



Youth empowerment central to national vision, Cabinet affirms

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Active contribution of Bahrain youth is key to Kingdom's comprehensive development, weekly Cabinet meeting chaired by Deputy Prime Minister, His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa viewed yesterday.

In this regard, the ministers stressed the importance of creative opportunities for youth to boost the comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Marking World Youth Day, the Cabinet commended the efforts of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, chaired by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for

The Cabinet approved a series of memorandums, including:

- Priority draft laws to address development needs benefiting citizens.
- The Future Generation Reserve's 2024 annual report and audited financial statements.
- Bahrain's unified final account for 2024.
- The Q1 2025 economic report showing 2.7% GDP growth, driven by a 2.2% rise in non-oil activities.
- A draft law amending regulations on the international trade of endangered species.
- An agreement with Uzbekistan to exempt diplomatic passport holders from visa requirements.
- Expropriation of real estate for public benefit.
- Legislative plans for 2025.
- Measures to enhance the mechanism for announcing the top 10 establishments employing Bahrainis.
- Updates to the tourism strategy's performance indicators for 2025-2026.
- The government's response to a draft law and 14 proposals from the Council of Representatives, and a draft law from the Shura Council.



Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee.

The Cabinet welcomed the World Health Organization's (WHO) accreditation of the Muharraq and Northern Governorates as "Healthy Governorates," joining the Capital Governorate, the first in the Eastern Mediterranean region to receive this designation. The Cabinet commended the Minister of Interior, the Capital, Muharraq and Northern Governorates on this accomplishment.

The Cabinet welcomed the signing of a peace agreement between Azerbaijan and Armenia, brokered by the United States under the leadership of Donald Trump, President of the United States of America. The Cabinet expressed its hope that the agreement would strengthen their cooperation.

Iran seizes foreign tanker over fuel smuggling

Tehran, Iran

Iranian authorities have seized a foreign tanker accused of smuggling fuel in the Gulf waters and arrested its 17 crew members, local media reported Monday.

"Police border guards in Hormozgan province seized a tanker named Phoenix, flying the flag of a third country, in Iranian territorial waters," ISNA news agency reported, without elaborating.

It added that forces arrested "17 foreign suspects" aboard the vessel which was found to be carrying "more than two million litres of smuggled fuel."

Trump deploys National Guard in Washington crime crackdown

Washington, United States

Donald Trump yesterday deployed military and federal law enforcement to curb violent crime in Washington, as he seeks to make good on his campaign pledge to be a "law and order" president.

The Republican leader said he would place the city's Metropolitan Police under federal government control while also sending the National Guard onto the streets of the US capital.

Australia joins two-state call

A two-state solution is humanity's best hope, says PM Albanese

Australia demands no role for Hamas

New Zealand says considering support for Palestine

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The global movement to recognise a Palestinian state received yesterday a big push with Australia declaring it will recognise it at the UN General Assembly in September.

International concern is growing about the plight of the more than two million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, where the fighting has triggered a dire humanitarian crisis and warnings of mass starvation.

"The humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza is rightly at the forefront of the global agenda," Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said Monday. "Humanity's best hope is a two-state solution is humanity's best hope to break the cycle of violence in the Middle East and to bring an end



Palestinians check the destroyed Al Jazeera tent and a car at Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City

to the conflict, suffering and starvation in Gaza," he told reporters in Canberra.

"Until Israeli and Palestinian statehood is permanent, peace can only be temporary.

"Australia will recognise the right of the Palestinian people to a state of their own. We will work with the international community to make this right a reality."

"There is a moment of opportunity here, and Australia will work with the international community to seize it," Albanese said.

He said that Australia's decision was predicated on assurances from the Palestinian Authority that there would be "no role for Hamas in any future Palestinian state".

The Palestinian Authority, however, does not have a presence in Gaza, which has been governed by Hamas for nearly two decades.

France announced on 24 July 2025 that it will recognize Palestine in September 2025 at the United Nations General Assembly. Malta is also slated to formally recognize Palestine



The Israel-Hamas war, raging in Gaza since the Palestinian group's attack on October 7, 2023, has revived a global push for Palestinians to be given a state of their own. At least 145 of the 193 UN members now recognise or plan to recognise a Palestinian state, including France, Canada and Britain.

around the same period in September 2025.

Meanwhile, New Zealand's Foreign Minister Winston Peters said his country would carefully consider whether to do the same over the next month. He added that New Zealand's recognition of a Palestinian state was a "matter of when, not if".

Israel's offensive has killed at least 61,430 Palestinians, according to Gaza's health ministry.

Greta Thunberg activists plan new aid flotilla to Gaza

Stockholm, Sweden



Greta Thunberg said she and a Palestinian activist group plan to sail a new flotilla loaded with humanitarian aid to Gaza to break the "illegal Israeli siege".

Two other attempts by activists to deliver aid by ship to Gaza, in June and July, were blocked by Israel. Troops boarded their vessels and detained the activists before expelling them.

"On August 31st we are launching the biggest attempt ever to break the illegal Israeli siege over Gaza with dozens of boats sailing from Spain," the Swedish campaigner wrote on Instagram late Sunday.

UN slams Israel's killing of Gaza journalists

Geneva, Switzerland

The UN human rights agency on Monday condemned Israel's targeted killing of six journalists in Gaza as a "grave breach of international humanitarian law". The office of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk said on X that the Israeli military had targeted a tent housing five staff from Qatari broadcaster Al Jazeera.

A freelance journalist was also killed in Sunday's strike, which Israel has acknowledged was a planned operation.

