

‘Thank You from the Heart’

Visitors invited to leave messages of gratitude and contribute to humanitarian causes

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The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) organized a Gratitude March for Frontline Heroes as part of its “Thank You from the Heart” initiative at Marassi Galleria, bringing together members of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, Acting Secretary-General Ibrahim Dallal Al Doseri, government and private sector representatives, RHF staff, beneficiaries, and members of the public.

The march featured patriotic performances from the Police Music Band of the Ministry of Interior, recognizing the dedication and sacrifices made by Bahrain’s frontline personnel in serving the nation and protecting the community during the recent Iranian attack on the Kingdom.

During the event, the Foundation honored several national institutions for their outstanding service, including the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health, General Directorate of Civil Defence, the Police Music Band, Marassi Galleria, and Treni Restaurant.

The RHF stated that the initiative reflects its humanitarian and national mission to promote a culture of appreciation and gratitude toward those who have served Bahrain with commitment and selflessness. It praised the excep-



tional efforts of frontline heroes, describing them as a powerful example of responsibility, solidarity, and national unity.

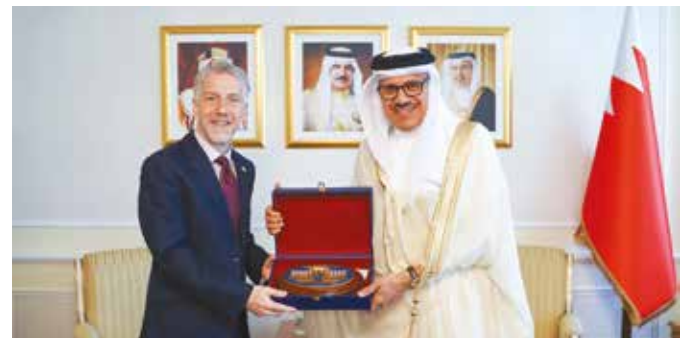
The Foundation reaffirmed its commitment to supporting national efforts through humanitarian and community initiatives

that strengthen the values of co-operation, social solidarity, and charitable giving.

The “Thank You from the Heart” campaign will continue at Marassi Galleria until July 15, with all proceeds dedicated to supporting the Royal Humanitarian Foundation’s

humanitarian programmes and projects across Bahrain. Visitors can also write messages of appreciation to frontline heroes in a special gratitude book and contribute to the Foundation’s charitable work by purchasing balloons available at the RHF booth.

Foreign Minister Honours British Envoy



Foreign Minister Dr Abdullahatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received outgoing British Ambassador Alistair Long at the Foreign Ministry in Manama, marking the conclusion of his diplomatic tenure.

During the meeting, the minister praised the longstanding friendship between Bahrain and the United Kingdom, commending Long’s efforts in advancing bilateral cooperation. The ambassador thanked Bahraini officials for their support throughout his posting. Senior ministry officials and the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps attended the farewell reception.

Bachelet Pitches UN Secretary-General Bid to Foreign Minister



Foreign Minister Dr Abdullahatif Al Zayani received former Chilean President Michelle Bachelet at the Foreign Ministry in Manama. Bachelet, who is running for UN Secretary-General, briefed the minister on her executive programme for the campaign.

The two sides reviewed Bahrain-Chile relations and areas of mutual interest. Al Zayani wished Bachelet success in her bid, underscoring the critical role of the UN Secretary-General in advancing global development, prosperity, and international peace and security.

BTEA Launches World Cup Fanzone

Giant screen, live entertainment, and over 20 daily prizes on offer

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The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) announced the launch of an official Fanzone event to mark the FIFA World Cup semi-finals and final, offering football fans across the Kingdom a premium communal viewing experience.

The event will be held on 14, 15, and 19 July 2026 at Terminal 4 of the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre, in partnership with Beon Al Dana Theatre. Matches will be broadcast live on Bahrain’s largest screen, creating a stadium-like atmosphere for families, groups, and football enthusiasts alike.

Gates open at 7:00 PM, three hours before kick-off, giving visitors ample time to explore entertainment zones, inter-



The Fanzone features a wide range of curated experiences designed to complement the World Cup atmosphere, including:

- Interactive games and challenge zones
- E-football experiences
- A World Cup heritage exhibition tracing the tournament’s history
- Live musical performances
- Food and beverage outlets

entertainment packages.

The event forms part of BTEA’s broader summer activation strategy, aimed at positioning Bahrain as a leading regional destination for sports and entertainment events — attracting both local residents and international visitors through high-quality, family-friendly experiences.

active activities, and food and beverage offerings before live coverage begins at 10:00 PM Bahrain time.

Daily Prize Draws

Visitors can win from a pool of more than 20 prizes daily, including two cars, travel tickets, electronics, and hospitality and

Space Agency Wins Global Diversity Award

BSA Recognised by International Astronautical Federation for Inclusion Efforts in Space Sector

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The Bahrain Space Agency (BSA) has been awarded the IAF 2025 Diversity Supporter certificate by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF), recognising its commitment to promoting inclusion and equal opportunities in the space sector.



BSA Chief Executive Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim Al Aseeri said the certificate reflects international acknowledgement of the agency’s efforts to build an environment that supports innovation and creativity. He added that the honour will strengthen the agency’s drive to empower youth and women in space, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), in line with Bahrain’s sustainable development goals.

Dr. Al Aseeri said the recognition will support the ongoing development of policies and initiatives to deepen diversity and expand cooperation with local and international partners, advancing Bahrain’s



Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim Al Aseeri, BSA Chief Executive

vision of a knowledge- and innovation-based economy.

The agency continues to roll out programmes aimed at building national capabilities and human capital, while reinforcing its presence in international space forums.

Fund Our Elderly

13 day care centres to benefit from restored annual grants

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Bahrain’s parliamentary Services Committee has recommended restoring annual government funding to 13 licensed elderly day care centres, backing a proposal that seeks to reverse a decision made several years ago to halt the financial support.

The recommendation comes after the committee studied a proposal tabled by MP Mohammed Jasim Al Olaiwi and

reviewed the Social Development Ministry’s position before forwarding it to the Council of Representatives.

Al Olaiwi’s proposal calls on the government to direct the Social Development Ministry to reinstate annual grants to the 13 licensed homes, associations and institutions under its supervision. The funding would help them maintain social and recreational programmes, launch community initiatives and sustain partnerships with government

agencies, civil society groups and private sector partners.

Al Olaiwi had previously described the centres as “vital pillars of social care in Bahrain,” warning that rising operational costs and a growing number of beneficiaries had placed them under mounting financial pressure.

Ministry response

The Social Development Ministry said it valued elderly care services and had conducted a



“A suitable environment for elderly care away from residential institutions.”

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comprehensive review of how support to civil society organisations is regulated, factoring in government priorities and financial considerations. It reaffirmed its commitment to working with parliament to strengthen social services.

The committee endorsed the proposal as a parliamentary “wish”—a non-binding recommendation—calling for the reinstatement of annual support and urging its inclusion among matters of public interest.