

**ONE MORE DRONE DOWNED**  
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The BDF confirmed that since the start of Iranian attacks, its forces have intercepted and destroyed 194 missiles and 516 drones targeting the Kingdom. It also reported that one additional drone was destroyed yesterday, despite a ceasefire announcement, while Bahrain's skies have remained clear for more than 24 hours.

**Fatal Road Crash**

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A person died after being struck by a vehicle on Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Street near Hamad Town, heading toward Manama.

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**9-Year-Old Rescued After Being Locked in Van for a Year**



Police said a 9-year-old boy was rescued in eastern France after being found locked inside his father's utility van for almost a year. Neighbours alerted authorities after hearing a child's voice from the vehicle in Hagenbach. Officers forced the van open, found the boy in a shocking condition and immediately rushed him to the hospital while detaining his father. Investigations are ongoing.

220 fils (includes VAT)



**24-Hour Food Hub Activated**

Over 150 food factories active as Bahrain boosts food security strategy

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Bahrain has activated a 24-hour operations room to safeguard national food supplies and ensure a steady flow of essential goods, Industry and Commerce Minister Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro told Parliament in response to an MP Hassan Ebrahim's question. He said staple food stocks remain sufficient to meet local demand despite regional tensions affecting trade routes, with imports continuing through multiple supply channels. "The stock of staple food items in the Kingdom is sufficient for a suitable period, with goods still reaching markets through various import channels," the minister said.



MP Hassan Ebrahim raises a question to the minister during a parliamentary session.

Public Prosecution, while others received warnings and were ordered to correct their pricing. Inspection teams are carrying out daily checks across markets, shops, warehouses, and supply centres, reviewing invoices, supply chains, and costs to ensure compliance.



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 ABDULLA FAKHRO, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

**Price Monitoring**

The ministry has intensified inspections to prevent unjustified price increases and is taking action against violators. Authorities shut down four businesses for unjustified price increases. One case was referred to the



**24/7 Monitoring System**

Fakhro said price changes must be linked to clear factors such as import or operating costs, not exploitation. He added that a round-the-clock operations room has been set up, along with liaison officers for key suppliers to speed up logistics and resolve disruptions. A national working group established under Ministerial Order No. 32 of 2023, coordinates food security efforts, involving public and private sector entities to monitor supplies and prepare emergency plans. The ministry is also working with the Economic Development Board to strengthen local food production while cooperating with GCC partners to secure regional supply chains.

Unsettled weather is expected across Bahrain today, with forecasts indicating a chance of thunderstorms in various areas.

**UAE Visit Begins**



UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Abdullah bin Zayed has received India's External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar to discuss recent regional developments. The two sides reviewed the impact of Iranian missile attacks that targeted the UAE and other friendly countries, as well as the situation following the US announcement of a two-week ceasefire between the United States and Iran.

**Hormuz Mine Clearance Begins**

US Central Command (CENTCOM) forces have begun preparatory operations to clear naval mines in the Strait of Hormuz, with two US Navy guided-missile destroyers conducting missions in the area on April 11. The USS Frank E. Peterson (DDG 121) and USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) transited the strategic waterway and operated in the Arabian Gulf as part of a broader effort to ensure the strait is free of sea mines previously deployed by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). United States Central Command said the operation marks the initial phase of establishing a safe maritime corridor for commercial shipping. The Strait of Hormuz is a critical international shipping lane through which a significant portion of global oil and trade passes. CENTCOM said additional assets, including underwater drones, will join the clearance operations in the coming days as



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 US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP



**"We began establishing a new passage and will share this safe pathway,"**  
 U.S. NAVY ADM. BRAD COOPER, COMMANDER OF CENTCOM

part of efforts to enhance maritime security in the region. Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump says a large number of empty tankers are heading to the US to load oil and gas. His comments come as US and Iranian negotiators hold ceasefire talks in Pakistan.

**Face-to-Face Talks**



Talks were held between the US, Iran, and Pakistan in Islamabad after separate meetings with the Pakistani Prime Minister, who urged both sides to engage constructively. Behind closed doors, high-level discussions took place as tensions and expectations shaped the atmosphere of the meeting. But what exactly happened inside the room? What was agreed—and what wasn't?...

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