

# Cabinet praises economic relief for businesses

Package aims to sustain firms and protect jobs

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Bahrain's Cabinet on Sunday commended an economic support package approved by the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) for 7,250 Bahraini businesses affected by recent regional tensions, as ministers reviewed key political, security and economic developments.

The weekly meeting, chaired by HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa at Gudaibiya Palace, aims to ensure business continuity and safeguard the national workforce.

Following a Royal Order by HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to conclude the fourth session of the sixth legislative term of the Shura Council and



Council of Representatives, the Cabinet reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to strengthening cooperation with the legislative authority.

It also reiterated support for diplomacy and international cooperation following

the King's meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy during his recent visit to Bahrain.

On security matters, ministers praised the Ministry of Interior and security agencies for uncovering a group allegedly linked to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), and directed continued investigations and legal proceedings against those involved.

The Cabinet reviewed regional developments, strongly condemning attacks attributed to Iran against the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait, as well as a strike on a commercial vessel linked to Qatar, reaffirming Bahrain's solidarity with all three countries.

## Cabinet Decisions

Amendments to GCC Unified Customs Law Executive Regulations

MoU between Ministry of Education and RCSI – Medical University of Bahrain

MoU between Bahrain Polytechnic and OutSystems

Bahrain's accession to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

Government responses to Council of Representatives proposals

Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture priority projects (2023–2026)

Government digital service performance (Sijilat, Tawasul, Benayat) for Jan–Apr 2026

Bahrain's participation in Euro-Mediterranean, Arab League, and Western Balkan meetings

Outcomes of GCC Ministerial Committee for Food Safety meeting

GCC ministerial committee engagements

Participation in "Make it in the Emirates" exhibition and forum

## Smart Mobility Push



Bahrain and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) have discussed ways to strengthen cooperation in land transport, innovation and support for startups and small businesses, officials said.

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Regional Office Director Dr. Hashim Hussein met with Fatima Abdullah Al Dhaen, Undersecretary for Land Transport and Postal Services at Bahrain's Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, during talks in Manama.

The meeting focused on enhancing joint cooperation in land transport and economic development, emphasizing fostering innovation and improving logistics services.

Al Dhaen praised the role of UNIDO's regional office in Bahrain, highlighting its initiatives and programmes that support the business environment, industrial development and entrepreneurship at both the local and regional levels.

She also congratulated Dr. Hussein on the 30th anniversary of UNIDO's regional office

**“Strengthening cooperation between Bahrain and UNIDO reflects a shared commitment to innovation, sustainable transport and empowering entrepreneurs, helping create a more dynamic and future-ready economy.”**

in Bahrain, as well as the 25th anniversary of the Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Programme (EDIP), which supports entrepreneurs and start-ups.

Both sides discussed opportunities to support entrepreneurs, SMEs and start-ups operating in the transport sector through knowledge exchange and developing initiatives aimed at enhancing innovation, sustainability and efficiency in logistics and transport services.



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