

Bahrain thanked by

Saudi leadership

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received cables of thanks from His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to him and the accompanying Saudi delegation during their participation in the 46th Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Summit.

HRH Prince Mohammed commended the positive outcomes of the summit, which was held under the chairmanship of HM the King.

His Royal Highness added that the discussions held within the Saudi-Bahraini Coordination Council affirmed the determination of both countries to continue strengthening their close and longstanding ties across all areas, under the leadership of HM King Hamad and King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques.

Falcons, salukis

steal spotlight

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The Bahrain International Show (Mara'ee 2025) attracted large crowds on its second day, with the falconry and saluki section standing out for its historical and Gulf heritage significance.

The show drew strong engagement from visitors both from within the Kingdom of Bahrain and abroad, with several specialised sections for all ages.

Mohammed Al Rowaiei, a participant from the falconry section, said their participation attracted many visitors from Bahrain and other Gulf Cooperation Council countries.

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Safety strategy

H.E. Gen. Shaikh Rashid: Protecting lives on the road, ensuring smooth traffic flow top priority



H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa chairs the Traffic Council's meeting

Interior Minister

highlights ongoing

measures following

royal directives

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The Minister of Interior, His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, emphasised Bahrain's continued commitment to enhancing road safety, noting the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to protect lives and property.

"Ensuring the safety of our citizens on the roads is a top priority, and we will continue to implement measures that save

lives and maintain smooth traffic flow," said H.E. Gen. Shaikh Rashid, also Chairman of the Traffic Council.

He highlighted the support of the government led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Review

The Traffic Council, chaired by H.E. Gen. Shaikh Rashid, convened yesterday to review its agenda.

Present were H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy; H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications; H.E. Ibrahim bin Hassan Al Hawaj,

“Ensuring the safety of our citizens on the roads is a top priority.”

— H.E. GENERAL SHAIKH RASHID BIN ABDULLAH AL KHALIFA, MINISTER OF INTERIOR

Minister of Works; and H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education.

Among key discussions was the development of a national strategy to reduce traffic congestion, designated as part of the government's priority programmes.

The council approved appointing a consultancy firm to

conduct a comprehensive study and established a working group from relevant authorities to assess current congestion levels, coordinate roles, and adopt best practices ahead of a full congestion-reduction strategy.

Leislations

H.E. Gen. Shaikh Rashid also underlined the importance of legislative measures to address congestion, stressing that coordinated policy and legal frameworks are critical for sustainable traffic management.

The council reviewed progress on smart camera installations, which aim to enhance road safety and monitor traffic patterns.

Other infrastructure updates included the development and

expansion of Road 76 in Sakhir and measures to mitigate the accumulation of heavy trucks in residential areas.

Proposals

The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications presented proposals for the King Hamad Causeway link to Bahrain Northern Road and updates on the GCC railway project connecting Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

H.E. Gen. Shaikh Rashid expressed appreciation to council members for their efforts and emphasised the importance of field operations and round-the-clock readiness to ensure smooth traffic flow and public safety.

Mara'ee 2025 attraction

Bahraini animal rescuer nurses cat back to health

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Bahraini animal rescuer Laila Al-Khabbaz saved a cat in critical condition after discovering it on Budaiya Street, in a remarkable act of compassion.

The rescued cat is now in excellent health and is currently on display at the Bahrain International Show (Mara'ee 2025), serving as a symbol of dedication and compassion.

Laila said she was shocked by the cat's emaciated state when she first picked it up,

noting that it weighed no more than five kilograms and was suffering from severe health problems.

Immediately after finding the cat, Laila took it to a veterinary clinic, where it underwent comprehensive examinations.

The cat was identified as a "mink" breed and received an eye operation, along with intensive medical care to stabilize its condition.

Thanks to continuous monitoring, proper treatment, and a carefully managed diet over the



Laila with the rescued cat

course of two years, the cat's health gradually improved.

Its weight doubled to reach 10 kilograms, marking a remarkable recovery and highlighting the impact of individual initiatives in animal welfare.

Laila said the success story serves as motivation to continue her volunteer work in rescuing and caring for animals.

She urged the community to foster a culture of animal welfare and to assist animals in need whenever possible.

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