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



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



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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.