

'Year of Isa Al Kabeer'

HM King Hamad orders 2026 tribute to honour modern Bahraini state founder and his important legacy

● HRH Prince Salman commends royal order

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has ordered that 2026 be designated the "Year of Isa Al Kabeer," in honour of the founder of the modern Bahraini state and the leader of the nation's institutional renaissance.

The designation commemorates the pivotal role of His Highness Isa Al Kabeer, Ruler of Bahrain and its Dependencies, in consolidating stability, establishing legal and civil institutions, and driving prosperity across the Kingdom.

On the occasion, HM the King said this year celebrates the enduring legacy of His Highness Isa Al Kabeer, whose vision and leadership laid the foundations of modern Bahrain.

He also emphasised that the designation serves to highlight ongoing development projects in historic Muharraq and cities



HM the King receives HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister

across the Kingdom, noting national efforts reflect a deep commitment to preserving Bahrain's historical and cultural identity for generations to come.

Highlighting the broader significance of Isa Al Kabeer's contributions, HM King Hamad emphasised his achievements not only for their historical impact but for the inspiration they provide to continue advancing our nation.

The announcement came during a meeting at Al Sakhir Palace with His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, where HM the King reviewed the Kingdom's ongoing



development and progress Order designating 2026 as the "Year of Isa Al Kabeer".

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ment to recognising Bahrain's historical figures, who have had a lasting impact on the foundations of the Kingdom's history

and ongoing development.

His Majesty expressed pride in HRH Prince Salman's leadership and commended his continued efforts to promote national growth and prosperity.

He also marked Bahraini Diplomatic Day by congratulating members of the diplomatic corps, praising their efforts in strengthening Bahrain's international relations, safeguarding national interests, and supporting the Kingdom's development achievements.

HM King Hamad highlighted that these successes are rooted in Bahrain's civilisational values of tolerance, coexistence, and respect for others, noting that the Kingdom continues to champion peace and harmony among peoples worldwide.

He was briefed on regional developments and their implications for security and stability.

The Kingdom reaffirmed its firm stance on resolving crises through dialogue and diplomatic channels, underscoring the importance of peaceful solutions that serve the interests of the world's peoples.

France calls for global solutions



H.E. Ambassador Eric Giraud-Telme

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Continuing the series on how 2026 is reshaping the global order, France makes the case for multilateralism as an essential framework for tackling global health, technological autonomy, and economic coordination in an increasingly interdependent world. Read the perspective of His Excellency Mr. Eric Giraud-Telme, Ambassador of the French Republic to the Kingdom of Bahrain, on Page 22.

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HM King affirms growing Bahrain-Jordan relations

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa affirmed his pride in the close historical relations and strong bonds that unite the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, which continue to grow through the mutual keenness to enhance and advance them in a manner that fulfils shared goals and aspirations.

HM the King was speaking as he received at Al Sakhir Palace, in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, His Excellency Ayman Safadi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and Expatriate Affairs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

During the meeting, HE the Deputy Prime Minister con-



HM the King receives Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister, H.E. Ayman Safadi, in the presence of HRH Prince Salman

veyed to His Majesty the greetings and appreciation of His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein of Jordan, along with his best wishes for Bahrain and its people for continued progress and prosperity.

HM King Hamad relayed his greetings and sincere wishes

to HM the Jordanian Monarch, and to the Jordanian people for further development and prosperity.

HM the King welcomed H.E. Safadi and commended such fraternal visits for their role in strengthening cooperation, consultation, and constructive

coordination on various issues, particularly in light of regional developments and events, in a manner that serves mutual interests and reinforces their longstanding relations.

He also praised the efforts of HM the King of Jordan in consolidating and strengthening the

distinguished relations between the two kingdoms, as well as the commendable efforts of Jordan, under His Majesty's leadership, to enhance the framework of joint Arab action and to support endeavours aimed at achieving peace, security, and stability in the region.

Energy and gas sector progress reviewed



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chairs the 33rd meeting of the Higher Committee for Energy and Natural Resources. Several topics related to the development of the energy sector, as well as progress in Bahrain's gas sector, were reviewed.

His Excellency Mr. Eric Giraud-Telme, Ambassador of the French Republic to the Kingdom of Bahrain

As 2026 underscores the depth of global interdependence amid fragmentation and rivalry, France argues that coordinated multilateral action remains the only credible path to addressing shared challenges, from health and technology to sustainable growth. In conversation with **Mahir Haneef**, **His Excellency Mr. Eric Giraud-Telme, Ambassador of the French Republic to the Kingdom of Bahrain**, outlines how France is seeking to translate this commitment into action through global agenda-setting and renewed co-operation within multilateral fora.

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The year 2026 unfolds in an international context in which interdependence has become a defining feature. Today’s major global challenges call for coordinated responses grounded in dialogue, cooperation and the pursuit of shared solutions. In this respect, multilateralism remains an essential reference framework for consultation and collective action.

Three areas stand out as particularly structuring. The first is global health, now understood in its close links with the environment, agriculture and biodiversity. The second relates to

advanced technologies, whose role is instrumental in ensuring autonomous access to new frontiers in the digital or physical space. The third focuses on international political and economic coordination, which is essential to accompany people towards progress and social transformations and support sustainable growth.

On these 3 major pillars for the future, France is setting the agenda with major international meetings in 2026. First, The One Health Summit, on 7 April 2026 in Lyon, will highlight an integrated approach to global health, bringing together public

authorities, international organizations and the scientific community around science-based prevention policies. Second, in April in Paris, a summit dedicated to space will underscore the growing role of space technologies in ensuring autonomous access to space, supporting innovation and responding to contemporary strategic challenges.

Finally, the G7 Summit, to be held in Évian-les-Bains from 14 to 16 June 2026, will provide a forum for collective reflection among leading economies on responses to economic, climate and social challenges.

Taken together, these se-

quences are part of an ongoing dynamic of dialogue and co-operation within multilateral fora. In this regard, sharing a common trust in multilateralism, Bahrain has been sitting alongside France on the United Nations Security Council since 1 January 2026. Building on the excellent bilateral relations between France and Bahrain and our converging approaches on international cooperation, we are ready, in 2026, to work together in support of peace, stability, development and the promotion of economic and cultural exchanges for mutual benefit.

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News of Bahrain Announces New Year Reel Winners



P. Unnikrishnan, Chairman and Managing Director, and Latha Unnikrishnan, Director of The Daily Tribune, along with the digital team present prizes to the winners

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The Kingdom of Bahrain witnessed a vibrant winter season and New Year celebrations, marked by pleasant weather, scenic views, and a wide range of public events.

Citizens, expatriates, and thousands of visitors from around the world came together to enjoy the festive atmosphere, capturing memorable moments and sharing them across personal social media platforms.

To recognize this creativity and public engagement, News of Bahrain launched the “Celebrate New Year with News of Bahrain” short reel compe-

tition.

The initiative aimed to encourage storytelling and uncover hidden creative talent across the Kingdom by giving value to moments recorded by the public.

As the first campaign of its kind by one of Bahrain’s most trusted digital news platforms, the response was overwhelming.

Within just seven days, the competition received thousands of entries, reflecting strong community participation and widespread interest.

The campaign concluded on December 31, 2025, with five winners selected to receive cash prizes from News of Bahrain.

The prizes were presented yesterday by P. Unnikrishnan, Chairman and Managing Director, along with Latha Unnikrishnan, Director of The Daily Tribune, in the presence of the digital team.

The winners of the competition were Sheryl Tandayu, Shaikha Hussain, Anas Velluvakandy, Allen Rose Pastor, and Jayesh kumar.

News of Bahrain has continued to expand its digital presence, reaching over 500,000 followers across Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, and YouTube, with millions of organic views. The platform remains one of the Kingdom’s fastest-growing and most trusted digital news sources.

Diplomatic missions key to development, says H.E. Shaikh Salman

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His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy emphasised the key role of diplomatic missions in supporting development through the implementation of bilateral economic agreements, increasing trade volumes, and attracting foreign direct investment, contributing to the Kingdom’s strategic objectives and reinforcing its position as a regional and global investment destination.

He underlined that the integration of foreign policy and economic strategy is a fundamental factor in strengthening Bahrain’s position on the global economic map and serves as an effective tool to support economic diversification and sustainable growth, within the framework of the Kingdom’s ongoing comprehensive development process under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Forum

H.E. Shaikh Salman was speaking as he attended the Diplomatic Forum organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the occasion of Bahrain Diplomatic Day, which falls on January 14 each year. A session was held on Bahrain’s foreign policy and the global economy as part of the occasion.



H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa speaks at the event



H.E. Shaikh Salman noted that Bahrain’s diplomatic missions abroad play a key role in supporting national efforts to attract investment through international economic representation.

The session was also attended by H.E. Ayman Safadi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister

of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs; H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce; and H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development and Chief Executive of the Economic Development Board (Bahrain EDB).

Achievements

H.E. Shaikh Salman reviewed the Kingdom of Bahrain’s key economic achievements and its continued efforts to expand economic development in line with the comprehensive development process under the leadership of HM the King Hamad and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Finance Minister underscored that Bahrain Diplomatic Day reflects the Kingdom’s high regard for diplomacy and its role in supporting national development and enhancing Bahrain’s regional and international standing.

He highlighted that the direct and continuous support of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister has helped establish an engaged diplomatic approach that actively contributes to economic growth and attracts high-value investment opportunities.

Shura backs wider powers to update protected-species lists

Mohammed Darwish
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The Shura Council approved a draft law on Sunday that expands the Supreme Council for Environment's power to update Bahrain's protected-species annexes tied to international trade controls, and sent it onwards on an urgent basis.

The bill amends Article (3) of Law No. (5) of 2021 on regulating and monitoring international trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora, accompa-

nying Decree No. (57) of 2025.

It replaces item (13) so the Supreme Council for Environment may delete or add any species in the law's annexes, rather than being limited to Annex (3) only.

Aim

Committee rapporteur Juma Al Kaabi said the aim is to let the Supreme Council for Environment "exercise its powers in a comprehensive manner to amend and update all annexes" that include Bahrain's lists of protected species, with a focus



Dr Mohammed Ali Hassan
on those most at risk of extinction.

He told the Council the law includes three annexes.

Annex (1) covers species threatened with extinction, where trade must be strictly controlled and specimens traded only in exceptional cases.

Annex (2) covers species that



Jawad BuHussain
are not necessarily threatened now but could become so if trade is not controlled. Annex (3) covers species that a party identifies as needing cooperation with other parties to control trade.

Shura Council member Jawad BuHussain said the amendment would give the Supreme Council for Environment "wider powers to update the lists of endangered species without the need to amend the law each time".

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Organisms

Dr Mohammed Ali Hasan,

head of the Public Utilities and Environment Committee, said: "Man has tampered with those organisms and started trading in them," as he explained why international rules were drawn up to protect wildlife from cross-border trade.

The Council said the bill would be sent to the Speaker of the Council of Representatives for referral to the Prime Minister, ahead of submission to His Majesty the King.

The draft text states that, once ratified and published in the Official Gazette, the amendment takes effect the day after publication, with implementation assigned to the Prime Minister and ministers in their areas of responsibility.

Market innovation

MP proposes selling hotel rooms as independent units amid low occupancy

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Room-by-room hotel ownership has been proposed in Parliament, with MP Hassan Ebrahim calling for hotels to sell individual rooms as independent units backed by official documents.

The proposal follows a sharp drop in occupancy, with many hotel properties now operating at around 40 per cent.

In a parliamentary request, Ebrahim argues that letting hotels issue formal ownership papers for single rooms would bring in new buyers, spread the cost of upkeep, and give hotels cash from sales alongside ongoing income from running the rooms for their owners.

"Allowing hotel rooms to be sold as independent units with official title documents is an innovative idea, tried globally, that introduces a new economic model linking real-estate investment with the hotel sector at the same time," he said.

The plan, as described in the memorandum, would leave day-to-day running with the hotel.

Owners would buy the room, while the hotel would keep control of operations, maintenance and marketing under a shared



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system, with returns paid out under agreed terms.

Ebrahim said that structure would lower the weight on hotel operators, while opening the door to smaller investors who cannot usually reach the sector.

"This model not only eases the burden on hotels in terms of operating and maintenance costs, but also gives investors a chance to enter a sector that has long been closed to them because of its high costs," he said.

He added that it would "open the door for individuals and small and medium-sized enterprises to own hotel units that are managed professionally by

the hotel".

Ebrahim also argued that splitting ownership across many holders would push hotels to keep service levels up, since the value of each unit would rest on the hotel's name, its ratings and its day-to-day standards.

The memo ties the request to parts of the Constitution dealing with social justice and the way the law governs ties between property owners and tenants.

Principle

It also cites the principle that the national economy rests on fair co-operation between public and private activity, aimed at



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— MP HASSAN EBRAHIM

growth and prosperity within the law.

Beyond helping hotels cope with weak occupancy, the request says the model could widen the pool of money flowing into tourism and hotel projects, including from outside Bahrain.

It argues that more buying and selling would help build a more ordered market for hotel property, while feeding demand

High Appeal Court puts BD6mln embezzlement sentences on hold

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The First High Criminal Court of Appeal has put on hold the prison terms handed to three company executives in a fraud, forgery and embezzlement case said to involve more than BD6 million, while the appeal is heard.

At a hearing yesterday, the court ordered a stay on enforcement for the second, third and fourth defendants, identified as the firm's chief executive and two members of its board of directors. They were previously sentenced to one year in jail and fined.

The first appellant, the company's owner, appeared in court while in custody serv-

ing an eight-year prison term.

The other three appellants attended while their sentences were not being carried out.

Lawyers for the executives told the court their clients had no knowledge of what they described as breaches committed by the owner. They said the men reported the matter to the Central Bank of Bahrain as soon as they became aware of violations.

The court adjourned the case to 18 January 2026 and tasked the Public Prosecution with writing to the Central Bank of Bahrain to state, in an official response, if the company and its management had the right to change the declared use of the investment in the final two deals linked to the two companies.

RBAF concludes participation in Gulf Shield Exercise 2026



The Royal Bahraini Air Force (RBAF) concluded its participation in the Gulf Shield Exercise 2026, held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, with the participation of all member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). The exercise forms part of efforts to strengthen regional defence cooperation and enhance combat readiness, with activities that included advanced operational scenarios featuring simulations of multidimensional aerial and missile threats, alongside joint air manoeuvres and integrated field drills, aimed at improving interoperability, strengthening command and control systems, and enhancing operational efficiency within a joint operational environment. The exercise was implemented to develop specialised military capabilities and enhance combat readiness in addressing current, emerging, and future threats, while consolidating joint defence and flexible deterrence concepts.

MPs to revisit East Riffa site plan for cancer centre



Repurposing the former East Riffa Health Centre as a specialist site for treating cancer patients

● Move to improve standard of care, support stronger health service



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MPs will return tomorrow to a proposal to turn the former East Riffa Health Centre into a cancer treatment centre in the Southern Governorate, after the item was delayed at the last sitting because time ran short and the agenda was crowded.

The request was submitted by MPs Dr Ali Al Nuaimi, Mohammed Mousa, Bader Al Tameemi, Mohammed Yousef Al Maaraifi and Najeeb Al Koari.

They are asking the government to repurpose the former clinic building in East Riffa as a specialist site for treating cancer patients, serving residents of the Southern Governorate and others.

Service

Backers say the move would improve the standard of care, support a stronger health service, and help cut pressure on existing oncology services at Salmaniya Medical Complex and King Hamad University Hospital.

They also say the government needs a dedicated site for malignant tumours closer to local families.

Dr Al Nuaimi linked the proposal to the constitutional right to healthcare.

Healthcare

"The state guarantees every citizen the right to healthcare, is concerned with public health, and guarantees means

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of prevention and treatment by establishing different types of hospitals and health institutions," he said, citing Article 8(a) of Bahrain's Constitution.

He said the case for a new site was tied to rising demand and strained capacity at current providers.

"Malignant tumour cases are increasing in Bahrain, and the Southern Governorate needs a dedicated cancer hospital close to its people, while pressure must be reduced on oncology services at Salmaniya and King Hamad University Hospital," he said.

View

The Ministry of Health, in its summary view submitted to Parliament, said the King Hamad Cancer Centre at King Hamad University Hospital already serves as a national specialist hub for cancer care, covering patients across the Kingdom, including the Southern Governorate.

Pioneers of British Bank hold memorable reunion

Pradeep Puravankara
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A distinguished assembly of former leaders and long-serving personnel from the British Bank recently gathered for a special reunion, celebrating a legacy of professional excellence and lifelong camaraderie.

The event brought together a select group of the bank's original pioneers, led by former Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Saleh Al-Kuwari.

The commemorative gathering was sponsored by Mr. Mansoor Osman, founder of MOCO.



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Steady growth

Bahraini finance and insurance workers earn average BD1,169 monthly, data shows

● Bahrain has 51 investment firms

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Bahraini workers in finance and insurance earn an average BD1,169 a month, while new starters receive a median BD610, official data shows, in a sector that accounts for 17.8 per cent of GDP and ranks among the largest non-oil contributors to the economy.

The kingdom's financial report said the sector grew 5 per cent year on year in the third quarter of 2025, with higher activity in electronic transfers and a rise in retail bank lending.

The value of transactions processed through the electronic funds transfer system rose 16.3 per cent to BD9.6 billion.

The consolidated balance sheet of the banking system increased 2.7 per cent.

Deposits

Retail bank loans climbed 4.8 per cent to BD12.7 billion, while deposits from non-banks fell 2.7 per cent.

Finance and insurance were listed as the biggest contributor within non-oil activities, which



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make up 85 per cent of GDP.

The number of financial institutions operating in Bahrain reached 375 by the third quarter of 2025.

Employment in the sector stood at 14,940 staff, including 10,383 Bahrainis, who made up 69.5 per cent of the workforce, compared with 4,557 expat workers at 30.5 per cent.

The banking sector counted 83 banks, including 29 retail banks. Of those, 13 were locally registered retail banks and 16 were branches of foreign retail banks.

The figures also covered 56 wholesale banks, six representative offices and one banking association. Islamic banks to-

talled 15.

Investment

Banking-sector assets reached \$246.8 billion by August 2025, including \$65.7 billion held by Islamic banks, while Bahrain had 51 investment companies, the data showed. Insurance figures listed 140 licensed insurance institutions, excluding representatives of insurers.

The tally included 30 insurance firms, 21 insurance and reinsurance firms, 14 locally registered firms, and six takaful and reinsurance firms, alongside branches, brokers, and insurance consultants and managers.

The number of actuaries stood at 31, and insurance company



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Funds

Investment funds also remained a large part of the picture, with 1,738 licensed and registered funds by November 2025 and assets worth \$11.139 billion.

This included 54 local investment funds, 10 private investment funds, and 165 local and foreign Islamic investment funds, as well as 1,674 foreign offshore funds.

Capital markets were valued at \$20.1 billion, while total insurance premiums reached BD239.438 million, according to the figures.

Rising football talent Ashwin shines abroad, wins major awards

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Young footballer Ashwin Manoj Kumar began his journey in the sport at the age of 10, building his skills through structured training and strong family support, which laid the foundation for his steady progress.

Ashwin developed his game by training with several clubs in the Kingdom, including Grip, Ciro and OLE Bahrain.

This exposure helped sharpen his technical ability, improve match awareness and build competitive confidence on the field.

His efforts produced clear results in 2023, when he was named a Grip Match Winner



Ashwin Manoj Kumar earns the Man of the Match award at the 2025 Copa Ciro tournament

and finished as the first top scorer.

Later in December, Ashwin earned the Man of the Match

award at the Copa Ciro tournament, underlining his consistency and influence during matches. In January, Ashwin reached an important milestone after being selected by OLE Bahrain to compete in the Manchester City Club Under-14 tournament in Abu Dhabi.

Making his international debut, he delivered disciplined performances that contributed to his team reaching the final and securing second place.

Ashwin's progress reflects the impact of early encouragement, regular training and perseverance, marking him as a promising young talent with strong potential for future development in football.

Ministry launching new online system for non-profit organisations



MP Ahmed Al Saloom
Mohammed Darwish
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Bahrain has 661 licensed civil society organisations, the Ministry of Social Development has said, reporting stronger compliance with legal and financial rules but warning that many groups still struggle with funding, governance and attracting skilled administrators.

The ministry's comments came in a written reply to a parliamentary question from MP Ahmed Al Saloom about the state of civil society organisations and how the government oversees them.

It said compliance has improved 'markedly' in recent years, particularly in the submission of meeting minutes, annual financial statements and fundraising reports, alongside better financial disclosure and record-keeping of spending.

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affirming the values of loyalty and commitment that defined their careers.

"It was an honor to gather with so many familiar faces who laid the foundation for what the British Bank became," stated Mr. Al-Kuwari. "This reunion is a

testament to the bonds forged through years of dedicated service and the collective spirit that drove our success."

Mr. Osman expressed MOCO Public Relations' pride in supporting the event, noting that the stories shared represent a

vital chapter in the region's financial history.

The reunion served as a powerful reminder of the lasting professional relationships and the indelible impact these individuals made on the banking sector.

Bapco Air Fueling Celebrates its 40th Anniversary



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Bapco Energies, the integrated group leading the energy transition in the Kingdom of Bahrain, recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of its portfolio company Bapco Air Fueling. This special event marked four decades of strategic contribution to the Kingdom's aviation infrastructure and national economy.

Bapco Air Fueling's journey has been guided by the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the vision of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and under the direction of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Chairman of Bapco Energies.

The celebration was held at the Awal Private Terminal in



the presence of His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs. Senior officials from government entities, Bapco Energies, partner organizations, and representatives from Bahrain's aviation sector also attended.

The event highlighted Bapco Air Fueling's longstanding role in ensuring safe, reliable, and

uninterrupted aircraft fueling operations at Bahrain International Airport, reflecting the Company's commitment to international standards, operational excellence, and national service.

Bapco Air Fueling's history extends beyond its formal establishment in 1985, with aviation fueling activities dating back to 1932 through partnerships with global leaders bp and

Chevron. Today, Bapco Air Fueling continues to benefit from these strategic partnerships, strengthening governance, transferring best practices, and reinforcing its position as a world-class fueling operator.

Safety remains central to Bapco Air Fueling's operations, supported by certification to leading international standards including ISO 9001 and ISO 45001.

The Company has imple-

mented several major infrastructure upgrades and continues to modernize its systems, including initiatives to digitalize refueling operations and enhance operational efficiency.

Bapco Air Fueling has prioritized national workforce development and the empowerment of Bahraini talent. The Company has achieved a 99% Bahraini workforce and has significantly increased female employment

across operational and technical roles, reflecting its commitment to inclusive growth and sustainable development.

Bapco Air Fueling's leadership team praised the dedication of its employees, whose professionalism and commitment remain fundamental to the Company's success and reputation over the past four decades.

Looking ahead, Bapco Air Fueling reiterated its commitment to supporting the growth of Bahrain's aviation sector, advancing sustainability initiatives, and contributing to the Kingdom's long-term strategic objectives as part of the wider Bapco Energies Group.

Bapco Energies extended its appreciation to the Ministry of Oil and Environment, the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, and strategic partners and stakeholders who have contributed to Bapco Air Fueling's success and development over the years.



CFI Financial First Investment Platform in Bahrain to Integrate with eKey for Business (EKEY-B) Supported by Beyon Connect

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Beyon Connect, part of the Beyon Group, has announced that CFI Financial, a leading regional provider of online trading and investment services recently launched in Bahrain, has become the first investment platform in the Kingdom to go live with eKey for Business (EKEY-B), the national biometric digital identity and eKYC platform for the private sector.

Developed by Beyon Connect in collaboration with the Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA), EKEY-B is a core component of Bahrain's eKey 2.0 initiative, extending trusted, passwordless, and consent-based digital identity services to private sector organiza-



biometrics. The process eliminates passwords, OTPs, and manual document uploads, providing a seamless and highly secure experience for new investors. By leveraging Bahrain's sovereign digital identity infrastructure, CFI ensures its services are not only user-friendly but also fully compliant with the Central Bank of Bahrain's KYC regulations and the Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL).

Christopher Hild, CEO of Beyon Connect, commented, "CFI's adoption of EKEY-B reflects the growing momentum behind Bahrain's digital identity ecosystem. It's a significant milestone, not only for CFI but for the investment sector as a whole. We are proud to support this forward-looking launch and wel-

come CFI to Bahrain's growing community of digital pioneers."

Yaseen Alsamurai, CFI Country CEO Bahrain, commented, "We are thrilled to embrace eKey for business in partnership with Beyon Connect. This integration aligns perfectly with our mission to provide clients with a fast, secure, and intuitive trading experience, while supporting Bahrain's national vision for digital innovation."

The eKey for Business platform is delivered by Beyon Connect on behalf of the Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA). It forms part of Bahrain's broader eKey 2.0 initiative, a national strategy to extend trusted, consent-based digital identity solutions to both the public and private sectors.



Beyon Connect, part of the Beyon Group, is a leading provider of sovereign digital trust solutions in emerging markets. The company develops and operates national-scale platforms including OneID (digital identity), OneBox (digital registered mail), and OneSign (digital signing). Beyon Connect is the developer of EKEY 2.0 and EKEY for Business, and the exclusive reseller of EKEY-B to the private sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

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ney, powered by secure 3D facial

Al Salam Bank offers up to 99% discount for its cardholders

In Line with the Launch of the New Keeta App in Bahrain...

Manama

Al Salam Bank has announced its strategic collaboration with Keeta, the newly launched food delivery platform, to mark its official entry into the Bahraini market this January. As part of this collaboration, Al Salam Bank becomes the first bank in the Kingdom to offer a special promotion for its Visa Credit and Prepaid cardholders on the Keeta app.

As per the campaign's terms and conditions, the offer allows Al Salam Bank Visa Credit and Prepaid card-

Mohammed Buhijji, Chief Retail Banking Officer at Al Salam Bank

holders to enjoy up to 99% discount (capped at BD 3) on their Keeta orders when using their card

through the Keeta Wallet. The offer is valid for the first 6,000 clients who add their card to the Keeta app and place an order above BD 3 using the card. Each eligible client can benefit from the discount twice during the campaign period, which runs from 11 January to 11 February 2026.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Mohammed Buhijji, Chief Retail Banking Officer at Al Salam Bank, said: "At Al Salam Bank, we are proud to form value added partnerships that align with the modern lifestyles of our clients and enrich their daily banking experiences. Our collaboration with Keeta reflects our ongoing commitment to

providing smart payment solutions and special offers tailored to our clients' expectations. With the official launch of Keeta in Bahrain, this initiative underlines our efforts to embrace the latest digital trends and promote card usage in day-to-day transactions. We are confident that this partnership will deliver real value to our clients and further reinforce our position as a

pioneering bank offering integrated banking experiences."

Mr. Aiden Qiao, General Manager of Keeta Bahrain, said: "Our focus at Keeta is on delivering a simple, reliable, and rewarding experience for users every time they order. Through collaborations with trusted partners such as Al Salam Bank, initiatives like this enable users to enjoy greater value from their everyday

meals, supported by a smooth and seamless digital journey. We remain committed to building an experience that puts convenience, trust, and consistency at the heart of everything we offer."

It is worth noting that Keeta offers a number of key benefits to all users, positioning it as a standout choice in Bahrain's food delivery space. These include free delivery with subscriptions, strong offers including new-user voucher packs, and continued deals post-launch.

Keeta also features an On-Time Delivery Promise, where orders are delivered within the promised timeframe – and if delayed, users are automatically compensated.



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Joint Economic Committee holds 49th meeting to boost public-private cooperation

TDT | Manama

The Joint Economic Committee between the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry convened its 49th meeting, attended by senior officials from both sides. The meeting was chaired on behalf of the Ministry by His Excellency Mr Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, and on behalf of the Chamber by Mr Sameer bin Abdullah Nass, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

During the meeting, the Minister of Industry and Commerce highlighted the vital role of the Joint Economic Committee in strengthening coordination and cooperation between the public and private sectors, noting that such collaboration supports the commercial sector and contributes to achieving the Kingdom of Bahrain's development goals.

His Excellency also reaffirmed



the Ministry's commitment to commercial and service initiatives, including those scheduled to be launched during the holy month of Ramadan, with the aim of supporting both consumers and traders. He further com-

mended the efforts of the Ministry's Inspection Directorate for conducting intensive inspection campaigns across markets and commercial outlets in all governorates to ensure compliance with commercial standards, safeguard consumer rights and enhance confidence in Bahrain's business environment.

For his part, Mr Sameer Abdulla Nass expressed his appreciation to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for the constructive and fruitful cooperation, emphasising that this collaboration has had a positive and tangible impact on serving the national economy and supporting development pathways.

He noted that this cooperative approach represents a successful model of effective public-private partnership and underscores the importance of integrating government and private sector efforts to strengthen the business environment and achieve shared economic objectives.

Germany's Merz heads to India to bolster trade, security ties

AFP | Berlin, Germany

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz left for India on Sunday for a visit to bolster economic and security ties between the top EU economy and the Asian population giant.

Both Berlin and New Delhi face a turbulent world order and a set of economic and geopolitical challenges from the world's two largest economies, the United States and China.

Merz's visit from Monday -- his first to an Asian country since he took office last May -- comes two weeks ahead of a



Germany's Chancellor Friedrich Merz

planned EU-India summit and as on a free trade agreement.

"This agreement is envi-

sioned not just as a trade deal, but as a comprehensive partnership that addresses modern economic realities," India's commerce ministry said on Friday.

During Merz's two-day visit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will host him in Ahmedabad, in the premier's western home state of Gujarat, before Merz travels to the southern technology hub of Bengaluru.

The two leaders will attend a traditional kite festival and visit the Sabarmati Ashram, the spiritual retreat where Mahatma Gandhi, the leader of the Indian

independence struggle, lived for many years. That Merz chose India for his first trip to Asia as chancellor "demonstrates how India, the world's largest democracy, is an important strategic partner for Germany," a government spokesman said on Friday in Berlin.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President Antonio Costa will be in New Delhi on January 26 for India's annual Republic Day parade.

For India and Germany, security links could also be bolstered

by a potential deal for German's Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems to build six submarines for the Indian Navy in a partnership with Indian state-run Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders.

That deal remains under negotiation, but would allow India to replace its ageing fleet of Russian-built submarines and likely include technology transfer provisions that would help build up its domestic defence industry. Merz will be accompanied by a large business delegation, including executives from corporate giants such as Siemens and Airbus.

News in brief

◆ **Israeli Foreign Minister** Gideon Saar said yesterday that Samoa will open an embassy in Jerusalem this year, a rare move as most foreign diplomatic missions to Israel are located in Tel Aviv. Samoa will become the eighth country to open its mission in Jerusalem, and the third from the Pacific region after Fiji and Papua New Guinea. "Just spoke with the Prime Minister of Samoa, La'au Leuaeta Schmidt. I thanked him for his moral decision to open an embassy in Jerusalem in 2026," Saar wrote on X. "I also expressed our appreciation for Samoa's consistent support for Israel in the multilateral arena," he said, adding that he had invited the prime minister to visit Israel. The status of Jerusalem is one of the thorniest issues in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Israel annexed east Jerusalem after the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, in a move not recognised by the international community.



Israel says Samoa to open embassy in Jerusalem

◆ **Malaysia suspends access to Musk's Grok AI: regulator**

◆ **Malaysia suspended** access to Elon Musk's chatbot Grok over AI-generated pornographic content, the country's tech regulator said yesterday. The decision follows global backlash after it emerged that Grok's image creation feature allowed users to sexualise pictures of women and children using simple text prompts. On Saturday Indonesia became the first country to deny all access to the tool, which has been restricted to paying subscribers elsewhere. The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission said in a statement it had "directed a temporary restriction on access to the Grok artificial intelligence for users in Malaysia" with immediate effect. When an AFP reporter in the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur fed Grok prompts on Sunday, there was no response. "This action follows repeated misuse of Grok to generate obscene, sexually explicit, indecent, grossly offensive and non-consensual manipulated images," the regulator said.

◆ **US and allied forces** carried out "large-scale" strikes against the Islamic State jihadist group in Syria on Saturday, the US military said, the latest response to an attack last month that killed three Americans. S Central Command (CENTCOM), which oversees American military forces in the region, said multiple strikes "targeted ISIS throughout Syria," using an acronym for the jihadist group. ENTCOM's post on X did not give specifics on where they took place. Grainy aerial video accompanying the post showed several separate explosions, apparently in rural areas. The strikes were part of Operation Hawkeye Strike, which was launched "in direct response to the deadly ISIS attack on US and Syrian forces in Palmyra," CENTCOM said.

US announces 'large-scale' strikes against IS in Syria



SPOTLIGHT

Saudi Arabia's oldest man dies at 142 after a life spanning country's history



Nasser bin Radan Al Rashid Al Wadaei
Agencies

Saudi Arabia has lost its oldest known man, Nasser bin Radan Al Rashid Al Wadaei, who passed away at the age of 142, local media reported. He died in Riyadh, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of longevity and devotion.

Al Wadaei was born in the late 19th century in the Dhahran Al Janoub area — years before the unification of the Kingdom — and lived through the reigns of Saudi Arabia's rulers from the founder, King Abdulaziz, to the current sovereign, King Salman. His life thus spanned more than a century of profound political, social and economic transformations in the country.

His funeral was held in Dhahran Al Janoub, in the southern region, and was attended by more than 7,000

people, a testament to his deep standing in the community. He was then laid to rest in his home village of Al Rashid.

According to family accounts and local reporting, Al Wadaei was known for his strong religious devotion. He is said to have performed the Hajj pilgrimage more than 40 times, an unusual feat reflecting both his faith and physical resilience. He also had an exceptionally large family: he is survived by 134 children and grandchildren. Reports indicate that he married for the last time at the age of 110 and subsequently had a daughter.

News of his passing attracted widespread attention across Saudi social media, where many users described him as a symbol of faith, resilience and living memory of more than a century of Saudi history.

AFP | Berlin, Germany

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A Danish colony until 1953, Greenland gained home rule 26 years later and is contemplating eventually loosening its ties with Denmark.

Washington on Monday.

Before talks with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul will stop Sunday in Reykjavik to address the "strategic challenges of the Far North", according to the foreign ministry statement.

"The legitimate interests of all NATO Allies, as well as those of the inhabitants of the (Arctic) region, must be at the centre of our discussions," Wadephul said in the statement.

"It is clear that it is exclusively up to Greenland and Denmark to decide questions of Greenland's territory and sovereignty," he previously told Germany's Bild daily.

NATO Supreme Allied Commander General Alexus Grynkewich told the Swedish defense conference that alliance members were having talks on Greenland's future. The US general added that while there was "no immediate threat" to NATO territory, the Arctic's strategic importance is fast growing.

Trump tells Cuba to 'make a deal, before it is too late'

Havana since 2000 has increasingly relied on Venezuelan oil

Rubio next Cuba leader

Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump urged Cuba yesterday to "make a deal" or face unspecified consequences, warning that the flow of Venezuelan oil and money to Havana would now stop.

"THERE WILL BE NO MORE OIL OR MONEY GOING TO CUBA - ZERO!" Trump said on his Truth Social channel. "I strongly suggest they make a deal, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE."

His remarks come a week after US forces seized Venezuela's authoritarian leader Nicolas Maduro in a nighttime operation in Caracas that killed dozens of Venezuelan and Cuban security forces.

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Trump republished a Truth Social message from user Cliff Smith, posted on January 8, that read "Marco Rubio will be president of Cuba," accompanied by a crying laughing emoji.

Trump's comment on the repost was "Sounds good to me!"

The largely unknown user, whose bio refers to him as a "conservative Californian" has posted on X.

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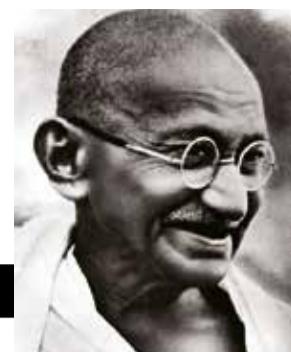
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Gustav I of Sweden is crowned King of Sweden, rules for 37 years, and becomes known as the "father of the nation"

1554

Bayinnaung is crowned King of Burma, assembles the largest empire in the history of Southeast Asia



1872 1948

Yohannes IV is crowned Emperor of Ethiopia in Axum, 1st imperial coronation in Axum in over 200 years

Mahatma Gandhi begins his final fast



My thoughts turn to the situation currently unfolding in the Middle East, especially in Iran and Syria, where ongoing tensions continue to claim many lives. I hope and pray that dialogue and peace may be patiently nurtured in pursuit of the common good of the whole of society. #PrayTogether @Pontifex

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I welcome the encouraging announcements by the Lebanese authorities to restore the State's monopoly on weapons. This process must be pursued resolutely. The second phase of the plan will be a decisive step. The ceasefire agreement must be strictly respected by all parties. Lebanon's sovereignty must be fully restored.

@EmmanuelMacron

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As the repression intensifies, and the loss of innocent lives continue, we are monitoring the situation carefully. Europe stands with the people of Iran in their legitimate fight for freedom.

@vonderleyen

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In many regions, the situation remains difficult after Russian strikes on our critical infrastructure. Energy workers and repair crews are working around the clock to restore electricity, heat, and water supply for people.

@ZelenskyyUa

Iran protest death toll rises as alarm grows over crackdown 'massacre'

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This grab taken from UGC images posted on social media the same day shows Iranian security forces using tear gas to disperse protesters at the Tehran bazaar.

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● Iran authorities make 'significant' arrests over protests: national police chief

● 'Rioters' must not disrupt Iranian society: President Pezeshkian on state TV

● Iran would target US military, shipping if attacked: parliament speaker

AFP | Paris, France

At least 192 protesters have been killed in Iran's biggest movement against the Islamic republic in more than three years, a rights group said yesterday, as warnings grew that authorities were committing a "massacre" to quell the demonstrations.

The protests, initially sparked by anger over the rising cost of living, have now become a movement against the theo-

cratic system in place in Iran since the 1979 revolution and have already lasted two weeks.

The mass rallies are one of the biggest challenges to the rule of supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, 86, coming in the wake of Israel's 12-day war against the Islamic republic in June, which was backed by the United States.

Protests have swelled in recent days despite an internet blackout that has lasted more than 60 hours, according to monitor Netblocks, with activists warning the shutdown was limiting the flow of information and the actual toll risks being far higher.

"Since the start of the protests, Iran Human Rights has confirmed the killing of at least 192 protesters," the Norway-based non-governmental organisation said, warning that the deaths "may be even more extensive than we currently imagine".

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Videos of large demonstrations in the capital Tehran and other cities over the past three nights have filtered out despite the internet cut that has rendered impossible normal communication with the outside world via messaging apps or even phone lines.

Video verified by AFP showed large crowds taking to the streets in new protests on Saturday night in several Iranian cities including Tehran and Mashhad in the east, where images showed vehicles set on fire.

Several circulating videos, which have not been verified by AFP, allegedly showed relatives in a Tehran morgue identifying bodies of protesters killed in the crackdown.

The US-based Center for Human Rights in Iran (CHRI) said it had received "eyewitness accounts and credible reports indicating that hundreds of protesters have been killed across Iran during the current internet

shutdown".

"A massacre is unfolding in Iran. The world must act now to prevent further loss of life," it said.

It said hospitals were "overwhelmed", blood supplies were running low and that many protesters had been shot in the eyes in a deliberate tactic.

'Shot in the eyes'

Iran's security chief Ali Larijani drew a line between protests over economic hardship, which he called "completely understandable", and "riots", accusing them of actions "very similar to the methods of terrorist groups", Tasnim news agency reported.

Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian said "rioters" must not disrupt Iranian society.

"The people (of Iran) should not allow rioters to disrupt society. The people should believe that we (the government) want to establish justice," he told state broadcaster IRIB.

In Tehran, an AFP journalist described a city in a state of near paralysis.

The price of meat has nearly doubled since the start of the protests, and while some shops are open, many others are not.

Those that do open must close at around 4:00 or 5:00 pm, when security forces deploy in force.

'Would hit back'

Iran's parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said Iran would hit back if the US launched military action.

"In the event of a military attack by the United States, both the occupied territory and centres of the US military and shipping will be our legitimate targets," he said in comments broadcast by state TV.

He was apparently also referring to Israel, which the Islamic republic does not recognise and considers occupied Palestinian territory.

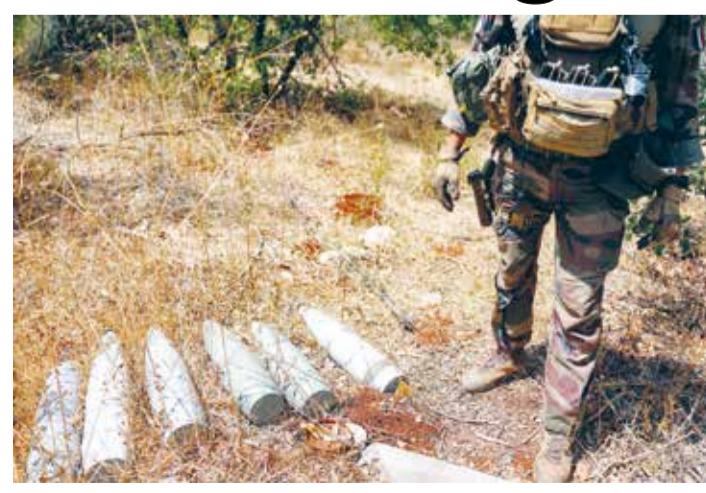
Israel army issues evacuation warning for Lebanon village ahead of strikes

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

The Israeli army issued an evacuation warning on Sunday for the village of Kafr Hatta in southern Lebanon ahead of air strikes on Hezbollah targets in the area.

"The IDF (army) will soon, and once again, strike terrorist Hezbollah military infrastructure in the village, in order to address the prohibited attempts it is making to rebuild its activities there," Arabic-language spokesman Colonel Avichay Adraee wrote on X.

"We urge residents of the area... you are located near a



A French peacekeeper of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) stands by munitions formerly used by Iran-backed Hezbollah at a position that was held by the group in the Khraibeh Valley in el-Merj in south Lebanon

compound used by Hezbollah. For your safety, you must evacuate it immediately and move at least 300 metres (980 feet) away. Remaining in the marked area puts your lives at risk," the warning said.

The Lebanese army said Thursday that it had completed disarming Hezbollah south of the Litani river, the first phase of a nationwide plan. Kafr Hatta is located north of the river.

Earlier on Sunday, the Israeli army announced in a statement that it had carried out strikes against what it said was Hezbollah infrastructure in other areas of south Lebanon "in response

to Hezbollah's continuous violations of the ceasefire understandings."

Lebanon's state-run National News Agency reported "a series of violent Israeli strikes" on Jezzine, Mahmudiyeh and Al-Dimasqiyeh, as well as "more than 10 strikes" on Al-Bureij, all in southern Lebanon.

Under heavy US pressure and amid fears of expanded Israeli strikes, Lebanon has committed to disarming the, which was badly weakened after more than a year of hostilities including two months of all-out war that ended with a November 2024 ceasefire with Israel.

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Capital Governor welcomes German Ambassador



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Vatel Bahrain Showcases Global Hospitality Careers to St. Christopher's Students



Vatel Bahrain Hospitality College, in partnership with Mövenpick Hotel Bahrain, recently hosted a specialized workshop for St. Christopher's School BTEC students. The session aimed to introduce those specializing in travel and tourism to the diverse academic and professional pathways available within the global hospitality sector. The workshop highlighted Vatel's Bachelor of Science in International Hotel Management, showcasing its "international education in Bahrain" model. Students learned about the program's extensive practical training in 4-star and 5-star hotels, which provides the global experience necessary for the modern job market. His Excellency Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, General Manager of Vatel Bahrain, emphasized the college's commitment to preparing a new generation of talent.

Bahrain Solvendhar Mandram Celebrates Vibrant Pongal Festival at Indian Club



Bahrain's Youth Lead the Charge at Malkiya Beach Eco-Cleanup

Over 200 volunteers gathered at Malkiya Beach for a youth-led Eco Awareness & Action Beach Cleanup. The initiative, a brainchild of WMC Toastmasters and the Gavel Club, was organized in partnership with OneHeartBahrain, Urbaser, Al Mahd School, and supported by The Path Bahrain. The event transformed the beach into an outdoor classroom where Gavel Club members led by example, delivering eco-awareness speeches and mentoring younger children. Urbaser's interactive Eco Bus provided practical lessons on waste management, while Al Mahd School students and staff reinforced the importance of environmental education. WMC Toastmasters President Mr. Roy Skaria, alongside representatives from OneHeartBahrain, emphasized that the day was about more than just collecting litter. By fostering teamwork and leadership, the initiative successfully spread a vital message of ecological preservation. The event concluded with a shared commitment to work together toward a cleaner, greener future for Bahrain's coastal environment.



CAMPUS

New Student Health Ambassadors Programme Launched at RCSI Medical University of Bahrain

Manama

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) – Medical University of Bahrain has launched its Student Health Ambassadors (SHA) programme, an initiative designed to promote positive health and wellbeing and foster a healthy campus environment for all students in line with the World Health Organization (WHO) Healthy University framework.

In accordance with WHO indicators, trained Student Health Ambassadors will actively engage with students in their year group to promote health and safety, raise awareness of healthy lifestyles and contribute to initiatives that embed wellbeing into the University environment.

Student Health Ambassadors are selected through an open and competitive application



process, where candidates are assessed on their knowledge and relevant experience in health and wellbeing initiatives, as well as the personal qualities essential to the role, including professionalism, approachability, cultural awareness and a strong commitment to upholding the

Student Code of Conduct.

Dr Wendy Maddison, Head of Student Development and Well-being at RCSI Medical University of Bahrain, stated: "The launch of the Student Health Ambassadors programme at RCSI Medical University of Bahrain represents an important step in strength-

ening our holistic approach to student wellbeing and shaping future global healthcare practitioners. The launch of this programme reinforces our commitment to a comprehensive wellbeing framework that supports student success and prepares them in their future role

as compassionate and resilient healthcare professionals."

Eleven Student Health Ambassadors have been selected, with one student appointed from each year of study in the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing and Midwifery, ensuring broad representation and accessible peer support across the University.

Ms Isra Yaser, Nursing Year 4 student and Student Health Ambassador, shared her perspective, stating: "I was motivated to join the Student Health Ambassadors Programme because I believe in promoting a culture of wellbeing and supporting my peers as they navigate their academic journey. Through my role as an SHA, I hope to raise awareness of available services, encourage students to prioritise their wellbeing and help create an environment where

every student feels heard, supported and empowered to thrive."

Student Health Ambassador Ms Eman Alqayem, who is a final year medical student, said: "I understand the different challenges that students face throughout their academic journey as future nurses and doctors. Through my role as an SHA, I aim to contribute to a more supportive, open and connected student community at RCSI Medical University of Bahrain."

The Student Health Ambassadors programme forms part of RCSI Medical University of Bahrain's strategic approach to providing an enriched student experience, with an emphasis on personal growth and professional development, and recognising wellbeing and resilience as critical enablers of healthcare leadership.

ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup Trophy Tour at NMS



Manama

New Millennium School, Bahrain, witnessed a historic and proud moment as it hosted the ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup Trophy on 11th January, 2026 as part of the ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup Trophy Tour, a global initiative that brings the spirit and excitement of international cricket

closer to fans across the world. The prestigious trophy visit turned the school campus into a hub of enthusiasm, inspiration, and sporting pride.

The event was graced by esteemed officials from the ICC, Bahrain Cricket Federation (BCF), members of the school management, faculty, and students, who gathered to witness the iconic symbol of cricketing

excellence. The occasion highlighted the values of teamwork, resilience, discipline, and unity—principles that align closely with the school's educational philosophy.

Addressing the gathering, Principal Dr Arun Kumar Sharma expressed his pride and gratitude, stating that hosting the ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup Trophy was a moment of

immense honour for the school. He further added that the school has had the glory of five of its students representing the Bahrain National Cricket Team and that such initiatives motivate the school to further strengthen its sports programmes, thus aiming to see many more players from the school representing Bahrain at international platforms in the future."

Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai and Managing Director Mrs Geetha Pillai expressed their delight on the occasion and shared that the trophy tour was not just about the game, but about inspiring young minds to pursue passion, dedication, and excellence in every field of life.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the ICC and BCF officials

for giving the school the opportunity to be part of this remarkable global journey. The event left behind lasting memories and a renewed sense of inspiration among students and staff alike.

The ICC Men's T20 World Cup Trophy Tour at New Millennium School, Bahrain, will be remembered as a landmark event that beautifully blended education, sports, and global unity.

BIS Hosts ICC Men's T20 World Cup Trophy Tour 2026



Manama

Bahrain Indian School (BIS) had the honour of hosting the prestigious ICC Men's T20 World Cup Trophy Tour 2026 at

its campus, in collaboration with the Bahrain Cricket Federation. The landmark event brought global sporting excitement directly to the school community and offered students a rare op-

portunity to witness one of international cricket's most iconic symbols.

The special engagement ses-



World Cup Trophy first-hand, inspiring them through exposure to a world-class sporting event and reinforcing the values of excellence, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The visit created an atmosphere of enthusiasm and pride across the campus.

An official photo session

programme, with students proudly dressed in their physical education uniforms, reflecting discipline and unity. The trophy was formally welcomed by the School Directors, Mr Himanshu Verma and Mrs Ritu Verma, along with Principal, Mr Saji Jacob, in the presence of ICC Men's T20 World Cup officials, marking a mem-

orable moment in the school's history.

Hosting the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Trophy Tour 2026 stands as a significant milestone for Bahrain Indian School, reaffirming its commitment to providing students with enriching global exposure and holistic learning experiences beyond the classroom.

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Sabalenka fires Australian Open warning with Brisbane domination

World No.1 crushes Marta Kostyuk to claim back-to-back Brisbane titles

● **Sabalenka beats Kostyuk 6-4, 6-3**

● **Straight-sets final victory**

AFP | Brisbane

World number one Aryna Sabalenka warmed up for a tilt at a third Australian open title in four years in ominous fashion by winning her second successive Brisbane International crown yesterday.

Sabalenka scored a dominant 6-4, 6-3 win over Marta Kostyuk in just 78 minutes.

"Every day you go out there and prove your level, and I think this week I did it really well," said Sabalenka after a tournament in which she powered to the title without dropping a set.

Looking ahead to the Australian Open, which begins next yesterday, Sabalenka said: "The only thing I know is that I'll be there, I'll be fighting."

Salabenka lost in the Melbourne Park final last year to Madison Keys, having been Australian Open champion in 2023 and 2024.

"I'll do my best to go as far as possible," said Sabalenka. "And do a little bit better than last year. That's my focus."

Kostyuk, the world number 26, had enjoyed a spectacular week, beating three top 10 play-



Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus celebrates with the trophy

ers on the way to the final.

But she had no answer to the power of Sabalenka and the Ukrainian's serve, so reliable in the early rounds, also went off the boil.

Sabalenka was rarely troubled on her own delivery and faced only three break points.

The 27-year-old Belarusian said she had tried to introduce new elements to her game so she wasn't relying just on power, and that had paid off this week.

Ukraine spotlight

"I finally found the touch game," she said.

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ARYNA SABALENKA

"I figured something and I kind of changed my game style -- now I'm not only the aggressive player, I can play at the net, I can be in defence, I can use my slice, I have a good touch."

"I'm super happy to see that things are clicking together."

There has been animosity between the two players in the past.

Like many Ukraine players, Kostyuk refuses to shake hands with Russians or Belarusians because of the war in her homeland.

There was no handshake at the end of the Brisbane final and in her speech at the trophy presentation, Kostyuk brought up the situation in Ukraine.

"I play every day with a pain in my heart and there are thousands of people who are without light and warm water right now," she said.

"So I think it's really important to talk about that."

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Kostyuk refused a post-match handshake, instead using her runner-up speech to draw attention to Ukraine's freezing winter and ongoing humanitarian crisis

"It's minus 20 degrees outside and it's very painful to live this reality every day."

Sabalenka said she wasn't concerned by Kostyuk's attitude towards her.

"It's their position, what can I do?," she asked.

"When I go out there, I think about my tennis and the things I have to do to get the win."

"It doesn't matter if it's Marta Kostyuk or Jessica Pegula there. I have nothing to prove. I go there and I just compete as an athlete."

Kostyuk told reporters she was determined to keep what is happening in Ukraine in the public eye.

"I think it's important for me to use my platform in the right way, and my platform is Ukraine, because I represent Ukraine," she said.

"So I think it's really important to talk about that."

Arsenal villain Martinelli turns FA Cup hat-trick hero



Arsenal's Brazilian midfielder #11 Gabriel Martinelli headers the ball to score a goal

AFP | London

side that drew 0-0 with Liverpool on Thursday.

Gabriel Martinelli shrugged off the backlash to his clash with stricken Liverpool defender Conor Bradley to send Arsenal into the fourth round of the FA Cup with a 4-1 win at Portsmouth yesterday.

The Championship side were dreaming of an upset against the Premier League leaders when they went in front after just three minutes through Colby Bishop.

Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta had made 10 changes from the

threat from set-pieces to turn the tie around.

The Pompey lead lasted only two minutes as Christian Norgaard bundled in from close range before Martinelli flicked in the first of his three goals.

Noni Madueke missed the chance to make it 3-1 from the penalty spot when the England international fired wide.

Martinelli did kill the tie off early in the second period from Gabriel Jesus' cross before completing his hat-trick from another Arsenal corner.

Svitolina powers to Auckland title in Australian Open warm-up

AFP | Auckland

Top seed Elena Svitolina powered to a straight-sets victory over China's Wang Xinyu in the Auckland Classic final yesterday in an impressive display just a week before the Australian Open.

Ukraine's Svitolina won 6-3, 7-6 (8/6) for a 19th career title in a battle between two baseline specialists which featured only one service break.

The world number 13 reached the quarter-finals at Melbourne a year ago, the third time she had made the Australian Open last eight.

Svitolina, 31, was playing her first tournament in four months after choosing to finish the 2025 season early for mental health reasons.

"It definitely feels amazing to win another title and especially after not a very pleasant



Ukraine's Elina Svitolina celebrates with the trophy

end of year for me," Svitolina said.

"That break really helped me to regroup and come back with new energy."

The former world number three's has a remarkable record in WTA finals, having won 19 times in her 23 appearances.

It was just the second time for 24-year-old seventh seed Wang had reached a final.

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Arab Club run back on track for Muharraq

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

Bahrain champions Muharraq returned to winning ways yesterday at the 44th Arab Club Men's Volleyball Championship, sweeping Qatar's Al Shorta SC 3-0 (25-23, 25-22, 25-20) at the Salle de la Cite Sportive in Le Kram, Tunisia. The result comes after back-to-back defeats and keeps Muharraq firmly in contention heading into the final round of the preliminary stage.

The fourth-round clash brought a spirited response from Muharraq, who displayed renewed intensity and composure throughout the contest. After narrowly edging the opening two sets, the Bahrainis delivered their most impressive stretch of volleyball in the third, highlighting the resilience that has defined their tournament campaign.

Muharraq were forced to dig deep in the final set after falling behind 8-2 early. Refusing to let the match slip, they mounted a remarkable comeback, overturning the deficit to surge ahead 20-17. The momentum proved decisive, and a net touch on match point sealed a convincing straight-sets victory for Yaseen Al Meel's side.

The win lifts Muharraq's record to two victories from four matches in Group B, revitalising their hopes of progressing after a challenging start to the competition.

The Red Wolves will conclude their preliminary-round schedule today when they face the Palestinian Military Club at 1pm, with qualification still within reach as the championship continues in Tunisia until January 18.



Muharraq's Mateusz Jozwik, Mohammed Omar, and Jacob Link rise together for a block

Medvedev warms up in style for Australian Open with Brisbane win

AFP | Brisbane

Three-time Australian Open runner-up Daniil Medvedev warmed up for an assault on this year's opening Grand Slam in perfect fashion by winning the Brisbane International final yesterday.

The Russian world number 13 was too strong for American Brandon Nakashima and ran out a 6-2, 7-6 (7/1) winner in 96 minutes on Pat Rafter Arena for his 22nd ATP Tour title.

Medvedev broke a shell-shocked Nakashima twice in the first set and looked on course for a quick victory.

Nakashima rallied in the second to force a tiebreak but the towering Russian raced to a 5-0 lead in the breaker and the match was as good as over.



Daniil Medvedev of Russia hits a return during the men's singles final

"I started pretty strong but then Brandon found his way back, saved some match points then almost got it to a third set," Medvedev said.

The Australian Open begins

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DANIIL MEDVEDEV

in Melbourne next Sunday, January 18.

"It's been a great start to the year," said Medvedev, who made the final in Brisbane in 2019.

"I said then that I would try and come back and win it. I came back seven or eight years later and I'm happy to hold the trophy."

Comeback kid Hurkacz inspires Poland to first United Cup title

AFP | Sydney

Poland's Hubert Hurkacz capped an emotional injury comeback and earned United Cup redemption as he inspired his country to their first title with victory against Switzerland in Sydney yesterday.

Switzerland took a shock early lead when Belinda Bencic stunned world number two Iga Swiatek 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 in the opening singles of the mixed teams event.

Playing his first tournament in seven months following knee surgery, the 28-year-old Hurkacz withstood a Stan Wawrinka fightback to prevail 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 and send it to a deciding doubles.



Hubert Hurkacz (left) is congratulated by Stan Wawrinka

Katarzyna Kawa and Jan Zielinski then completed a famous victory by beating Bencic and Jakub Paul 6-4, 6-3.

erase two heartbreaking near misses in the last two United Cup finals.

In 2024, Hurkacz squandered two championship points before falling to Germany's Alexander Zverev. The USA's Taylor Fritz denied him in a third-set tie-break last year.

"He's definitely an inspiration," Hurkacz said of Wawrinka, who is playing his final season on tour before retirement.

"I was growing up watching him play, compete and win so much. Obviously his game style is really powerful."

"The shots that he can pull off sometimes, you can really admire them even when you are on the other side of the net."

Kohli hits 93 as India edge New Zealand in ODI opener



India's Virat Kohli watches the ball after playing a shot

AFP | Vadodara

dian lead in the three-match series 1-0.

New Zealand pace spearhead Kyle Jamieson stood out with figures of 4-41.

Kohli led the chase as he went past Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara (28,016 runs) to move second in the list of leading run-scorers in the international game, behind fellow Indian Sachin Tendulkar (34,357).

"My journey has been nothing short of a dream-come-true for me," Kohli said after being named man of the match. "I look at my journey with grace and gratitude. With the way I am playing at the moment, I am not looking at milestones. Only thing in my mind was to help the team win."

The 37-year-old Kohli only plays the ODI format after he and fellow stalwart Rohit Sharma, 38, retired from T20 and Test cricket.

Keys draws on happy Adelaide memories before Australian Open defence



Madison Keys in action in Brisbane (file photo)

AFP | Adelaide

year obviously I went deep," said Keys, the world number seven.

The Australian Open is just a week away and Keys is taking only positives from her defeat to Sabalenka at the season-opening Brisbane International last week.

"You want matches at the beginning of the season. You really want to test yourself," said Keys, who has a first-round bye in Adelaide.

"Getting as many good matches as possible helps you figure out what's working, what's not working, where to make some tweaks here or there."

"It also gives you a lot of confidence and momentum."

Keys is now the top seed in Adelaide after fellow American Jessica Pegula pulled out following her run to the semi-final in Brisbane on Saturday.

Darts fever hits Bahrain as draw set for Wednesday

BIC to host official draw, autograph session on Wednesday ahead of 2026 Bahrain Darts Masters

● Draw to determine first-round match-ups for this year's Bahrain Darts Masters, taking place Thursday and Friday at Terminal 4 by Beyon at Exhibition World Bahrain

● Autograph session offers fans the chance to meet darts' biggest superstars at Bahrain Rugby Club on Wednesday night at 6.30pm

TDT | Manama

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East', hosts the official draw and autograph session for the 2026 Bahrain Darts Masters this Wednesday evening at Bahrain Rugby Club in Saar.

The fan-engagement event will determine the match-ups for the first round of the two-day darts spectacle, and it is scheduled for a 6.30pm start.



BIC is inviting all those with tickets to this year's Bahrain Darts Masters to join in on the pre-competition formalities.

The 2026 Bahrain Darts Masters will be taking place this Thursday and Friday at Terminal 4 by Beyon in Exhibition World Bahrain.

Fans attending Wednesday night at Bahrain Rugby Club will have the chance to meet the world's biggest names in the game, headlined by recently

crowned back-to-back World Champion and 2024 winner in Bahrain Luke Littler. The teenage sensation will be amongst the Professional Darts Corporation (PDC) superstars who will be on hand to take pictures, sign autographs, and mingle with fans.

Those who have yet to purchase their tickets for this weekend may still do so but must act quickly due to tremendous demand. Only tickets to the all-new

Bahrain Darts Masters Grandstand at Terminal 4 by Beyon are available, so fans must purchase theirs at the earliest to avoid missing out on one of the most highly sought-after occasions of the new year.

All tables, including Premium and VIP areas for the 2026 Bahrain Darts Masters, have already completely sold out, but darts enthusiasts can still experience the magic of the game at the grandstand, which offers an

incredible view of the stage, as well as close access to food and beverage areas at the venue.

Tickets to the Bahrain Darts Masters Grandstand are BD25 apiece for the two days. All available ticket options can be found online at bahraingp.com or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.

Littler will be joined at the event and in this weekend's event by the rest of the Bahrain Darts Masters' star-studded cast, including defending champion in the Kingdom Stephen Bunting, 2023/2024 World Champion Luke Humphries, the World Series of Darts' most successful player in history Michael van Gerwen, 2020/2021 World Champion Gerwyn Price, former World Matchplay champion Nathan Aspinall, World Championship runner-up Gian van Veen, and Dutch star Danny Noppert.

The PDC superstars will be taking on eight Asian representatives in round one. These continental standouts include six players from the PDC Asian Tour, namely Filipino stars Alexis Toylo and Lourence Ilagan, Japanese duo Motomu Sakai and Ryusei Azemoto, Singapore's Paul Lim, and Hong Kong's

World Cup quarter-finalist Man Lok Leung.

Completing the 16-player field are the Bahrain duo of Abdulla Saeed and Basem Mahmood.

The Bahrain Darts Masters is organised by BIC, the PDC and sports promoter CBX, and is supported by Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority.

The game of darts has become an international phenomenon in recent years, and in the Kingdom, the Bahrain Darts Masters has grown tremendously over the past three seasons it has been held. The event has been moved to Terminal 4 by Beyon to be able to accommodate the massive crowd expected, and the venue will be transformed into Bahrain's answer to the iconic Alexandra Palace.

Fans can expect an incredible atmosphere, with fancy dress, themed activations, and a wide range of food and beverage options as 'Sport's Biggest Party' brings its unique flavour to Bahrain.

For more information on the 2026 Bahrain Darts Masters or other events and activities at BIC, visit bahraingp.com, call the BIC Hotline, or follow the circuit's official social media channels.

BIC launches tickets for next month's Formula 1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2026

● Fans to be able to watch testing on four open days to the public on 12 and 13 February as well as 19 and 20 February

● Tickets cost just BD10 for adults and BD5 for children

● Testing to offer the first opportunity to see F1 teams in action ahead of start of the top flight's new era, with 11th team joining the grid

Manama

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East', announced today the launch of ticket sales for Formula 1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2026.

With F1 set to begin a new era with a host of transforma-



tive new regulations and an 11th team joining the grid, six days of testing will be held in Sakhir from 11 to 13 February and from 18 to 20 February. It will be the first chance for F1 fans to witness in person the next generation of F1 cars in action ahead of

the start of the 2026 campaign. Fans will be able to access the tests on the last two days of each three-day session – first on 12 and 13 February and then again on 19 and 20 February. Tickets cost BD10 per day for adults and BD5 per day for children.

There is also free access on both open days of the second Bahrain test (19 and 20 February) for all who purchased their tickets to the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026 during BIC's Early Bird promotion. This means that fans who had bought

tickets before 8 September last year will have access to both public days of the second test.

To buy or to get more information, visit the circuit's official website bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.

BIC is also offering exclusive hospitality packages during testing, featuring the best views of the action along with incredible, five-star cuisine, and beverage selection throughout the day. The hospitality lounge is located right above the F1 pit lane.

For the first week of testing, hospitality will be available on 12 and 13 February, at a price of BD 539.11 per day. They can be booked by calling +973-17451086. For information regarding hospitality for the second week of Bahrain testing, please contact the same telephone number.

This year's F1 pre-season tests will be the sixth consecutive year that Sakhir has been selected as the venue for F1's most important preparation period ahead of the new world championship. Testing was first held in Bahrain in 2009 and then again in 2014.

They have since taken place in Bahrain each year from 2021.

The event will bring together all 11 F1 teams and it will be the first opportunity for fans in Bahrain and worldwide to see the brand new Cadillac F1 Team, who are set to join McLaren, Mercedes, Ferrari, Red Bull Racing, Williams, Haas, Racing Bulls, Aston Martin, Alpine, and Audi in motorsport's top flight.

The pre-season tests will pave the way for the start of the new season, which will kick off a couple of weeks later with the Australian Grand Prix weekend, scheduled for 6 to 8 March. The season will continue with races in China and Japan, before returning to the Kingdom for the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026 from 10 to 12 April – the fourth round of the 24-race world championship.

For more information on F1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2026, the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026, or on other events and activities at BIC, visit bahraingp.com, call the BIC Hotline, or follow the circuit on social media.