financial statements available on the Company's website: www.silah.bh

Mohammed A. Al Qaed
Chairman

Ghasan Abdulla
Director

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Chief Executive Officer

Trafco Group discloses its financial results for half year ended 30 June 2026

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Trafco Group (Trading code: TRAFKO) has reported a net profit attributable to the shareholders of Trafco of BD 297k for the second quarter of 2026 as against BD 309k compared to the second quarter of previous year, with a decrease of 4%.

The basic and diluted earnings per share for the second quarter of 2026 were 4 fils compared to 4 fils during the second quarter of previous year.

The total comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders of Trafco Group for the second quarter of 2026 was BD 971k compared to BD 511k for the second quarter of previous year with an increase of 90 %.

For the first half year of 2026, the group achieved net profit for the period attributable to the shareholders of BD 1.14m compared with BD 891k in the same period of previous year, with an increase of 27%.

The basic and diluted earnings per share for the first half year of 2026 were 15 fils com-



Mr.Azzam Moutragi, Group Chief Executive Officer



Mr. Ebrahim Zainal, Chairman of Trafco Group

pared with 12 fils in the same period of previous year.

The total comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders of Trafco Group for the first half year of 2026 was BD 1.39m compared to BD 1.13m of the same period of previous year, with an increase of 23%.

The total shareholders' equity (excluding minority interests) as of 30 June 2026 was BD 29.94m compared with BD 29.66m at the end of last year, with an increase of 1% .

The total assets as of 30 June 2026 was BD 55.99m compared to BD 56.49m at the end of last year, with a decrease of 1 %.

Mr. Ebrahim Zainal, Chairman of Trafco Group, stated that the parent company and its subsidiaries achieved better results due to sufficient inventory of major commodities, despite the challenges posed by the geopolitical environment, disruptions in logistics, and high freight costs.

Mr.Azzam Moutragi, Group Chief Executive Officer, stated that the challenges encoun-

tered in securing the supply of goods during the second quarter of the financial year, strengthened our commitment to continuing our contribution to the food security of the Kingdom of Bahrain, which has become an urgent and essential priority under the current circumstances. We are pleased that the Group

maintained adequate inventory levels during the previous period, enabling us to reach end consumers through direct e-commerce sales channels as well as through retail outlets.

We hope that conditions will return to normal so that the availability of essential goods in the market is not affected, in the interest of serving con-

sumers, despite the ongoing delays in shipment arrivals and the current complexities affecting logistics operations.

The full set of financial statements and the press release are available on Bahrain Bourse's website www.bahrainbourse.com and Trafco Group's website www.trafco.com

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NBB maintains 10% dividends and reports 16% growth in attributable profit for the second quarter ended 30 June 2026

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Second quarter

National Bank of Bahrain B.S.C. (NBB) has reported a net profit attributable to shareholders of BHD 22.5 million (USD 59.7 million) for the second quarter ended 30 June 2026, representing a record second quarter profit and 16% increase from BHD 19.4 million (USD 51.5 million) reported in the second quarter of 2025. The strong growth was driven primarily by higher net interest income, underscoring the resilience of the Group's balance sheet and the strength of its core banking business.

Earnings per share increased to 10 fils (USD 3 cents) for the second quarter of 2026, compared to 9 fils (USD 2 cents) in 2025.

During the quarter, the Group reported a total comprehensive income attributable to NBB's shareholders of BHD 37.3 million (USD 98.9 million) compared to BHD 13.9 million (USD 36.9 million) in the same period of 2025, representing a growth of 168%.



The increase was primarily driven by favourable mark-to-market movements in the bond portfolio during the second quarter, as market conditions stabilised following the geopolitical-related volatility experienced in the first quarter.

Year-to-date

NBB reported a net profit

attributable to shareholders of BHD 43.1 million (USD 114.3 million) for the six months ended 30 June 2026 compared to BHD 47.5 million (USD 126.0 million) in the same period in 2025. The reported profit was 9% lower than the prior year, which included a one-off gain of BHD 7.7 million (BHD 9.7 million before non-controlling interest deduction) from the

sale of an investment property in NBB's subsidiary, Bahrain Islamic Bank, and lower merger-related expenses. On a normalised basis, excluding significant one-off items, the attributable profit increased by 10% compared with BHD 39.0 million (USD 103.4 million) in the corresponding period of 2025, reflecting the strength of the Group's underlying operating performance.

Earnings per share of 19 fils (USD 5 cents) for the period is lower than 21 fils (6 cents) in the same period of 2025, or 2 fils higher than the normalised 2025 earnings per share of 17 fils (5 cents).

Total comprehensive income attributable to NBB's shareholders for the six-month period decreased by 29% to BHD 24.3 million (USD 64.5 million) compared with 34.3 million (USD 91.0 million) in 2025. The decrease is attributable to the negative mark-to-market movements of the debt portfolio resulting from the geopolitical situation.

Balance sheet

The Group's total equity attributable to shareholders stood at BHD 550.6 million (USD 1,460.5 million) as of 30 June 2026, a reduction of 6% compared to BHD 585.0 million (USD 1,551.7 million) as of 31 December 2025. The movement primarily reflects the distribution of BHD 56.4 million in year-end cash dividends for 2025, approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting during the first quarter, underscoring the Group's continued commitment to delivering strong and sustainable shareholder returns. Equity was also impacted by temporary negative mark-to-market movements in the bond portfolio arising from geopolitical-related market volatility.

The Group's total assets increased by 2% during the period to BHD 6,372.1 million (USD 16,902.1 million) compared to BHD 6,276.6 million (USD 16,648.8 million) recorded on 31 December 2025. The increase was mainly due to loans and advances registering a growth of 6% from December 2025, accompanied with a 12% increase in customer deposits.



Hala Ali Husain Yateem, Chairperson



Usman Ahmed, Group Chief Executive Officer

Interim dividends

Following the Group's strong performance, the Board of Directors proposed to maintain an interim cash dividend of 10% of share nominal value, amounting to BHD 22.6 million and equivalent to 10 fils per share. The payment is subject to regulatory approval.

Commentary

On the occasion, Mrs. Hala Ali Husain Yateem, Chairperson of NBB, said: "The second quarter of 2026 demonstrated the resilience and stability of NBB. Against a backdrop of heightened regional geopolitical uncertainty and significant volatility across global financial markets, the Group delivered a 16% increase in attributable profit, reflecting the strength of our diversified business model, disciplined risk management and the confidence our customers continue to place in us.

These results reaffirm NBB's ability to continue supporting Bahrain's economy while consistently delivering sustainable value to our shareholders. They also demonstrate the strength of the Bank's balance sheet, prudent capital management and the quality of our underlying earnings, all of which have enabled the Board to declare an interim cash dividend of 10%.

Throughout this period, our priorities remained on safeguarding our customers, protecting the Bank's financial strength, supporting our employees and ensuring uninterrupted service despite a challenging regional operating environment. The professionalism and dedication of our people once again demonstrated the resilience of our institution.

Beyond our financial performance, we continued investing in the future of Bahrain through initiatives that develop national talent, expand opportunities for young people and strengthen our contribution to the communities we serve. During the quarter, NBB was also recognised as Bahrain's Best Retail Bank by both Euromoney and the MEED MENA Banking Excellence Awards, reflecting our continued commitment to delivering an exceptional bank-

ing experience.

While geopolitical developments continue to create uncertainty across the region, NBB enters the second half of the year from a position of strength. Our strategy remains unchanged: maintaining disciplined growth, preserving a strong balance sheet, managing risk prudently and creating sustainable long-term value for our shareholders while continuing to support the Kingdom of Bahrain and its economic aspirations."

Usman Ahmed, Group Chief Executive Officer of NBB, commented: "NBB registered a growth of 31% in operating profit during the second quarter of 2026, a reflection of the Group's sustained momentum across its regional business and the effectiveness of its client-focused banking strategy. The growth was also supported by a solid expansion of the Group's balance sheet, with total assets increasing by 2% from the year-end levels, loans and advances rising by 6%, and customer deposits growing by 12%.

During the second quarter, we also announced 124 employee promotions across the Group, demonstrating our continuous investment in our talent. Furthermore, our standing in the Kingdom's significant capital market initiatives was reaffirmed as we served as Joint Lead Manager and Bookrunner in the issuance of Bahrain's USD 1 billion, 10-year international bond – a transaction that reflects the enduring confidence investors place in Bahrain's economic direction. We also launched UK property finance solutions for our international clients, extending the scope of what NBB can deliver beyond its home market. For the remainder of the year, our focus remains on client service excellence and disciplined delivery across every geography and business of the Group."

We would like to inform our shareholders that the reviewed condensed consolidated financial statements and the press release are available on the Bahrain Bourse website.

National Bank of Bahrain B.S.C. shares are traded on Bahrain Bourse under the trading code: NBB.



Declaration of Interim Dividends

The Board of Directors of National Bank of Bahrain B.S.C. resolved, at its meeting held on 10 August 2026, to recommend the distribution of interim dividends for the six months ending 30 June 2026 to the shareholders whose names are registered on the Bank's register on the Record Date. This is subject to the approval of the regulatory authorities. The proposed distribution is as follow:

- **Cash Dividend:** 10% of share nominal value, equivalent to 10 fils per share amounting to BD 22.6 million*.

Below are the key dates to be taken note of:

Event	Date
Cum-Dividend Date (Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)	17/8/2026
Ex-Dividend Date (First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)	18/8/2026
Record Date (The day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	19/8/2026
Payment Date (The day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)	30/8/2026

* Based on the number of shares outstanding (net of treasury shares) as of 30 June 2026.

Mrs. Hala Ali Husain Yateem
Chairperson
10/8/2026

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Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Information

30 June 2026

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2026 (Bahraini Dinar Millions)

	30 June 2026 (reviewed)	31 December 2025 (audited)
Assets		
Cash and balances at central banks	184.8	198.5
Treasury bills	80.4	10.0
Placements with banks and other financial institutions	819.6	800.7
Loans and advances to customers	3,384.7	3,186.2
Investment securities	1,573.8	1,751.1
Investment in associates	39.0	39.6
Interest receivable and other assets	171.2	168.7
Property and equipment	68.8	71.5
Goodwill and other intangible assets	49.8	50.3
Total assets	6,372.1	6,276.6
Liabilities		
Due to banks and other financial institutions	633.3	894.7
Borrowings under repurchase agreements	536.5	609.2
Customer deposits	4,480.9	4,015.5
Interest payable and other liabilities	156.3	157.0
Total liabilities	5,807.0	5,676.4
Equity		
Share capital	226.6	226.6
Treasury shares	(3.7)	(4.2)
Shares unallocated under share incentive scheme	(0.6)	(0.6)
Share premium	16.9	16.9
Statutory reserve	113.3	113.3
General reserve	32.4	32.4
Other reserves and retained earnings	165.7	200.6
Equity attributable to the shareholders of the Bank	550.6	585.0
Non-controlling interest	14.5	15.2
Total equity	565.1	600.2
Total liabilities and equity	6,372.1	6,276.6

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss

For the six months ended 30 June 2026 (Bahraini Dinar Millions)

	Six months ended		Three months ended	
	30 June 2026 (reviewed)	30 June 2025 (reviewed)	30 June 2026 (reviewed)	30 June 2025 (reviewed)
Interest income	160.8	150.1	82.3	75.9
Interest expense	(85.2)	(83.0)	(42.0)	(42.2)
Net interest income	75.6	67.1	40.3	33.7
Net fee and commission income	5.8	7.0	3.0	4.0
Other income	21.4	32.0	10.6	8.3
Total operating income	102.8	106.1	53.9	46.0
Staff expenses	28.9	27.6	14.9	13.4
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	5.9	5.0	2.9	2.9
Other operating expenses	21.6	19.9	10.9	10.4
Total operating expenses	56.4	52.5	28.7	26.7
Profit before results of associates, impairment and tax	46.4	53.6	25.2	19.3
Share of profits of associates, net	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.4
Net impairment losses on financial instruments	(2.4)	(3.9)	(2.3)	0.5
Profit before tax	44.4	50.4	23.3	20.2
Tax expense	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.1)
Profit for the period	44.2	50.3	23.1	20.1
Attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Bank	43.1	47.5	22.5	19.4
Non-controlling interest	1.1	2.8	0.6	0.7
	44.2	50.3	23.1	20.1
Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the shareholders of the Bank				
	19 fils	21 fils	10 fils	9 fils

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the six months ended 30 June 2026 (Bahraini Dinar Millions)

	Six months ended		Three months ended	
	30 June 2026 (reviewed)	30 June 2025 (reviewed)	30 June 2026 (reviewed)	30 June 2025 (reviewed)
Profit for the period	44.2	50.3	23.1	20.1
Other comprehensive income: Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:				
Cash flow hedges:				
Net change in fair value	0.3	-	-	-
Fair value through other comprehensive income (debt instruments)				
Net change in fair value	(12.0)	(5.2)	17.8	(3.6)
Net amount transferred to profit or loss	(4.6)	(2.8)	(4.3)	(0.1)
Share of comprehensive income of associate	(0.1)	-	(0.1)	-
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:				
Share of comprehensive income of associate	(0.1)	-	-	-
Net change in fair value of equity instruments at FVOCI	(2.3)	(5.2)	1.4	(1.8)
Total other comprehensive income for the period	(18.8)	(13.2)	14.8	(5.5)
Total comprehensive income for the period	25.4	37.1	37.9	14.6
Attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Bank	24.3	34.3	37.3	13.9
Non-controlling interest	1.1	2.8	0.6	0.7
	25.4	37.1	37.9	14.6

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the six months ended 30 June 2026 (Bahraini Dinar Millions)

	Other reserves and retained earnings												
	Share capital	Treasury shares	Un-allocated shares	Share premium	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Fair value reserve	Cash flow hedge reserve	Donation charity reserve	Retained earnings	Total owners' equity	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
2026 (reviewed)	226.6	(4.2)	(0.6)	16.9	113.3	32.4	33.6	(0.7)	13.8	153.9	585.0	15.2	600.2
2025 appropriations:													
Cash dividend at 25%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(56.4)	(56.4)	-	(56.4)
Transfer to donations and charity reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	(0.5)	-	-	-
Balance after 2025 appropriations	226.6	(4.2)	(0.6)	16.9	113.3	32.4	33.6	(0.7)	14.3	97.0	528.6	15.2	543.8
Employee shares assigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Movement in treasury shares	-	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	0.5
Comprehensive income for the period:													
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43.1	43.1	1.1	44.2
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(19.1)	0.3	-	-	(18.8)	-	(18.8)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(19.1)	0.3	-	43.1	24.3	1.1	25.4
Utilisation of donation and charity reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1.8)	-	(1.8)	-	(1.8)
Other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.8)	(2.8)
Balance at 30 June 2026	226.6	(3.7)	(0.6)	16.9	113.3	32.4	14.5	(0.4)	12.5	139.1	550.6	14.5	565.1

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the six months ended 30 June 2025 (Bahraini Dinar Millions)

	Other reserves and retained earnings											
	Share capital	Treasury shares	Un-allocated shares	Share premium	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Fair value reserve	Donation charity reserve	Retained earnings	Total owners' equity	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
2025 (reviewed)												
Balance at 1 January 2025	226.6	(2.5)	(0.5)	15.1	113.3	32.4	35.3	14.2	149.9	583.8	13.2	597.0
2024 appropriations:												
Cash dividend at 25%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(56.4)	(56.4)	-	(56.4)
Transfer to donations and charity reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0	(2.0)	-	-	-
Balance after 2024 appropriations	226.6	(2.5)	(0.5)	15.1	113.3	32.4	35.3	16.2	91.5	527.4	13.2	540.6
Employee shares assigned	-	-	0.3	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	2.2	-	2.2
Movement in treasury shares	-	(1.7)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1.7)	-	(1.7)
Comprehensive income for the period:												
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47.5	47.5	2.8	50.3
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(13.2)	-	-	(13.2)	-	(13.2)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(13.2)	-	47.5	34.3	2.8	37.1
Utilisation of donation and charity reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1.4)	-	(1.4)	-	(1.4)
Other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.4)	(0.4)	-	(0.4)
Balance at 30 June 2025	226.6	(4.2)	(0.2)	17.0	113.3	32.4	22.1	14.8	138.6	560.4	16.0	576.4

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the six months ended 30 June 2026 (Bahraini Dinar Millions)

	Six months ended	
	30 June 2026 (reviewed)	30 June 2025 (reviewed)
Cash flow from operating activities		
Profit for the period	44.2	50.3
Adjustments to reconcile profit for the period to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortisation	5.9	5.0
Amortisation of right-of-use leased property	0.9	0.9
Fair value loss of investment properties	-	0.1
Net impairment losses on financial instruments	2.4	3.9
Share of profits from associates, net	(0.4)	(0.7)
Profit for the period after adjustments	53.0	59.5
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Balances with central banks (mandatory cash reserve)	18.3	(11.4)
Treasury bills	(10.2)	(16.3)
Placements with banks and other financial institutions	(4.2)	(17.8)
Loans and advances to customers	(200.3)	88.0
Investment securities	149.2	(154.0)
Interest receivable and other assets	6.6	(53.7)
Due to banks and other financial institutions	(261.5)	186.3
Borrowings under repurchase agreements	(72.7)	103.9
Customer deposits	465.9	202.3
Interest payable and other liabilities	(2.9)	(1.2)
Net cash from operating activities	141.2	385.6
Cash flow from investing activities		
Dividend received from associates	0.8	0.8
Capital reduction of associates	-	1.0
Purchase of property and equipment, net	(3.4)	(4.6)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2.6)	(2.8)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Dividends paid	(56.4)	(56.4)
Net investment in treasury shares	0.5	(0.6)
Donations and charities paid	(2.5)	(1.8)
Payment of lease liabilities	(0.7)	(0.8)
Net cash used in financing activities	(59.1)	(59.6)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents during the period	79.5	323.2
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	840.5	664.8
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	920.0	988.0

The comparatives for the condensed consolidated statement of financial position have been extracted from the Group's audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. The comparatives for the condensed consolidated statements of profit or loss, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows have been extracted from the reviewed condensed consolidated interim financial information for the six months period ended 30 June 2025.

Reviewed by KPMG - 10 August 2026

Mrs. Hala Ali Husain Yateem
Chairperson

Mr. Yusuf Abdulla Yusuf Alireza
Vice Chairperson

Mr. Usman Ahmed
Group Chief Executive Officer

Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company Achieved BD 2.9 million Net Profit with 7% Growth for the Six-Month Period Ended 30 June 2026

Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company (BKIC) B.S.C. (trading code in Bahrain Bourse “BKIC” and in Bursa Kuwait “BKIKWT”) announced its consolidated financial results for the six months ended 30th June 2026.

The financial results for the three months ended 30th June 2026

The consolidated financial results showed a net profit after tax attributable to shareholders of BD 1.154 million, compared to BD 1.089 million for the same period last year, representing a 6% increase. Earnings per share for the quarter reached 8 fils, marking an increase of 1 fils compared to the same period in 2025. The total comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders increased by 4% and reached BD 1.171 million in Q2 2026 compared to BD 1.122 million in Q2 2025.

The Company reported insurance revenue of BD 31.401 million for the second quarter of the current year, compared to BD 27.719 million in the same period last year. The insurance service result stood at BD 0.069 million in comparison to BD 1.076 million in the same period last year, im-

pacted by an increase in claims and the Company’s continued prudent approach to strengthening reserves. Meanwhile, total investment income saw a growth of 22%, rising from BD 1.558 million in the second quarter of last year to BD 1.907 million this year.

The financial results for the six months ended 30th June 2026

The consolidated net profit after tax attributable to shareholders stood at BD 2.873 million for the half year ended 30th June 2026, compared to BD 2.685 million in the corresponding period of 2025, representing a increase of 7%. Earnings per share for the period were 19 fils, compared to 18 fils in the same period last year. Meanwhile, total comprehensive income attributable to shareholders decreased by 37%, reaching BD 1.817 million versus BD 2.892 million in the prior-year period primarily due to lower fair value movements on investments compared to last year.

The Company recorded 37% growth in gross written premiums, reaching BD 77.321 million during the first half of the year, compared to BD 56.562 million in the same period of 2025, reflecting contin-



Murad Ali Murad, Chairman of BKIC



Dr. Abdulla Sultan, BKIC Chief Executive Officer

ued business expansion and strong market presence. Insurance revenue increased by 9% from BD 55.751 million in last year to BD 60.750 million in current year. The Insurance service results declined from BD 2.025 million in the First half of last year to BD 1.093 million in the first half of the current year primarily due to an increase in reported claims. In contrast, total investment income grew by 19%, rising to BD 3.729 million from BD 3.142 million in the same period last year.

The total shareholders’ equity as at end of June 2026 was BD 44.547 million compared to BD 46.471 million as at end of last year, representing a de-

crease of 4% mainly due to the allocation of shareholder dividend payouts. Total assets reached BD 355.523 million, compared to BD 246.573 million at the end of the previous year, reflecting 44% increase due to increase in Reinsurance claims recoveries. Net insurance contract liabilities increased from BD 70.297 million at year-end to BD 82.834 million at the end of the current period, representing 18% increase.

Board of Directors’ Comments

“The Board is collectively pleased with our first-half results for 2026. All evidence shows that, while executing key strategic projects, the

Company is progressing in a robust, sound, and prudent manner.” The Board also emphasized that the unity between Board members and employees extends beyond corporate governance, noting that all Board members and employees proudly joined the national initiative to sign the pledge of loyalty and allegiance to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Notably, the 2026 results reflect the implementation of the Domestic Minimum Top-up Tax on 1 January 2025. Consequently, the Board advises shareholders to evaluate “Pre-Tax Profits” when conducting benchmark comparisons on performance.

Operationally, the Company maintained uninterrupted customer service and met all client demands.

This enduring success is born from a powerful synergy: the unwavering trust of BKIC customers and partners, met by the fierce dedication of our management and staff. When shared confidence unites with such passionate resolve, success ceases to be an effort—it becomes our natural state, fulfilling the highest aspirations of the Board.

Chief Executive Officer’s Comments

BKIC Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Abdulla Sultan, emphasized that the first half consolidated results are satisfactory, despite challenges from claims inflation causing an increase in medical claims frequency and severity. Additionally, the Company faced flood-related claims in its Property & Engineering segment from its Kuwait operations, where prudent reserve provisions were maintained. Conversely, strategic measures implemented within the Motor portfolio yielded highly positive results, with further performance improvements anticipated for the remainder of the year.

To maintain a conservative financial posture, the Company boosted its reserve provisioning during the quarter and increased its Expected Credit Losses (ECL) on policyholders.

Dr. Sultan commented: “I extend my sincere gratitude to our exceptional teams at BKIC Bahrain, BKIC Kuwait, and our subsidiary. Throughout the first half of 2026, your unfaltering efforts have been our greatest strength. It is your outstanding dedication, hard work, and shared commitment that drive our vision forward and consistently turn challenges into achievements.”

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF BAHRAIN KUWAIT INSURANCE COMPANY (B.S.C.) FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2026										 الشركة البحرينية الكويتية للتأمين BKC Company							
Interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position (Reviewed)				Interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss (Reviewed)				Interim condensed consolidated statement of cash flows (Reviewed)									
As at 30 June 2026 (in thousands of Bahraini dinars)				For the period ended 30 June 2026 (in thousands of Bahraini dinars)				For the period ended 30 June 2026 (in thousands of Bahraini dinars)									
		30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	31 December 2025 (Audited)	For the three month period ended		For the six month period ended				30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	30 June 2025 (Reviewed)						
				30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	30 June 2025 (Reviewed)	30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	30 June 2025 (Reviewed)										
ASSETS								OPERATING ACTIVITIES									
Cash and cash equivalents		24,765	15,448	Insurance revenue	31,401	27,719	60,750	55,751	Profit for the period		2,961	2,756					
Bank deposits with original maturity of more than three months		2,817	4,609	Insurance service expenses	(148,441)	(19,595)	(167,879)	(38,175)	Adjustments for:								
Insurance contract assets		2,984	2,754	Net income/(expense) from reinsurance contracts held	117,109	(7,048)	108,222	(15,551)	Depreciation & amortization		333	275					
Reinsurance contract assets		212,100	114,596	Insurance service result	69	1,076	1,093	2,025	Share of results of an associate		(381)	(28)					
Other receivables and prepayments		12,895	10,376	Takaful policyholders' share of loss / (profit)	59	(31)	(103)	(189)	Investment income		(3,729)	(3,142)					
Investments at fair value		88,551	87,358	Insurance service result after Takaful policyholders' share of profit	128	1,045	990	1,836	Net insurance & reinsurance finance costs		359	491					
Property and equipment		3,511	3,424	Interest Income	1,023	1,009	2,046	2,042	Tax expense		276	305					
Investment properties		1,888	1,905	Investment income - net	1,146	549	1,939	1,103	Changes in operating assets and liabilities:								
Intangible assets		1,488	1,542	Expected credit loss charge on investments	(262)	-	(256)	(3)	Insurance contract assets		(229)	(4,339)					
Right of use assets		593	645	Total investment income	1,907	1,558	3,729	3,142	Reinsurance contract assets		(96,001)	6,769					
Investment in an associate		456	417	Insurance finance expenses for insurance contracts issued	(1,937)	(415)	(1,863)	(1,434)	Other receivables and prepayments		(1,251)	(3,660)					
Statutory deposits		3,475	3,499	Reinsurance finance income for reinsurance contracts held	1,479	270	1,504	943	Insurance contract liabilities		106,520	(6,302)					
TOTAL ASSETS		355,523	246,573	Net insurance and investment result	1,577	2,458	4,360	4,487	Reinsurance contract liabilities		1,888	6,095					
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY								NET CASH GENERATED FROM / (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES									
Insurance contract liabilities		290,524	182,141	Share of results of an associate	25	16	38	28	Surplus distribution paid		(7)	-					
Reinsurance contract liabilities		7,394	5,506	Other expense	(459)	(457)	(937)	(918)	Income taxes paid		(74)	-					
Payables and accrued liabilities		9,130	8,786	Other income / (expense)	116	(396)	140	33	Net cash generated from / (used in) operating activities		10,226	(559)					
Lease liabilities		670	653	Expected credit loss charge on financial assets	(8)	(320)	(364)	(569)	INVESTING ACTIVITIES								
Insurance contract liabilities - due to Takaful policyholders		1,375	1,254	Profit for the period before tax	1,251	1,301	3,237	3,061	Dividends received		1,222	1,102					
Tax liabilities		535	333	Less: Tax expense	(60)	(191)	(276)	(305)	Interest income received		2,118	2,069					
Total liabilities		309,628	198,673	Profit for the period	1,191	1,110	2,961	2,756	Other investment income and expenses paid		38	(1,037)					
Equity				Attributable to:					Purchase of investments		(8,035)	(3,470)					
Share capital		15,000	15,000	Shareholders of the parent	1,154	1,089	2,873	2,685	Sale of investments		6,232	1,788					
Treasury shares		(873)	(871)	Non-controlling interests	37	21	88	71	Additions in investment in a subsidiary		-	(708)					
Share premium		4,362	4,362	Basic and diluted earnings per share	8 Fils	7 Fils	19 Fils	18 Fils	Purchase of property and equipment		(242)	(100)					
Statutory reserve		7,551	7,112						Purchase of intangible assets		(29)	(85)					
General reserve		1,358	1,358	Balance as at 30 June 2026	15,000	(873)	4,362	7,551	Maturity of bank deposits with maturities more than three months		4,609	7,890					
Investments fair value reserve		1,435	2,413						Placing of bank deposits with maturities more than three months		(2,817)	(4,196)					
Currency translation reserve		(1,319)	(1,241)						Statutory deposits		24	(153)					
Retained earnings		17,033	18,338						Net cash generated from investing activities		3,120	3,100					
Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent		44,547	46,471						FINANCING ACTIVITIES								
Non-controlling interests		1,348	1,429						Dividends paid		(3,833)	(3,818)					
Total Equity		45,895	47,900						Purchase of treasury shares		(2)	(19)					
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		355,523	246,573						Lease liabilities paid		(116)	(97)					
									Cash used in financing activities		(3,951)	(3,934)					
								NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS									
											9,395	(1,393)					
									Cash and Cash equivalents at beginning of the period		15,448	15,498					
									Foreign currency translation adjustments		(78)	109					
									CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD		24,785	14,214					
Interim condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income (Reviewed)				Interim condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity (Reviewed)													
For the period ended 30 June 2026 (in thousands of Bahraini dinars)				For the period ended 30 June 2026 (in thousands of Bahraini dinars)													
		For the three month period ended		For the six month period ended													
		30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	30 June 2025 (Reviewed)	30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	30 June 2025 (Reviewed)	Share capital	Treasury shares	Share premium	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Investments fair value reserve	Currency translation reserve	Retained earnings	Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent	Non-controlling interests	Total equity	
Profit for the period		1,191	1,110	2,961	2,756	Balance as at 1 January 2026	15,000	(871)	4,362	7,112	1,358	2,413	(1,241)	18,338	46,471	1,429	47,900
A. Items that will not be reclassified to interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss in subsequent periods						Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,873	2,873	88	2,961
Net changes in fair value of investments measured at FVOCI - equity instruments		(248)	(275)	(546)	(327)	Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(978)	(78)	-	(1,056)	(20)	(1,076)	
Recycled to retained earnings on disposal of FVOCI equity instruments		-	159	55	159	Total comprehensive (loss) / income	-	-	-	-	(978)	(78)	-	2,873	1,817	88	1,885
B. Items that are or may be reclassified to interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss in subsequent periods						Purchase of treasury shares	-	(2)	-	-	-	-	(78)	-	(2)	-	(2)
Net changes in fair value of investments measured at FVOCI - debt instruments		14	21	(763)	262	Effect of disposal of FVOCI equity instruments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(55)	(55)	-	(55)
Net changes in allowance for expected credit losses of investments measured at FVOCI - debt instruments		262	-	256	3	Transfer to statutory reserve	-	-	-	439	-	-	-	(439)	-	-	-
Recycled to interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss on disposal of FVOCI debt instruments		(1)	1	-	-	Dividend for the year 2025	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,684)	(3,684)	(149)	(3,833)
Currency translation differences		(7)	123	(78)	109	Balance as at 30 June 2026	15,000	(873)	4,362	7,551	1,358	1,435	(1,319)	17,033	44,547	1,348	45,895
Other comprehensive income / (loss) for the period		20	29	(1,076)	206	Balance at 1 January 2025	15,000	(748)	4,362	6,512	1,358	1,666	(1,268)	18,019	44,901	2,121	47,022
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		1,211	1,139	1,885	2,962	Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,685	2,685	71	2,756
Attributable to:						Other comprehensive income / (loss)	-	-	-	-	98	109	-	-	207	(1)	206
Shareholders of the parent		1,171	1,122	1,817	2,892	Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	98	109	-	2,685	2,892	70	2,962
Non-controlling interests		40	17	68	70	Effect of changes in ownership interest in subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	17	(725)	(708)
		1,211	1,139	1,885	2,962	Effect of disposal of FVOCI equity instruments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(159)	(159)	-	(159)
						Purchase of minority interest shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(19)	(19)
						Transfer to statutory reserve	-	-	-	458	-	-	-	(458)	-	-	-
						Dividend for the year 2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,692)	(3,692)	(126)	(3,818)
						Balance as at 30 June 2025	15,000	(748)	4,362	6,970	1,358	1,764	(1,159)	16,412	43,959	1,321	45,280

War fears drove March food spending before restaurants, travel and shopping rebounded in May

In other words, almost one dinar in every four spent by card in March went on groceries or eating out.



Spending climbed from BD27.2 million in March to BD37 million in May, an increase of BD9.9 mil-

The category covers court payments, maintenance, child support, fines, bail, tax bills, government postal services and transactions between state bodies, so the figure goes well

The overall amount spent by card has changed little from a year ago. Where Bahrain's money is going, however, has changed far more: food took a larger share during March's war jitters, before restaurants, clothes, jewellery, travel and leisure gained ground in May.

The program attracted strong interest, receiving more than 50 registrations from aspiring Bahraini entrepreneurs, with over 15 young entrepreneurs and aspiring business owners successfully completing the program. Throughout the program, participants explored a range of key topics, including global brand development, international marketing strategies, export packaging require-

The Future Exporters Program reflects the strategic partnership between the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Export Bahrain to foster an export culture and entrepreneurial mindset among Bahraini youth. By equipping young entrepreneurs with the practical tools, knowledge, and expertise required to build export-ready businesses, the initiative supports the growth of Bahrain's non-oil exports, enhances the competitiveness of local products and services, and contributes to reinforcing the Kingdom's position as a leading regional and international trade hub.

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ARAB REINSURANCE GROUP P.S.C.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

(In thousands of U.S. Dollars)

	30 June 2026 (reviewed)	31 December 2025 (audited)	30 June 2025 (reviewed)
ASSETS			
Cash and bank balances	40,847	41,334	40,459
Investments	286,678	297,243	299,494
Accrued interest	2,731	2,499	2,757
Reinsurance contract assets	8,431	8,196	7,406
Other assets	1,221	1,204	1,167
Property and equipment	4,600	4,682	4,833
TOTAL ASSETS	344,508	355,158	356,116
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
LIABILITIES			
Insurance contract liabilities	68,955	74,220	76,387
Reinsurance contract liabilities	5,098	4,122	3,751
Other liabilities	1,165	1,507	2,612
TOTAL LIABILITIES	75,218	79,849	82,750
EQUITY			
Attributable to shareholders of parent company			
Share capital	220,000	220,000	220,000
Treasury stock	(14,793)	(14,793)	(14,793)
Reserves	49,354	54,178	52,818
Retained earnings	7,246	8,337	7,669
	261,807	267,722	265,694
Non-controlling interests	7,483	7,587	7,672
TOTAL EQUITY	269,290	275,309	273,366
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	344,508	355,158	356,116

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2026 (In thousands of U.S. Dollars)

	For the three months ended 30 June 2026 (reviewed)	For the three months ended 30 June 2025 (reviewed)	For the financial year-to-date 2026 (reviewed)	For the financial year-to-date 2025 (reviewed)	For the financial year ended 31 December 2025 (audited)
Insurance revenue	161	218	(31)	536	1,017
Insurance service expenses	(392)	(966)	922	(1,038)	(4,911)
Net expense from reinsurance contracts held	(218)	(279)	(1,252)	(692)	(1,189)
Insurance service result	(449)	(1,047)	(361)	(1,194)	(4,663)
Investment income	2,990	3,229	5,905	6,424	12,263
Insurance finance expenses	(127)	(870)	(582)	(1,974)	(4,256)
Reinsurance finance income	17	82	65	189	410
Financial insurance result	2,880	2,441	5,388	4,639	8,417
Other expenses and provisions	19	(188)	(93)	(776)	(1,236)
Other income	8	44	200	161	1,173
Profit for the period	2,458	1,250	5,134	2,830	3,691
Attributable to:					
Non-controlling interests	(40)	(42)	(115)	(110)	(222)
Shareholders of parent company	2,498	1,292	5,249	2,940	3,913
Earnings per share attributable to shareholders (basic and diluted):	1.3	0.7	2.6	1.5	2.0
	(US cents)				

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

(In thousands of U.S. Dollars)

	For the three months ended 30 June 2026 (reviewed)	For the three months ended 30 June 2025 (reviewed)	For the financial year-to-date 2026 (reviewed)	For the financial year-to-date 2025 (reviewed)	For the year ended 31 December 2025 (audited)
Profit for the period	2,458	1,250	5,134	2,830	3,691
Other comprehensive income					
Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss:					
Fair value changes on investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	(2,345)	1,290	(4,485)	4,723	5,794
Transfers for recognition of gains on disposal of debt investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	(47)	(145)	(229)	(122)	(111)
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:					
Revaluation of property	-	-	-	213	213
Other comprehensive income for the period	(2,392)	1,145	(4,714)	4,814	5,896
Total comprehensive income for the period	66	2,395	420	7,644	9,587
Attributable to:					
Non-controlling interests	(32)	(22)	(104)	(50)	(135)
Shareholders of parent company	98	2,417	524	7,694	9,722
	66	2,395	420	7,644	9,587

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

(In thousands of U.S. Dollars)

	For the financial year-to-date 30 June 2026 (reviewed)	For the financial year-to-date 30 June 2025 (reviewed)	For the year ended 31 December 2025 (audited)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Premiums received	252	(1,090)	88
Reinsurance premiums paid	(162)	(461)	(812)
Claims and acquisition costs paid	(2,583)	(3,228)	(6,526)
Reinsurance receipts in respect of claims	53	53	105
Investment income	175	213	484
Interest income	185	362	604
Operating expenses paid	(3,721)	(4,141)	(8,508)
Other (expenses) income, net	(85)	(699)	(2,342)
Insurance deposits received (paid), net	625	3,375	3,382
Purchase of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(27)	(20)	(53)
Sale of investments at fair value through profit or loss	3,355	5,490	10,900
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,933)	(146)	(2,678)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Maturity/sale of investments	17,140	30,916	82,787
Purchase of investments	(15,121)	(24,952)	(79,538)
Term deposits with bank, net	(70)	3,993	61
Interest income	5,797	5,918	12,272
Investment income	73	3	3
Purchase of property and equipment	(2)	(5)	(178)
Purchase of intangible assets	(2)	-	-
Net cash provided by investing activities	7,815	15,933	15,407
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Dividends paid	(6,439)	(24,764)	(24,784)
Net cash used in financing activities	(6,439)	(24,764)	(24,784)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(557)	(8,977)	(12,035)
Effect of exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents	-	(1)	-
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	20,490	32,525	32,525
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	19,933	23,547	20,490
Term deposits with bank	20,914	16,912	20,844
Cash and bank balances, end of period	40,847	40,459	41,334

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The above condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been extracted from the condensed consolidated interim financial statements reviewed by KPMG Fakhro.

The reviewed condensed consolidated interim financial statements are available on Arig's website www.arig.net

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Meta releases new AI model as Zuckerberg lays out vision

AFP | Washington, United States

Meta chief executive Mark Zuckerberg called yesterday for lower barriers for open source AI, as his company introduced a new model that can run on a personal computer.

The launch comes amid debate in the United States on whether access to the technology should be more restricted, and on local push-back against the buildout of data centers that power it.

This was accompanied by a long essay outlining Zuckerberg's vision for artificial intelligence in which he stressed the need to remain competitive against countries like China, among other issues.

Competitors OpenAI and Anthropic largely focus on closed AI models.

Zuckerberg said in an Instagram video Monday that his company would open the weights for its latest AI model, enabling it to be downloaded by the public.

Weights refer to calculations or rules governing how an AI system behaves.

He said Meta would also release a new class of open source models, designed to run on a laptop.

"Rather than centralizing superintelligence, we should distribute it widely and give every person the ability to direct it," Zuckerberg said in his essay.

Amid growing public opposition to data center development in the United States, Zuckerberg added that Meta is launching a fund to directly support communities around its facilities.

A Meta spokesperson said the size of the fund, launched Monday, is \$1 billion.

Meta has in recent months reaffirmed plans to keep spending heavily on the data centers and chips underpinning its AI effort. It expects capital expenditures of up to \$145 billion this year, nearly doubling the amount it spent in 2025.

China imposes levies on pecans from US, Mexico

AFP | Beijing, China

China announced steep levies on pecans imported from the United States and Mexico yesterday after it found the products were being dumped on the Chinese market.

Beginning Tuesday, pecans from Mexican producers will

face levies between 17.8 percent and 51.6 percent while those from US companies face a blanket 54.3 percent rate, the Chinese commerce ministry said. The rates were issued after the ministry reached a "preliminary ruling" on its anti-dumping investigation into imported pecans it initiated in September last year.

US, South Korea to drill for new threats from North

AFP | Seoul, South Korea

South Korean and US forces will hold major joint drills next week simulating combat against North Korean troops battle-hardened by deployment in the Russia-Ukraine war, an exercise spokesman said yesterday.

The "Ulchi Freedom Shield" exercise is a regular summer fixture for South Korea's armed forces and their US allies, designed to

steel them for defence against the nuclear-armed North.

Pyongyang has always been angered by the drills, decrying them as dress rehearsals for an invasion.

This year's 11-day exercise starting on August 17 will account for the changing "character of warfare", said Colonel Ryan Donald, spokesman for the US and South

Korean Combined Forces Command.



Iran supreme leader names Guards general Abdollahi military chief

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Iranian supreme leader Mojtaba Khamenei named Revolutionary Guards general Ali Abdollahi head of the country's armed forces yesterday, while also confirming a new commander of the Guards, putting his imprimatur on the country's military.

An statement on Khamenei's website announced that "Major General Ali Abdollahi has been appointed chief of staff of the armed forces. Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi has also been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps with the rank of major general."

UK radio broke rules in announcing king's death

● Radio Caroline, a former pirate radio that now mostly plays rock music, apologised in May after airing messages falsely announcing the monarch's death.

AFP | London, United Kingdom

A community radio station breached the rules after accidentally announcing the death of King Charles III in a May broadcast, a UK watchdog said on Monday.

Radio Caroline, a former pirate radio that

now mostly plays rock music, apologised in May after airing messages falsely announcing the monarch's death.

One of the messages had said "we have suspended our normal programmes until further notice as a mark of respect following the passing of His Majesty King Charles III".

The national anthem was then played, followed by around 16 minutes of silence before the regular programme resumed.

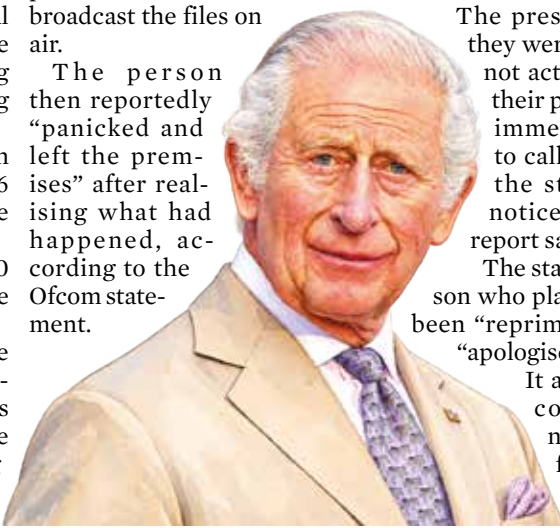
The presenter apologised 30 minutes after the messages were initially triggered, Ofcom said.

Radio Caroline told Ofcom the error occurred when a member of staff accessed sound files pre-recorded in the event of the monarch's death while carrying out maintenance on the studio computer, as the programme

was being streamed remotely.

The staff member played the files "out of curiosity", which stopped the stream from the presenter's remote location and broadcast the files on air.

The person then reportedly "panicked and left the premises" after realising what had happened, according to the Ofcom statement.



Radio Caroline said the remote presenter "would not realise that they had gone 'off air' unless they were monitoring their output via an internet monitor."

The presenter, believing they were still on air, was not actively monitoring their phone and did not immediately respond to calls from people at the station who had noticed the error, the report said.

The station said the person who played the files had been "reprimanded" and had "apologised".

It added the pre-recorded files had now been removed from the studio computer.

US left-wing star reveals decision to freeze her eggs

AFP | Washington, United States

Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, one of the most prominent figures on the US left

and a potential presidential contender, has revealed she is freezing her eggs, saying she wants to speak openly about choices confronting women balancing careers and family.

The 36-year-old Democratic congresswoman from New York shared videos of the fertility

treatment on social media over the weekend, including footage of herself administering hormone injections.

"This is a choice that I am making to feel more in control of my life," Ocasio-Cortez said, describing her ability to undergo the procedure as a "very privi-

leged position.

Hours later, Ocasio-Cortez said in a television interview that she had not ruled out running for the White House in 2028, while also leaving open the possibility of challenging Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer for his New York seat.

Ocasio-Cortez

Deadly Quake rocks Colombia, toll climbs

● The early-morning quake was also felt in Ecuador, Panama and Venezuela

● At least 69 people were killed in the city of Pereira alone

● Choco was at the epicenter of the quake

AFP | Bogote, Colombia

A magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck western Colombia yesterday, killing at least 69 people, toppling dozens of buildings and reverberating in nearby countries too.

Emergency teams rushed to help victims and search for survivors under the rubble after the quake hit the coastal Choco region at 7:34 am local time.

The tremor, with an epicenter 100 kilometers (60 miles) deep in the San Jose del Palmar municipality, killed at least 40 people in the Risaralda region.

"The situation is critical," Mayor Mauricio Salazar of the provincial capital Pereira told Caracol Radio.

Twenty-seven people were killed in the Valle del Cauca department, and two more died in the city of Manizales, in Colombia's coffee-growing region.



An elderly woman is carried on furniture near a collapsed building after an earthquake in Cali, Colombia

The quake caused a tower of Manizales' beloved cathedral to fall over, an AFP journalist observed.

"A great many buildings" in the city sustained damage, said administrator Jaime Zuluaga, 50. "Traffic is paralyzed and people don't want to go back to their homes for fear of an aftershock."

Airports shut

Twenty buildings crumbled in Colombia's third-largest city Cali, trapping people beneath the debris, Mayor Alejandro Eder said.

Choco's governor warned of serious damage in the provincial capital Quibdo, where videos showed more buildings reduced to rubble. The death toll in the

impoverished region remains unknown.

Ecuador, Panama and Venezuela also felt the early-morning quake, which prompted building evacuations in Bogota.

Still wearing their pajamas, crowds of people rushed out into the street upon feeling the tremor, AFP reporters saw.

"The quake was very, very strong," said content creator Valeria Polo, 29, in the capital, where only minimal damage was recorded. Six small airports in western Colombia suspended operations, the civil aeronautics agency said, and the soccer governing body postponed upcoming football matches.

President Abelardo de la Espriella, who was just sworn in

on Friday, said he was heading to Bogota to convene an emergency meeting.

"To the Colombians who are going through difficult times today, I want to say: You are not alone," he added.

De la Espriella has pledged to build close ties with the United States and Israel, both of whom voiced support following the disaster. Washington is "closely monitoring the large earthquake that struck Colombia and stands ready to support the people of Colombia," Secretary of State Marco Rubio wrote on X.

Israel offered its assistance, as did Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum and Ecuador's Daniel Noboa.

Allies refuse Japan's offer to surrender on the condition that Emperor Hirohito retains his status



Formal peace treaty ends over seven years of fighting in Indochina between the French and the Communist Viet Minh

Al-Qaeda is formed at a meeting between Osama Bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and Dr. Fadl in Peshawar, Pakistan

NATO takes over command of the peacekeeping force in Afghanistan in its first major operation outside Europe in its 54-year history



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The Trump Administration is closely monitoring the large earthquake that struck Colombia and stands ready to support the people of Colombia and President @ABDELAESPRIELLA's Administration. American citizens in Colombia should enroll at <http://STEP.State.gov> and follow @USEmbassyBogota's social media accounts for the latest information.

@SecRubio

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Terrible news about the earthquake in western Colombia, which also affected neighboring Ecuador. As of now, at least 25 people have been reported dead, and there are people trapped under the rubble. Our condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and to everyone affected.

@ZelenskyyUa

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We have been able to identify \$230 billion of fraud...This effort will fundamentally always have a limitation, unless our colleagues in the House, and the Senate are working with us.

@VP

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A remarkable comeback! India's Asiatic lion population is thriving, with its habitat and range expanding.

@PMOIndia

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Oman moves to contain oil spill after tanker ran aground

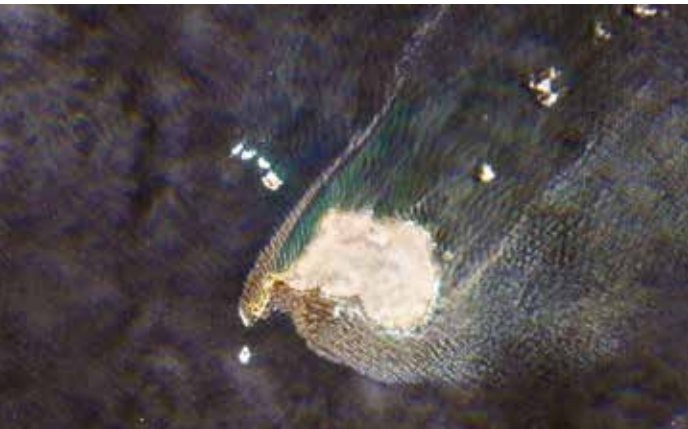
AFP | Muscat, Oman

Oman yesterday said it was working to contain an oil spill off its southern coast after a tanker ran aground in June inside a protected marine area, triggering calls for action by environmentalists.

It follows an investigation by AFP that found the ship had been stranded for weeks near al-Qibliyyah island after it was rocked by explosions.

The Oman Environment Authority on Monday said the ongoing spill had affected roughly 390 square kilometres, according to its most recent analysis.

The slick was concentrated around Oman's Hallaniyat archipelago off the country's



A slick that is consistent with an oil leak emanating from a ship, stranded for over a month near Qibliyyah island off Oman's southern coast in the Arabian Sea.

southern coast, where a marine reserve was established last year to protect sensitive

ecosystems home to diverse marine life, including rare sea turtles.

Trump says will demand compensation from Iran

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump said Monday he would seek conflict compensation from Iran as part of any peace negotiations, citing attacks and atrocities stretching back decades allegedly backed or perpetrated by Tehran.

Iran is "asking for compensation for the damage done to them during the last five month Military Conflict... I am likewise demanding compensation from Iran, for all of the people that they have killed and gravely wounded with their roadside bombs and many conflicts," Trump posted.

His latest comments on Truth Social came a day after Trump said he was "low-keying" his approach to the conflict, suggesting that he was prepared to let economic pressure mount in place of further military strikes.

Digital media outlet Axios said that the US president did not express a n y frustration with Iran's delaying an agreement to open the Strait of Hormuz in their interview with him published Sunday.



In his post, Trump referenced the bombing of the USS Cole in 2000 and added that compensation should also "be paid to the families of the hundreds of thousands of innocent protestors that Iran has killed over the last 50 years."

"I have instructed my representatives to put this firmly into any, and all, future negotiations," he said.

UK couple held in Iran end hunger strikes

● The couple have consistently complained about overcrowded and unsanitary conditions at Evin Prison

AFP | London, United Kingdom

A British couple detained in Iran accused of spying have ended their latest months-long hunger strikes protesting their treatment in prison, their family said yesterday.

Lindsay and Craig Foreman, both aged in their early 50s, were seized in January 2025 as they passed through central Iran while on a round-the-world motorbike trip.

They were each sentenced in February this year to a decade in prison on espionage charges that they deny, with two years subsequently added to Craig Foreman's term for talking to the media, his stepson said in July.



Lindsay and Craig Foreman

They launched their latest hunger strikes in May, protesting the "serious physical toll" their detentions were taking, with Craig Foreman lasting 93 days and his wife 84 days, according to their relatives.

The couple have consistently complained about overcrowded and unsanitary conditions at Evin Prison, a large, heavily fortified complex in northern Tehran, which rights groups say holds political prisoners and foreign nationals.

"After almost three months of protest, Lindsay and Craig chose to end their hunger strikes," the family said in a

statement, noting the pair ended the action by turning the final five days into a "fast for good". It aimed to transform the protest "into something constructive and collective, drawing attention not only to their own detention but to the rights and humanity of others imprisoned in Iran".



Craig and Lindsay Foreman were arrested in Iran in January 2025 while travelling through the country on a round-the-world motorcycle journey. They were later sentenced to 10 years in prison on espionage charges, which they deny.

Nepal leader holding meetings with India, China

AFP | Kathmandu, Nepal

Nepal's Prime Minister Balendra Shah is holding his first one-on-one meetings yesterday with envoys from neighbouring giants China and India, his office said.

The rapper-turned-leader, 36, better known as "Balen", has kept low profile since taking power in March, largely avoiding hosting foreign envoys individually.

The landlocked Himalayan nation of 30 million people must ensure a delicate diplomatic balance between rivals New Delhi and Beijing.

Shah, speaking to AFP ahead of his election, said that he

wanted to "maintain a natural relationship" with both nations.

He has previously only met foreign ambassadors in groups, while visits to China and India in June were made by Foreign Minister Shisir Khanal.

Shah's office said he had met with India's ambassador on Monday morning, and would meet China's envoy later in the day.

"The two discussed various matters related to Nepal-India bilateral friendship, mutual interests, development partnership, and areas of cooperation," his office said in a statement after meeting with India's ambassador.

US had warmest month on record in July: agency

AFP | Washington, United States

July 2026 marked the warmest month on record for the contiguous United States, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said

yesterday. The average temperature for the month in the 48 states excluding Alaska, Hawaii, and overseas territories was 76.9F (24.9C), making it the warmest July, as well as the warmest month, in the 132-year record, the agency said.

Lifelike doll mistaken for murder victim in Australia



Picture for representation only

AFP | Sydney

A lifelike doll was mistaken for a possible murder victim after it was found inside an abandoned suitcase in rural Australia, prompting police to launch a homicide investigation.

Two men travelling through the Australian countryside on Sunday discovered the suitcase, which appeared to contain human remains. Police responded by deploying homicide detectives and forensic specialists to the scene.

However, forensic examinations later revealed that the apparent remains were actually a lifelike doll, dressed in clothes

and complete with hair and a nose piercing, according to Australian public broadcaster ABC.

New South Wales Police Superintendent Linda Bradbury said the doll was initially believed to be human because of its remarkably realistic appearance.

Adding to the confusion, police said the doll had markings resembling bruises and grazes, further suggesting that a person may have been injured or killed.

The discovery triggered a full investigation before forensic testing established that there had been no murder.

Police said the investigation has now concluded.

France and Switzerland had record drought in July

AFP | Paris, France

Some 95 percent of mainland France and 99 percent of Switzerland saw drought conditions in July, both records since the European Drought Observatory began collecting such data in 2012,

according to an AFP analysis yesterday.

Hungary, Slovenia and Austria also experienced record droughts for the month of July, an analysis of drought data released by the EU's Copernicus climate observatory showed.

India opens door to digital payment fees

AFP | New Delhi, India

India has opened the door for charging merchant fees for using the vast digital payments system central to its economy, used by nearly 555 million people to transfer trillions of dollars.

Legislation, passed yesterday by the parliament's upper house, paves the way to change

its zero-fee model, with the government saying it could help pay for improving the infrastructure and bolstering cybersecurity.

The government-backed Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is the backbone of how the world's most populous country processes digital payments done through smartphones.

UPI has rapidly grown in scale since its 2016 launch,

with transaction volumes rising fivefold in the past five years -- to 241 billion payments worth about \$3.3 trillion in the last fiscal year, according to finance ministry figures.

The bill by itself does not impose fees -- but provides a legal framework for banks and payment processors to allow charges on UPI transactions by businesses. "It will support

the banks and fintech to invest more on infrastructure, innovation and security," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said.

Sitharaman told the upper house that the bill "does not impose any tax or transaction charge on UPI users", reassuring that it will only be applied to large merchants for transactions above a certain threshold.

Europe risks lacking space launchers by 2030, ESA head says

AFP | Paris, France

Europe will face a shortage of own-built rocket launchers by the end of the decade, the head of the European Space Agency warned, as growing demand to launch new satellites outpaces the region's limited capabilities.

"Europe has a shortage of launchers around the 2030 timeframe," Director General Josef Aschbacher said in an interview with the Financial Times, a frank acknowledgement of the scale of Europe's challenge in catching up with the US and China.

"If we add up all the satellites

that need to be launched from current and planned constellations and missions... we see that there's a peak of launch requirements around 2029, 2030, 2031," he said.

The US and China have launched hundreds of satellites in the past five years and invested billions of dollars into developing defence and space capabilities.

Elon Musk's SpaceX alone launched 170 rockets last year, while Europe launched just eight. Musk has transformed the market with reusable rockets that have cut costs.

Aschbacher said he planned to raise the issue with ESA's

member states to "ensure that we can launch our satellites with European launchers".

Europe's major space programmes all require numerous launches in the coming years. They include the Iris2 secure communications constellation due to begin in 2029, as well as expansions of the Galileo navigation system and the Copernicus Earth observation programme.

In addition, several European countries are planning their own constellations for civil or military uses.

The rising demand

comes as Europe's launch capacity remains limited. Ariane 6, Europe's new heavy-lift rocket, is gradually ramping up production, while the Vega C light-lift launcher only resumed flights at the end of 2024 after a gap of several years.



WIDE ANGLE

Homer, Nolan, and the Words in Between



JOEL INDRUPATI

Much debate has been raging online about Christopher Nolan's *The Odyssey* since its release in July 2026.

Its casting, costumes, characters, sets and interpretation are all being argued over. While some laud the writer-director for his magnum opus, others lambast him for taking too much liberty with the epic.

"He's taken his poetic licence too far," say some angry viewers. But that is normal. If Nolan really wanted it to be perfect and true to its source, he should perhaps have made the movie not in English, but in authentic Ancient Greek, in the original dactylic hexameter—the way Homer wrote it. That is the mocking counter-voice.

Some debate its historical accuracy, even mapping out locations that the epic's author might have been referring to. While Ithaca and Troy are real places, we cannot say the same of several other locations in *The Odyssey*.

We know that the story Homer wrote some 2,800 years ago, around 800 BCE, was about happenings roughly 400 years earlier, in the later part of the Bronze Age, around 1200 BCE. So, he may well have created some place-names.

According to The Conversation, a research, news and commentary website, Greek scholars and ancient geographers were already debating where exactly Odysseus had voyaged by 500 BCE. Those writings—showing how ancient communities laid claim to the fabulous places described by Homer—survive even today.

And, of course, *The Odyssey* contains several unreal mythical beings. So, we really cannot call it a true story. It is quite clearly a fantasy of epic proportions. But not real.

Having watched the movie with great attention and interest, and read reviews both for and against it, I first thought I should avoid adding more kilobytes to cyberspace. It is already inundated with enough discussion to have reached saturation point.

But, as an amateur etymologist, which I consider myself to be, I also wish to discuss some English words and idioms that owe their origins, directly or indirectly, to Homer's *The Odyssey*.

The word "mentor" comes from the name of Mentor, a wise man and trusted friend of Odysseus, in whose care he leaves his son Telemachus.

The word "siren" originated from the mythical bird-women called Sirens, who lured sailors with enchanting songs and drew them to destruction.

In English today, "to hector" means to bully or intimidate aggressively. It comes from Hector, the Trojan warrior killed in single combat by the Greek hero Achilles. Hector appears in both *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*.

An English idiom for being caught in a no-win situation, between two equal dangers, is "between Scylla and Charybdis." We often say, more simply, "between a rock and a hard place."

Interestingly, "epithet" is also connected to Homer, though in a roundabout way. Homer used phrases such as "wine-dark sea," "rosy-fingered dawn," "swift-footed Achilles" and "gray-eyed Athena." These are called Homeric epithets—descriptive phrases added to a person or thing.

Today, when someone says, "It has been an odyssey," he or she means that, though exciting, it was a long and arduous journey.

James Joyce structured his landmark novel *Ulysses* around the framework of Odysseus's wanderings.

I found it amusing when, in Nolan's movie, King Menelaus looks at Helen and says, "The face that launched a thousand ships—or maybe just 500."

Actually, that famous line is not from Homer. It is from Christopher Marlowe's *Doctor Faustus* (1604). Referring to Helen of Troy, it means that a woman can be so beautiful that her looks could start a massive war.

No retelling of an epic can ever be perfect. But if new generations must learn from the old, retelling and reinterpreting it is always good.

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DROUGHT DRIES MAJOR EUROPEAN RIVERS TO RECORD LOWS

Europe's biggest rivers hit record-low flows this July, driven by historic heat, drought and climate change.

1 RECORD-LOW RIVER FLOW IN JULY

Average flow rates hit record lows on vast stretches of Europe's major rivers.

THAMES 95% of monitored sections at record-low flows

RHINE 85% of monitored sections at record-low flows

DANUBE ~66% of monitored sections at record-low flows

RHONE ~30% of length at record lows

PO (ITALY) ~40% of length at record lows

Data from the European Flood Awareness System (EFAS), based on records since at least 1992.

2 SEVERE DROUGHT ACROSS EUROPE

Rivers have been in the most severe drought for weeks, according to the European Drought Observatory (EDO).



RHINE Severe drought almost continuously since early June from Switzerland to western Germany.



DANUBE Severe drought, especially in Hungary. Low water nearly forced nuclear plant shutdown.



LOIRE (FRANCE) Several hundred kilometres in extreme low flow from mid-June to end of July.



RHONE Extreme drought along a large part of its course from Switzerland to the Mediterranean.



3 CLIMATE EXTREMES BEHIND THE DRYING

Western Europe recorded its warmest early summer on record, fuelling the crisis.



RECORD HEAT Warmest early summer on record in western Europe.



PERSISTENT DROUGHT Prolonged lack of rainfall dries rivers and soils.



DEVASTATING WILDFIRES Widespread fires across Europe, intensified by dry conditions.



CLIMATE CHANGE Scientists link these extremes directly to climate change.



9,000-year-old remains of pregnant woman found in Sweden

AFP | Stockholm, Sweden

The remains of a pregnant Stone Age woman, believed to be some 9,000 years old, and her foetus have been discovered in a cave on a small island in Sweden, an archaeologist said Monday.

Archaeologist Alexander Roesen Sjostrand, an independent researcher



connected to Uppsala University, said the "very unusual" find was made in a cave on a small island off the coast of the Swedish island of Gotland, which he had been excavating since 2023.

Sjostrand and another researcher had now reached the deepest layer of

the cave, which was from the Stone Age.

"We have now found the remains of a young woman who has been buried in one way or another. With a very well-preserved foetus in her womb," the researcher told AFP.

He said that they estimated the remains to be from 7,000 to 10,000 years ago, but most likely 9,000 years ago due to where the remains had been found.

Sjostrand said the remains would be carbon-dated to de-

termine the age.

According to the researcher, the find of a pregnant woman from so long ago indicated that people were living on the island just after it emerged in the Baltic Sea after the last ice age, and it was not just an exploration party.

"It's really exciting because it gives an insight into how exploration was carried out. How people travelled around during the hunter-gatherer time of the Stone Age," Sjostrand said.

Through an Innovative Tifo Display at City Centre Bahrain

KFH-Bahrain Hands Over BD1.1 Million to the Winner of the “MyHassad” Grand Prize

TDT | Manama

Kuwait Finance House – Bahrain (KFH-Bahrain) has recently announced that Alya Ebrahim has won the BD(1.1) million MyHassad Grand Prize, the largest individual prize in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The prize was presented to the winner during a special event held at City Centre Bahrain over the weekend, in the presence of the Bank’s executive management and a number of senior officials.

The winner’s name was revealed through a large-scale tifo display inside the mall before a large audience and amid a distinctive celebratory atmosphere ahead of the prize presentation ceremony. The winner was surprised to see her name appear on the tifo, creating an exceptional and emotional moment, before receiving congratulations from the audience and the Bank’s officials. This occasion underscored KFH-Bahrain’s commitment to celebrating its customers and being part of the defining moments in their journeys towards success.

Additionally, the event was organised as an extension of the Bank’s approach to delivering innovative banking experiences that go beyond traditional concepts and strengthen direct en-



gagement with customers and the wider community. This is in line with the leading position established by the MyHassad programme as one of the Kingdom’s most prominent savings programmes, offering exceptional prizes and genuine opportunities for the Bank’s customers to achieve their aspirations.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Mohamed Zakout, Deputy CEO of Retail Banking at KFH -Bahrain, stated: “We are delighted to announce the winner of the largest individual prize in the Kingdom of Bahrain. This prize embodies our firm commitment to rewarding our cus-

tomers for their trust and loyalty, and reaffirms our dedication to introducing distinctive initiatives that elevate the customer experience and provide genuine value extending beyond conventional banking services. This grand prize represents a major milestone for the MyHassad programme and reflects our vision of making saving a means of achieving aspirations and creating a positive and lasting impact on the lives of our customers.”

He added: “At KFH-Bahrain, we will continue to develop our banking programmes and products in line with our customers’ aspirations, while introducing



innovative initiatives that promote a culture of saving and strengthen the Bank’s position as a leading financial institution contributing to the advancement of the banking sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain and delivering the greatest possible value to our customers.”

For her part, the winner expressed her delight at the surprise, noting that she had not expected the announcement of her win to be made in such an innovative manner before such a large audience, describing it as one of the happiest moments of her life.

“Winning the BD(1.1) million

MyHassad Grand Prize would mark a genuine turning point in my life and enable me to make my dreams and future plans come true. I express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to KFH-Bahrain for this distinguished initiative and for the exceptional opportunities offered by the MyHassad programme, which can bring about a meaningful change in our lives,” he added.

The MyHassad programme continues to strengthen its position as one of the leading savings programmes in the Kingdom of Bahrain through its rewarding cash prizes and ongoing oppor-

tunities to win throughout the year. It also offers customers the convenience of opening an account and managing their savings through KFH-Bahrain’s advanced digital channels. Customers can easily open a MyHassad account or increase their balance through the KFH mobile app, the Bank’s online banking platform or by visiting any KFH-Bahrain branch, with a minimum deposit of BD(50).

For more information about KFH-Bahrain’s offers and services, customers can visit the Bank’s website on www.bh.kfh.com or follow its official Instagram account, @kfh.bahrain.

Zain Esports Academy Unlocks New Digital Learning Opportunities at Youth City 2030



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Zain Bahrain continues empowering young people with future-focused digital skills through Zain Esports Academy, one of the flagship initiatives featured in its participation at Youth City 2030, which runs until 20 August at Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB). The Academy enables young people to explore esports, game development, coding, and digital creativity through practical programs designed to strengthen innovation, teamwork, and strategic thinking.

This year, Zain Bahrain has joined forces with leading educational institutions and the Bahrain Esports Federation to expose participants to emerging digital fields, develop their capabilities and inspire them to become creators, innovators and active contributors to the digital

economy.

The Academy offers three specialized training programs, including the three-week Future Gamers Lab, delivered in partnership with the College of Media & Design at the American University of Bahrain, which introduced participants to game design, coding, game development, creative problem-solving, and video production. The lab also featured the FC 26 Journey to Pro coaching session, delivered in collaboration with the Bahrain Esports Federation. The session provided participants with insights into competitive gaming, professional training routines, match strategies, and potential career pathways within the esports industry. In addition to the two-week Code Detectives program in collaboration with the Euro University of Bahrain, concluding on 12 August. The program focuses on

developing participants’ skills in coding fundamentals and computational thinking through a range of practical activities and hands-on applications.

Through Zain Esports Academy’s participation at Youth City 2030, Zain Bahrain continues to empower gamers, esports enthusiasts, and emerging professional talent, while contributing to Bahrain’s ambition to strengthen its position as a regional hub for esports and digital innovation. Its wider vision is to connect and support esports players, professionals, content creators, commentators, teams, fans, and sponsors across the region.

Zain Esports is the gaming and esports arm of Zain Group, a leading provider of innovative technologies and digital lifestyle communications operating across eight markets in the Middle East and Africa.

Bahrain Chamber Hosts “Innovation Camp” for youth



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The Bahrain Chamber, in collaboration with the Science and Technology Center at Youth City 2030, INJAZ Bahrain, and the Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard Company (ASRY), organised the “Innovation Camp,” aimed at empowering youth and developing their innovation capabilities through creating creative and practical solutions to real-world challenges.

The camp focused on developing creativity, critical thinking and teamwork skills, while encouraging participants to explore innovative ideas and enhancing their ability to confidently present and defend their proposed solutions.

The judging panel included Bahrain Chamber Executive Committee Member Bob Thaker, Bahrain Chamber Board Member Rashad Zainal, and Head of Shared Services and Facilities at ASRY Ehab Ali. Participants were evaluated based on a num-

ber of criteria, including creativity, teamwork, problem-solving approach, innovation, and their ability to effectively present their solutions.

Thaker affirmed that the Bahrain Chamber’s participation in the camp reflects its commitment to supporting entrepreneurship, innovation and youth development, highlighting the importance of providing young people with opportunities to explore their ideas, work collaboratively and develop practical solutions to real-world challenges.

He praised the participants’ collaboration, exchange of ideas and development of innovative solutions, noting that such experiences contribute to enhancing young people’s creativity, critical thinking, teamwork and problem-solving skills.

For his part, Zainal highlighted the importance of fostering a culture of innovation among young people, affirming that initiatives that combine learning with practical application contribute to preparing a generation equipped

with the skills required to effectively contribute to the economy and the business community.

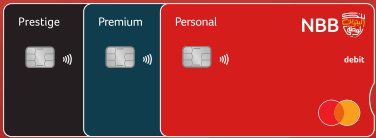
He added that encouraging young people to experiment with their ideas, collaborate with others and confidently present their solutions represents an important step towards preparing a future generation of entrepreneurs and innovators.

At the conclusion of the camp, the winning team was recognised for successfully developing an innovative technological solution. Its members received certificates and prizes in recognition of their efforts and achievement.

The organisation of the “Innovation Camp” forms part of the Bahrain Chamber’s efforts to support youth development, entrepreneurship and innovation, while strengthening cooperation with educational and private-sector partners. The initiative provides young people with opportunities to develop their practical skills, explore innovative ideas and contribute to finding solutions to future challenges.



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Abu Dhabi Offers Free UAE Entry Visas to Indian Travellers for Three Month



Abu Dhabi has launched a new initiative offering complimentary UAE entry visas to eligible Indian passport holders travelling from India, as the emirate looks to attract more visitors from one of its key international markets.

The initiative, introduced by Abu Dhabi's Department of Culture and Tourism (DCT Abu Dhabi), will run from August 1 to October 31, 2026.

Under the programme, eligible Indian travellers can receive a UAE entry visa at no additional cost when booking an Abu Dhabi holiday through participating travel partners and online travel agencies.

Who can apply?

The offer is available to Indian passport holders departing from India who book an Abu Dhabi holiday through one of the participating travel partners.

To qualify, the booking must include a minimum three consecutive nights at an Abu Dhabi hotel, along with a return flight from India.

Up to 20,000 visas during the pilot

The initiative will initially support up to 20,000 visas during the three-month pilot period.

DCT Abu Dhabi is working with participating travel partners through two programme

options. Partners can either work with a DCT-appointed Destination Management Company, with DCT Abu Dhabi covering the visa costs directly, or continue working with their existing DMC partners and receive reimbursement of AED 285 for each visa issued.

The initiative is part of Abu Dhabi's continued efforts to strengthen its presence in the Indian travel market and encourage longer stays by Indian visitors.

Abdulla Yousuf, Director of International Operations at DCT Abu Dhabi, said India remains one of Abu Dhabi's most important international markets.

He said covering the cost of UAE entry visas would make it easier for Indian travellers to choose Abu Dhabi while providing travel partners with an additional incentive to promote the destination.

The programme is expected to support Abu Dhabi's tourism sector by encouraging visitors to explore the emirate's cultural attractions, entertainment, hospitality and natural destinations.

For Indian travellers planning an Abu Dhabi holiday between August and October, the initiative could provide an additional saving on the cost of obtaining a UAE entry visa, subject to the booking meeting the programme's eligibility requirements.

Zelensky congratulates Saudi Crown Prince on Makkah defense agreement



File picture - Official Visit of the President of Ukraine to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on March 2025.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Monday congratulated Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on the recent signing of a regional defense agreement between Saudi Arabia, Türkiye and Pakistan.

During a phone call with the crown prince, Zelensky welcomed the agreement and expressed hope that the Makkah Joint Defense Agreement would contribute to strengthening security and stability across the region.

According to the Saudi Press Agency, the two leaders discussed the agreement and exchanged views on a range of regional and international developments. They also addressed

the importance of continued coordination amid ongoing security challenges affecting the region.

The Makkah agreement, signed last week by Saudi Arabia, Türkiye and Pakistan, is aimed at strengthening defense cooperation and coordination among the three countries.

Zelensky's comments come as Ukraine continues to maintain diplomatic engagement with countries across the Middle East, while Saudi Arabia has sought to play an active role in regional diplomacy and international affairs.

The Ukrainian president said he hopes the new defense framework will help support greater regional stability and security.

Mohammed Mirza Retires from Handball



Mohammed Mirza

Mohammed Darwish
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Mohammed Mirza has retired from handball, ending a big-stage career that took the Bahrain great to six World Championships, the Tokyo Olympics and two Asian club crowns with Al Najma.

The former international, one of the best-known line players in Bahraini handball, called time on his playing career after years with the national side and leading clubs at home, along with spells abroad.

Mirza said wearing the Bahrain shirt had been a source of pride and responsibility throughout his career, and that the years he spent representing his country would remain among his strongest memories from the game.

He was part of the Bahrain side that reached the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, the kingdom's first appearance in an Olympic team sport. Bahrain went on to make the quarter-finals and finish eighth.

Mirza also played at six World Championships, with his final appearance coming in 2025, after years as a key figure

in the national team.

His club career began with Al Tadamun, formerly Karzakan, before he joined Al Ahli in 2008. He later spent much of his playing life with Al Najma before returning to Al Ahli in 2025.

At Al Najma, Mirza won the Asian Club Championship twice, in 2017 and 2023. He captained the side to the 2023 crown in Isfahan.

He also picked up personal honours, including the Asian Handball Federation's best line player award in 2019 and the same award at the Gulf Clubs Championship in 2023.

Mirza had a spell with Saudi side Al Khaleej during the 2022 IHF Super Globe.

His career was tested by a bad injury in October 2023, when he suffered three broken ribs in Bahrain's Asian Olympic qualifier against Qatar. He later received treatment in Germany before returning to the court.

His retirement brings down the curtain on one of the most decorated Bahraini handball careers of the modern era, built on six World Championships, an Olympic quarter-final and major club titles across Asia.

Palestinian club football to restart in September after Gaza war stoppage

AFF | Ramallah

The Palestinian football association announced on Monday that it would resume activity in September after a nearly three-year pause due to the Gaza war.

"We announce the resumption of sports activities and the football association's league beginning September 4," association president Jibril Rajoub said at a Ramallah press conference on Monday.

Palestinian sports leagues, including professional football, came to a halt with the war, which was sparked by Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack on Israel.

The association has named the first tournament back the "Thousand Martyrs' Cup", to honour the 1,014 Palestinian athletes killed by Israel during

the war according to the association's data.

More than 200 clubs will compete in the tournament, including 146 from the Israeli-occupied West Bank, 44 from Gaza, and 36 from Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

The tournament will kick off simultaneously in the three locations.

Rajoub said the war "created difficult conditions for all Palestinians that led to the suspension of our competitions and activities".

"But we have not lost our Palestinian national will, nor have we lost our belief that sport will remain a symbol of hope and life."

Rajoub said the association and Palestinian clubs faced tough financial circumstances.

Bahrain Beat Algeria for Second Straight Win

Mohammed Darwish

Bahrain's under-17 volleyball team made it two wins from two at the Arab U17 Men's Volleyball Championship after beating Algeria 3-0 on Monday.

The hosts took the match in straight sets, 25-13, 25-14 and 25-19, to collect two points and move to four from their opening two games.

Bahrain had started the tournament with a 3-0 win over Jordan, giving them six sets won and none lost across the first two rounds.

Bahrain player Ammar Ibrahim said the scoreline belied a demanding match and credited the win to the team's reading of their opponents.

"The match wasn't easy, but we read our opponents correctly and, thankfully, we got the win," he said. "We will take every match as it comes and prepare as well as we possibly can. I hope the Bahraini fans will support us in the next match. God willing, we will live up to the responsibility."

Team-mate Mustafa Fadhel said Bahrain had studied Algeria's weaknesses and made good use of them, adding that



The Young Reds celebrate after scoring



Mustafa Fadhel

a second straight victory had given the squad a lift before a tougher run of matches.

"Hard luck to Algeria. We analysed the team correctly, played on their weaknesses and, thankfully, it worked," he said. "This second win certainly



Ammar Ibrahim

gives us a morale boost for the coming matches.

"These are like cup matches, so you have to make the most of every game and give your opponents no chance. We have very important matches ahead against teams expected to com-

pete for the title. Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Egypt will all be important games, and we will give each one the respect it deserves."

Egypt also kept their perfect start intact on Monday, beating Jordan 3-0 to reach four points from two victories after opening their campaign with a win over Kuwait.

Saudi Arabia, meanwhile, began their tournament with a five-set victory over Kuwait, winning 3-2.

Tuesday will be a rest day before play resumes on Wednesday with three matches. Jordan will face Algeria, Saudi Arabia will meet Egypt, while Bahrain take on Kuwait as they chase a third straight win.

KHK Bodybuilding Open wins IFBB status

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TDT | Manama

Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa Open has been elevated to full international status by bodybuilding's world governing body, putting the September show on the IFBB's annual calendar and opening the door to a stronger field of overseas competitors.

The third edition will be held on September 19 at the Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mohammed Hall at the University of Bahrain, with leading professionals and amateurs expected to compete.

The International Federation of Fitness and Bodybuilding,



gave the championship its international ranking after two successful editions and the reputation it has built within the sport.

Sami Al Haddad, chairman

of the Bahrain Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation and head of the higher organising committee, said the ruling gave the event greater weight and showed the trust placed in Bahrain as a host of top-level competitions.

Athletes will also be able to earn recognised international rankings under IFBB rules, adding further weight to the contest and giving overseas competitors another reason to enter.

"We are proud that the third Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa Open Bodybuilding Championship has received official recognition from the International Federation of

Fitness and Bodybuilding," Al Haddad said.

"It shows the confidence Bahrain enjoys at international level and the quality of work carried out by the Bahrain federation in staging championships to world-class standards."

Al Haddad said the new status was expected to bring more leading bodybuilders from around the world and lift the standard of competition when the event returns next month.

He said the federation would press ahead with plans to bring more international championships to Bahrain, with sports tourism among the aims of its long-term work.

Riffa Hold Lead as Bahrain Sweep Umm Al Hassam

Mohammed Darwish

Riffa refused to give ground in the Bahrain Bowling League title race, beating Busaiteen 6-2 to hold a six-point lead at the top as Bahrain swept aside Umm Al Hassam 8-0.

With one round left in the second section, Riffa have 90 points and a pinfall of 32,061. Bahrain remain their closest challengers on 84 points and 31,700 pins, while Umm Al Hassam are third on 78.

Bahrain dealt the heaviest blow of the 13th round, taking all three games against Umm Al Hassam and piling up 2,621 pins against 2,480.

Aqeel Ahmed Al Awadhi led Bahrain with 702 pins, Emerson Bistano hit 675 and Khalid Sameer Hassan added 656.



A bowler in action during the league competition

Umm Al Hassam's Rashid Abdulatif Al Dalhan still posted the best individual tally of the match with 719.

Riffa then made sure Bahrain gained no ground. They beat

in with 619.

Al Hala strengthened their hold on fourth place after a 6-2 win over Sanad. They scored 2,275 pins against 2,155, with Abdullah Jassim Bahar leading the side on 657.

Isa Town also came away with a 6-2 victory, beating Al Ettifaq after recording 2,027 pins to 1,955.

Al Hala are fourth on 44 points, Busaiteen fifth on 36 and Sanad sixth on 34. Al Ettifaq sit seventh with 26, two ahead of Isa Town.

The 14th and last round of the second section will be played on Sunday at 6.30pm at Funland Bowling Centre. Busaiteen face Isa Town, Al Ettifaq meet Riffa, Al Hala play Bahrain and Umm Al Hassam take on Sanad.

Rybakina survives scare as Gauff, Osaka race into Toronto quarters

Rybakina recovers from two breaks down to defeat Liudmila Samsonova in Toronto

- Gauff cruise past Korneeva
- Osaka defeat Fernandez in straight sets
- Bencic beat Eala in 73 minutes

AFP | Toronto

World number two Elena Rybakina survived a huge scare to battle into the Canadian Open quarter-finals in Toronto while fourth-ranked Coco Gauff cruised through.

Kazakhstan's Rybakina recovered from 0-3 and two breaks down in the final set to beat Liudmila Samsonova 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 before American Gauff swept aside Russian teenage qualifier Alina Korneeva, 6-3, 6-1.

Rybakina will face four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka, who eliminated home



Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan returns a shot to Liudmila Samsonova

hero Leylah Fernandez 6-4, 6-4. Gauff reached the last eight in Canada for the first time since 2023 and next meets 14th-ranked Swiss Belinda Bencic, who won 6-4, 6-0 in 73 minutes over 20th-ranked Alexandra Eala, a Filipina who won her first WTA title last Monday in Washington.

"My main focus today was let me try and close it out," said



I'm proud of how the last three matches have gone and just knowing if I have to go the distance I'm ready, but obviously would prefer to cut it short if I can

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consecutive matches against left-handed opponents have now been won by Belinda Bencic

Gauff, who has not dropped a set in Canada.

"Probably not the way I should be thinking but it worked today. "I'm proud of how the last three matches have gone and just knowing if I have to go the distance I'm ready, but obviously would prefer to cut it short if I can."

Osaka broke in the seventh game of each set to advance in 82 minutes.

"It was all pretty good for me," the 13th-ranked Osaka said. "She has a great attitude. She's consistent and she will fight. She's kind of like a bulldog."

The Japanese star, who has

never faced Rybakina, said sound groundstrokes were key.

"When I feel comfortable or at least confident in myself knowing I can run things down, I loosen up a lot," Osaka said.

"I was catching my service toss a couple times. Hopefully in the next match I don't do that as often.

"I need to be confident in myself, execute what I can and at the end of the day just try my best and whatever happens happens."

Bencic connected on 64.4% of her first serves and won 72.4% of those points in a 73-minute victory, her 10th win in a row over left-handed opponents.

Shelton sweeps Fonseca to reach Montreal quarter-final

- Fonseca struggles with wind
- Mensik advances over Van de Zandschulp
- Merida reaches career milestone
- Jodar also reaches quarter-finals

AFP | Montreal

Defending champion Ben Shelton kept a clean slate at the ATP Montreal Masters, holding off a challenge from Joao Fonseca to power 6-3, 7-6 (7/3) into the quarter-finals.

World number 10 Shelton has not dropped a set in reaching the last eight.

The 23-year-old American left-hander will play for a semi-final berth against 13th-seeded Czech Jakub Mensik, who beat Botic Van De Zandschulp 6-4, 7-5, claiming victory on a winning lob.

Van De Zandschulp served for the second set but was broken, with Mensik seizing the momentum as he won 12 of the final 14 points.

Brazilian teenager Fonseca, billed as one of the faces for the future of the sport, might have compromised his own chances when he landed badly on his ankle after missing a smash



Ben Shelton of United States plays a backhand against Zizou Bergs of Belgium

while leading 3-1, 40-30 in the second set.

The youngster was plagued by 32 unforced errors as his opponent mastered an annoying evening wind to earn the victory.

"It was tough today, not easy conditions," Shelton said. "With the wind I struggled to find footing on a lot of balls.

"It all came down to grit. The tennis was not clean. Beating a high-quality player like that is huge for me."

Shelton secured his ninth



All eight Montreal quarter-finalists were born in the 2000s, creating the youngest elite eight in ATP Masters history

straight victory in Canada on the second of four match points as Fonseca hit the net with a return after leading in both sets.

Daniel Merida smothered Tallon Griekspoor 6-3, 6-1 as the Spaniard continued his rapid adjustment to hardcourt tennis in Canada.

The world number 63 joins compatriot Rafael Jodar in the Canada quarter-finals and will break through to a career-best spot inside the top 50 as a result of his fourth-round victory.

Barcelona turn down PSG offer for Torres



Ferran Torres reacts during a match (file photo)

AFP | Barcelona

Barcelona yesterday rejected an initial offer from Paris Saint-Germain estimated at 40 million euros (\$46.2 million) for Spanish World Cup winner Ferran Torres, a source within the Catalan club told AFP.

"Negotiations are ongoing" between Barca and PSG, the same source added, confirming reports from the daily Mundo Deportivo.

According to Spanish media reports, Torres, scorer of the winning goal in the 2026 World Cup final, has agreed to join PSG and his former national team coach Luis Enrique.

Out of contract with Barca in June 2027, the 26-year-old forward remained vague about his future in recent interviews he gave during a promotional tour in the United States.

"I have a contract with

Barcelona, but in football you never know. I'm just waiting to make the right decision," he said.

When asked if he had a "dream" destination in mind, Torres answered that he did, without revealing it: "I just want to be happy," he replied.

Torres, signed in 2021 from Manchester City for more than 55 million euros, has been used as a centre-forward, backing up Polish striker Robert Lewandowski, since Hansi Flick took over on the Barca bench in the summer of 2024.

Often decisive as a substitute, Torres, who came through Valencia's youth system, has scored 40 goals in 94 matches in all competitions over the last two seasons.

Torres scored Spain's winning goal in extra time of the World Cup final against Argentina last month, giving La Roja their second world title.

Embattled Infantino target of letter from three confederations

UEFA, CONCACAF and AFC say leadership must serve football collectively

- Joint letter declares football belongs to all
- Accuse president of broken trust

AFP | Paris

FIFA president Gianni Infantino came under renewed fire yesterday as a joint letter from three confederations -- UEFA, CONCACAF and AFC -- declared football "belongs to no individual".

Infantino has been the butt of scathing criticism ever since launching, and then withdrawing within days, a plan to bring private investment into FIFA competitions, including World Cups.

FIFA had hit back on Saturday at "a concerted and ongoing effort by some to undermine" football's governing body and Infantino.

However, yesterday's letter from the governing bodies of European football (UEFA), North and Central America (CONCACAF) and Asia (AFC), showed his critics are unbowed.



Gianni Infantino waves upon arrival at president-elect Abelardo de la Espriella's swearing-in ceremony in Cali, Colombia

"Leadership in football is not a possession. It is not about holding -- or demanding -- power to be held," they wrote.

"When trust is broken through deception, when an individual places himself above the collective that entrusted him with authority, that duty

has been abandoned," the confederations added.

The three confederations had been vociferous in their condemnation of Infantino's plan and had not let up after it was shelved.

CONCACAF president Victor Montagliani is viewed as a po-

tential challenger to Infantino, who will seek a fourth and final term at the FIFA presidential election in Rabat next March.

Candidates have to be declared by November 18.

UEFA's threat to boycott World Cups if the private investment plan went ahead -- in theory depriving the competition of teams including reigning men's champions Spain and 2026 semi-finalists France and England -- proved pivotal in Infantino withdrawing his plan.

Prior to this debacle Infantino had looked likely to be unopposed, after overseeing a successful World Cup in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

The 56-year-old Swiss, who has been in situ for 10 years, has received the backing of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) while South American governing body CONMEBOL are largely supportive.

The confederations do not vote as blocs and there have been some supportive voices for Infantino from CONCACAF, Mexico, and two AFC members -- Kuwait and 2022 World Cup hosts Qatar, where he has a house.

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The confederations said a recent emergency meeting held abroad, rather than at FIFA headquarters in Zurich, reinforced concerns about Infantino's leadership style

Although the proposal has been dead in the water for over a week now -- UEFA had termed it "a shabby, opaque, backroom deal" -- the confederations harangued him for a lack of judgment.

"FIFA's recent letter to its Vice-Presidents and 211 Member Associations acknowledges that mistakes were made in the process," they said.

"It treats this as a failure of communication, when what football witnessed was a failure of judgment."

'Accountability'

Although Infantino had received the "full support" of senior FIFA directors last week in an emergency meeting he called in Morocco, the confederations said it was meaningless.

"This recent meeting, where a select number of members of the FIFA Management Committee -- not the full Committee -- were summoned abroad, rather than leadership going to Zurich to address the heart of FIFA, its staff, only reinforces these concerns and represents a continuation of the very pattern of conduct that brought us to this moment," they said.

"It is not the conduct of a custodian of the game, but of one who believes the game is answerable to him."

Infantino had been basking in the afterglow of a hugely successful World Cup -- the largest ever involving 48 teams.

However, the confederations made clear in the letter that it was not just Infantino who had made this possible.

"The growth over the past decade has been real," they said.

"But that progress was never the work of one individual."

Arteta backs Guimaraes to 'ignite something different' at Arsenal

AFP | London

Mikel Arteta has backed Bruno Guimaraes to "ignite something different" in Premier League champions Arsenal.

Brazil international Guimaraes was introduced to Gunners fans ahead of Sunday's 3-2 friendly defeat by Borussia Dortmund, after completing a move from top-flight rivals Newcastle reported to be worth £75 million (\$101 million).

The 28-year-old has strengthened an already impressive midfield featuring Declan Rice, Martin Odegaard, Mikel Merino, Martin Zubimendi and Eberechi Eze.

"You can see the immediate reaction," Arteta told Arsenal's website after Guimaraes was given an enthusiastic reception.

"I think he describes himself as a warrior," the Spaniard added.

"I think he's a warrior with a tremendous quality as well and intuition and leadership and charisma that is going to help us, that is going to really ignite something different in the team."



Bruno Guimaraes

"I think he's going to push everybody inside the team as well and that's the type of player that we need."

Arsenal, after finishing runners-up for three successive seasons, finally ended their 22-year wait for a Premier League title last term, as well as reaching the Champions League and League Cup finals.

Guimaraes watched on against Dortmund as an Ethan Nwaneri strike and Viktor Gyokeres's penalty were not enough to prevent defeat.

Samuele Inacio, Konstantinos Kareltsas and Joane Gadou scored for the Bundesliga side at Emirates Stadium.

BRAVE CF Salutes Jose 'Shorty' Torres as he embarks on a new chapter



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BRAVE Combat Federation™ (BRAVE CF), the world's fastest-growing and most global mixed martial arts organization, expresses its heartfelt thoughts and best wishes to former BRAVE CF Bantamweight World Champion Jose "Shorty" Torres as he embarks on a new chapter in his professional career.

Jose Torres, Former BRAVE CF Bantamweight World Champion, stated:

"I want to express my deepest gratitude to His Highness

Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, BRAVE CF President Mohammed Shahid, and the entire BRAVE CF team for everything they have given me throughout my career. BRAVE CF gave me so much, from great fights to support like no other. I am thankful for every opportunity, every experience, and all the growth this journey brought into my life. I will always be grateful to have been part of this family."

An esteemed member of the roster since 2018, Torres competed eight times under the BRAVE CF banner and estab-



lished himself as one of its most recognizable personalities. He etched his name into the record books at BRAVE CF 73 in August 2023, becoming the first former IMMAF World Champion to capture a BRAVE CF World Title. He defeated Nkosi "King" Ndebele in a grueling battle for the vacant bantamweight crown, adding another landmark achievement to his decorated résumé.

The bout also sparked an intense rivalry between the two athletes. Their compelling series eventually reached three encounters, making it the only

trilogy in BRAVE CF history.

His impact, however, extended well beyond the confines of the BRAVE CF cage. As one of the promotion's foundational figures and valued ambassadors, Torres helped elevate its profile through his performances, work as a broadcast analyst, and involvement in community-driven initiatives.

As he takes the next step, BRAVE CF celebrates the legacy he leaves behind and wishes Torres continued success in all future endeavors. His contributions will remain an enduring part of the organization's story.



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