

Former Mossad director Yossi Cohen said Israeli agents had visited Iran's Fordow nuclear facility "many times" to study the site.

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Fintech Forum in October



Bahrain is preparing to host the fourth edition of the Future of Fintech Forum 2026 on October 7-8 at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre. The event is organised by the Economic Development Board, with support from the Central Bank of Bahrain and Bahrain Fintech Bay, while Forbes Middle East will prepare the programme and agenda.

The forum will bring together global thought leaders, financial services innovators and decision-makers to discuss key challenges facing the sector and explore investment opportunities supporting the growth of financial services in Bahrain, the region and globally.

Bahrain, Malaysia discuss tourism cooperation



Sarah Ahmed Buhiji, Chief Executive Officer of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority, met with Mohammed Amirul Rizal Abdul Rahim, Director General of Tourism Malaysia, during her visit to Malaysia to discuss strengthening tourism co-operation between the two countries.

The meeting covered joint initiatives in tourism marketing and promotion, and coordination for hosting the Bahrain Grand Prix at the Sepang International Circuit from October 2-4, 2026, including promotional and tourism activities surrounding the event.

Both sides stressed the importance of continued coordination and exchange of expertise in tourism marketing and promotion, while exploring opportunities to strengthen tourism links and use major international events to boost visitor flows to both destinations.

Bahrain-UK Strategic Defence Partnership

Meeting highlights longstanding defence partnership and discusses regional developments

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, received Lieutenant General Sir Charlie Collins, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff for Military Strategy and Operations of the United Kingdom, who is visiting Bahrain.

His Majesty commended the strong bilateral relations and close partnership between Bahrain and the United Kingdom, highlighting their longstanding cooperation and coordination, particularly in defence and mil-



itary affairs.

The King stressed the two countries' shared commitment

to further developing their relations at all levels to support their common goals and inter-

ests and benefit their peoples.

His Majesty also praised the United Kingdom's regional and international role and its efforts to promote security and stability.

The meeting covered regional and international developments, particularly the latest developments in the region, as well as issues of mutual interest.

Lieutenant General Sir Charlie Collins expressed his appreciation for His Majesty's efforts to strengthen the historic friendship and close defence and military cooperation between Bahrain and the United Kingdom.

Securing Hormuz navigation



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa held a telephone call with His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, Sultan of Oman. They reviewed the strong bilateral relations between Bahrain and Oman and discussed regional and international developments of mutual interest.

His Majesty the King praised Oman's prominent role and ongoing efforts to reach an agreement that ensures the restoration of freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz.

Both sides stressed the importance of safeguarding freedom of navigation in all international waterways, noting its importance to international trade and global economic stability.

Renewed Focus On Youth Empowerment

Leaders and officials highlight trust, skills development and greater opportunities for young people to shape the Kingdom's future



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Bahrain is marking International Youth Day with a renewed emphasis on empowering young people, developing their skills and giving them a greater role in shaping the Kingdom's future.

Senior officials and youth leaders highlighted the importance of trust, participation, innovation and practical experience, stressing that investment in young people remains central to Bahrain's development efforts.

His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, said young people should be viewed as partners in shaping the future rather than simply recipients of decisions.

In a statement marking International Youth Day, observed today HH Shaikh Nasser said young people do not wait for others to chart their path, but look to those who believe in their ability to cre-



Minister Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi toured Youth City 2030, accompanied by ministers and senior officials.

ate their own future.

He stressed that trust in young people is the foundation for future achievements, noting that countries that empower youth to take initiative can build stronger and more sustainable futures.

HH Shaikh Nasser said Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, had adopted a national approach that places young people at the heart of decision-making and future planning.

He added that the approach has received the support and follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, strengthening



"Bahrain's youth are true partners in the development process, embodying ambition, dedication and creativity and demonstrating their ability to turn aspirations into achievements."

HH SHAIKH KHALID BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA



"Trust in young people is the foundation for future achievements, and nations that empower their youth to take the initiative build stronger and more sustainable futures."

HH SHAIKH NASSER BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA

national efforts to create an environment where young people can participate, assume responsibility and contribute to development.

He said genuine investment in youth means ensuring that young people feel heard, their ideas are valued and the responsibilities entrusted to them correspond with the opportunities available to them.

Partners in national achievements

His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Chairman of the General Sports Authority and President of the Bahrain Olympic

Committee, described International Youth Day as an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Bahraini youth across different fields.

He said young Bahrainis have demonstrated their ability to innovate, create and assume responsibility, becoming an exemplary presence across various sectors. He stressed that the accomplishments of young Bahrainis reflect the Kingdom's national talent and demonstrate the success of efforts to empower young people and provide them with opportunities to excel and innovate.

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Extends Condolences to Colombia



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed Bahrain's sympathy and solidarity with Colombia following an earthquake that struck the country, resulting in deaths, injuries and missing persons.

The Kingdom conveyed its sincere condolences to the Colombian government, its people, and the families of those who lost their lives in the disaster.

Home renovation service cut to 5 days



The Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning revamped its home renovation application service, reducing processing time from 20 working days to five through automated electronic verification of applicants' data.

The new process replaces manual checks with direct electronic verification and reduces the Service Level Agreement period by 25%. Housing and Urban Planning Minister Amna bint Ahmed Al Romaihi said the move aims to simplify procedures, improve efficiency and provide citizens with a faster and smoother service.

Decrees Issued to Implement Unified GCC Land Transport Law

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued four decrees covering the implementation of the Unified System (Law) for International Land Transport between the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states, and appointments to the boards of the University of Bahrain, the Labour Market Regulator

Authority (LMRA), and the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA).

Under Decree (44) of 2026, the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications is the competent authority under Decree-Law (35) of 2025, which approves the Unified System (Law) for International Land Transport between GCC member states.

The decree was issued based on a proposal by the Prime Minister and following Cabinet approval.

This measure establishes the ministry as the authority responsible for the relevant provisions of the unified GCC land transport framework, supporting its implementation in Bahrain.



The Future Has a Young Face

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Minister of Youth Affairs Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi said Bahrain's national vision has opened wider opportunities for young people to learn, develop and demonstrate their abilities across different fields.

Speaking on International Youth Day, she said the journey of young people is shaped by accumulated experiences, knowledge and achievements, as well as by initiative and the willingness to learn from every attempt.

She noted that every experience undertaken by a young person contributes to the nation by helping build greater awareness, broader expertise and stronger readiness to shape both personal and national futures.

The minister also praised the vision and initiatives of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, noting that they have placed practical experience at the centre of Bahraini youth development and expanded opportunities for learning, participation and challenge.

Youth Voices into Institutional Development

The role of young people in institutional development was also highlighted by Shura Council Secretary-General Kareema Mo-

ammed Abdullah Al-Abbasi. She said young people account for 32% of the Shura Council General Secretariat's workforce and that youth initiatives and proposals are being incorporated into the Council's 2027-2031 strategy.

The strategy aims to use young people's innovative ideas and developmental perspectives to improve legislative work and support the transition towards a smart parliament.

Al-Abbasi said the General Secretariat regards young people as essential partners in developing institutional and legislative work and is committed to providing opportunities for them to transform their ideas and aspirations into practical initiatives.

Traditional shipbuilding

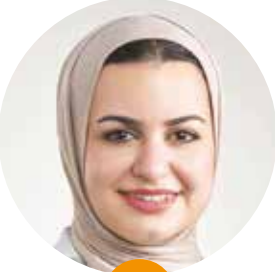
Among the programmes at Youth City 2030 is a traditional shipbuilding programme designed to teach young participants practical skills associated with Bahrain's maritime heritage.

Programme trainer Jamal Shaheen said participants are being introduced to traditional shipbuilding methods and techniques used by previous generations.

He noted strong interest from both young men and women, describing the programme as an opportunity to preserve the traditional craft and ensure its transmission to future generations.



Young professionals at the Shura Council contribute ideas and initiatives aimed at strengthening legislative work and supporting the transition towards a smart parliament.



“Every experience a young person undertakes adds to the nation's knowledge and helps build a generation more aware of its capabilities.”

RAWAN BINT NAJEEB TAWFIQI,
MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS



“Young people are essential partners in developing institutional and legislative work”

KAREEMA MOHAMMED ABDULLAH AL-ABBASI,
SHURA COUNCIL SECRETARY-GENERAL



“Opportunities can transform their potential into leadership, achievement and meaningful contributions to society.”

IBRAHIM DELHAN AL DOSERI,
ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE RHF



Young participants learn traditional shipbuilding techniques at Youth City 2030, gaining practical skills while helping preserve the Kingdom's seafaring traditions.

He said several beneficiaries have gone on to occupy leadership positions in different fields, demonstrating how sustained care and support can contribute to empowerment, achievement and wider participation in society.

The foundation, he added, will continue developing youth-focused programmes and initiatives to respond to their aspirations and needs and provide greater opportunities for them to contribute to Bahrain's future.



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C-SIPA Drives Deeper Bahrain-UK Strategic Security Partnership



Lieutenant General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, received Lieutenant General Sir Charles Collins, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff for Military Strategy and Operations of the United Kingdom.

The meeting was attended by Shaikh Khalid bin Ali bin Jaber Al Khalifa, Deputy National Security Advisor, and Shaikh Ahmed bin Abdulaziz Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Strategic Security Bureau.

HH Shaikh Nasser welcomed Lieutenant General Sir Charles

Collins and highlighted the longstanding strategic relations between Bahrain and the UK, particularly their growing cooperation in military and defence fields.

He also emphasised the importance of the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA) as a key pillar of the two countries' strategic partnership.

The two sides discussed ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation and coordination on shared challenges, while exchanging views on regional and international developments and efforts to promote security and stability.

Gadeha Junior Camp Puts Youth Skills to the Test



Tourism Minister Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi and Youth Affairs Minister Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi visited the first Gadeha Junior training camp for young participants at Exhibition World Bahrain.

Held under the directives of Lieutenant General HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, the camp features programmes, activities and practical experiences focused on developing participants' skills, discipline, teamwork and self-reliance.

Al Sairafi described the camp as a national initiative supporting youth development and praised Exhibition World Bahrain's facilities and capacity to host community and youth events. She also highlighted the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority's support for the camp as a Gold Sponsor.

Tawfiqi said the camp gives young people opportunities to develop decision-making skills and discover their abilities through practical experiences and challenges.

She stressed the importance of providing diverse learning opportunities to help young people develop their potential and creativity and contribute to Bahrain's future development.

Life Terms for Iran Spies

Terrorism, Espionage, Sabotage – Courts Hand Down Verdicts

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Rehab Mohammad

The High Criminal Court issued a series of judgments in cases involving espionage, terrorism-related activities and support for hostile acts against Bahrain, with sentences ranging from up to 10 years in prison to life imprisonment.

In the most serious case, the court sentenced two defendants to life imprisonment after convicting them of spying for the Iranian Revolutionary Guard and individuals working for its interests, aiming to assist hostile and terrorist acts against Bahrain and harming the Kingdom's interests.

The court also ordered the confiscation of the seized items.

According to the Deputy Chief of the Terrorist Crimes Prosecution, the case began after the Public Prosecution received a report from the Cybercrime Directorate concerning a social media account that contained support and praise for Iranian terrorist attacks targeting Bahrain.

Investigations identified the person operating the account, who was arrested. He admitted operating the account and

communicating with another defendant who had fled the country. He also admitted providing the other defendant with coordinates and locations inside Bahrain.

The Public Prosecution launched an investigation, questioned the defendant present in Bahrain and heard witness statements. Technical experts were also appointed to examine the seized electronic device.

The examination confirmed the commission of the acts attributed to the two defendants, according to the prosecution.

The defendants were subsequently referred to the High Criminal Court, which considered the case over several hearings. The prosecution said all legal guarantees were provided, including the presence of a lawyer for the defendant present in Bahrain and the opportunity to present his defence.

The court then issued its life sentences and ordered the confiscation of the seized items.

The Public Prosecution stressed that protecting Bahrain's security and national interests requires confronting all forms of illegal cooperation or communication with hostile parties.

Loud Headphones at the Gym Could Harm Hearing

ENT consultant warns prolonged exposure may cause tinnitus and hearing loss

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For many gym-goers, headphones are a way to block out loud music, noisy equipment and conversations. But turning up the volume to drown out surrounding sounds could put their hearing at risk.

ENT consultant Dr Hala Radhi warned that repeatedly listening to loud music through headphones can increase the risk of chronic tinnitus and hearing loss.

Tinnitus is a persistent ringing or other noise in the ears that can continue even after the music has stopped. Prolonged exposure to loud sounds can also damage the sensory hair cells involved in hearing.

Dr Radhi said the risk increases with the length and frequency of exposure to high sound levels.

The damage can build gradually over months and years, meaning people may not immediately notice changes in their



“Your workout should strengthen your body—not weaken your hearing. Keep the volume at a safe level.”

- DR HALA RADHI, ENT CONSULTANT

When a Worker Collapses in the Heat, Know What to Do

120 workers trained in heat stress first aid at East Sitra housing site



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More than 120 workers at the East Sitra housing project received practical training on recognising heat stress and heatstroke and responding when a colleague collapses in high temperatures.

The awareness session was organised by the occupational health and safety committee of the Bahrain Free Labour Unions Federation as part of its annual campaign, now in its 14th year, to raise awareness of the risks of working under the sun.

The training was delivered in several languages and focused on the warning signs of heat stress and the immediate steps workers can take to help a colleague before emergency assistance arrives.

Workers were also provided with insulated water bottles to keep drinking water cool during shifts and cooling towels to help lower body

temperature.

The campaign coincides with Bahrain's midday work ban, which runs from June 15 to August 31. The regulation prohibits work in open areas and under direct sunlight between noon and 4pm to reduce the risks of heat stress, heatstroke and other heat-related illnesses and accidents.

Bahrain Free Labour Unions Federation President Yacoub Yousif Mohammed said workers' health and safety remain among the federation's top priorities.

He said awareness programmes help protect workers while supporting their stability and ability to perform their duties efficiently.

Mohammed also highlighted the federation's cooperation with economic institutions on programmes aimed at promoting workers' health and safety, saying such efforts benefit both individual productivity and the wider industrial and economic system.

Three defendants sentenced to 15 years

In two separate cases, the High Criminal Court sentenced three defendants to 15 years in prison each for joining a terrorist group and working for its interests in carrying out hostile and terrorist acts against Bahrain.

The court also fined two of the defendants BD2,000 each and ordered the confiscation of the seized items.

The cases followed information received by the General Directorate of Criminal Investigations and Forensic Science and subsequently confirmed through investigations.

According to the Public Prosecution, the investigations established that the defendants joined a terrorist group planning to target Bah-

rain. The group's objectives included disrupting public order, threatening national security and safety, harming people, spreading fear and obstructing state institutions and public authorities from performing their duties.

The investigations also found that the defendants had been assigned various tasks inside Bahrain and had participated in transferring, receiving and delivering funds intended to support and finance terrorist elements belonging to the group.

The Public Prosecution questioned the defendants after receiving the reports and said they admitted to the charges against them. Witnesses were also heard, and technical experts examined the seized electronic devices.

Up to 10 years for support of Iranian attacks

In three separate cases, the High Criminal Court sentenced three defendants to prison terms of up to 10 years for supporting and praising Iranian terrorist attacks against Bahrain, obtaining and disseminating prohibited data, and photographing locations where photography is prohibited.

The court also imposed fines of up to BD5,000 on some of the defendants and ordered the confiscation of the seized items.

The cases originated from reports received by the Public Prosecution from relevant security departments concerning social media accounts that contained posts supporting and praising Iranian attacks targeting Bahrain.

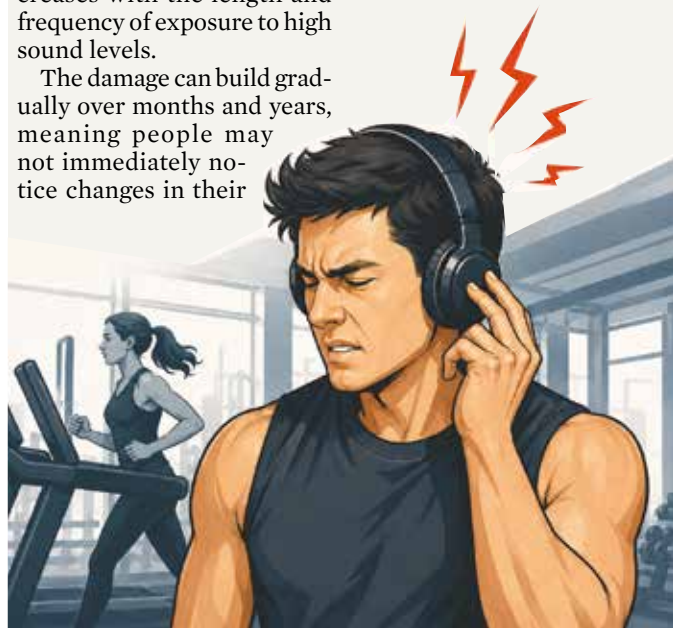
The reports also involved

the publication of prohibited data and the photographing of vital locations where photography is restricted.

According to the prosecution, the material shared through the accounts included photographs, video clips and comments supporting and praising the attacks, as well as images of vital locations and data considered prohibited from publication, obtaining or circulation.

Investigations identified those operating the accounts. The Public Prosecution subsequently questioned the defendants, heard witness statements and appointed technical experts to examine the seized electronic devices.

The examination results confirmed the acts attributed to the defendants, the prosecution said.



With a Size of BHD 200 Million and a Return of 7.00%

Commencement of Subscription in the 48th Issue of the Government Development Bond through Bahrain Bourse

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Bahrain Bourse (BHB) announced that as of Wednesday, 12th of August 2026, and according to the invitation announced by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), Bahraini and Non-Bahraini investors can directly subscribe through the primary market of BHB in the Government Development Bond Issue 48 (BHD 200 million) that has been issued by the CBB on behalf of the Government of Bahrain by executing their orders through registered brokers at Bahrain Bourse. Thereafter, investors will be able to trade the Bond on the secondary market at BHB once listed, which is expected to be on 31st August 2026.

Bahrain Bourse specified that the subscription period through the registered brokers is effective on Wednesday, 12th of August 2026 until Thurs-



day, 13th of August 2026. The subscription will be open on Wednesday from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm and on Thursday from 9:30 am until 11:00 am. The minimum subscription size is 500 bond per subscriber.

The BHD 200 million Bond issued at a par value of BHD 1 each on the 17th of August 2026 for a period of 2 years maturing on the 17th of August 2028. The annual fixed return on these securities is 7.00%,

and will be paid bi-annually on 17th of February and 17th of August every year throughout the period of this issue, commencing on 17th of February 2027 up to and including the Maturity Date.

The Central Bank of Bahrain issued the Government Development Bond on behalf of the Government of Bahrain. The Government of Bahrain directly guarantees the Bond securities.

Bahrain India Ties



Minister of Industry and Commerce Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro received Indian Ambassador to Bahrain Vinod Kurian Jacob to discuss bilateral relations and cooperation. During the meeting, Fakhro highlighted the strong ties between Bahrain and India and stressed the importance of expanding cooperation, particularly in the industry and trade sectors. The two sides also discussed several issues of mutual interest and ways to further strengthen bilateral cooperation.

From The Court TDT | Manama Rehab Mohammad

Candle Fire Kills Roommate, Woman Jailed

21-year-old sentenced to one year and ordered deported after serving sentence

The High Criminal Court sentenced a 21-year-old Asian woman to one year in prison and ordered her permanent deportation after she completed her sentence for accidentally causing the death of her roommate in a residential fire.

The incident occurred on March 20, 2026, after the woman lit a candle during religious prayer and left it burning on a small wooden table in the bedroom of their company-owned apartment.

The candle is believed to have ignited the table and nearby items, causing the fire to spread

through the room. The victim was trapped inside as flames and thick smoke prevented the other women from reaching her.

The defendant told investigators she normally left the candle burning throughout the day and admitted she did not place it on a plate despite knowing the table was wooden.

Security guards and emergency services were alerted after the fire alarm sounded around 2:20 p.m. Firefighters extinguished the blaze, and the victim was taken to the hospital, where she later died.

A Crime Scene Department



report concluded that the fire was likely caused by leaving a burning heat source on the wooden table. The defendant admitted the charges and accepted responsibility for the death.



United Gulf Investment Corporation BSC

Condensed interim consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)				
	Notes	30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	31 December 2025 (Audited)	
ASSETS				
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	5	25,196,208	26,159,655	
Investment in associates	6	2,610,435	2,466,908	
Right-of-use assets	7	111,367	159,777	
		<u>27,918,010</u>	<u>28,786,340</u>	
Current assets				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	76,000	68,000	
Inventories	9	19,351,878	19,046,913	
Trade and other receivables	10	14,176,744	10,322,081	
Mudaraba deposits		711,623	786,275	
Cash and bank balances	11	8,813,031	5,065,458	
		<u>43,129,276</u>	<u>35,288,727</u>	
Total assets		<u>71,047,286</u>	<u>64,075,067</u>	
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Capital and reserves				
Share capital	12	20,000,000	20,000,000	
Statutory reserve		3,672,526	3,672,526	
Share premium		116,328	116,328	
Other reserves		9,382,912	8,182,812	
		<u>33,171,766</u>	<u>31,971,666</u>	
Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent		8,619,157	8,263,105	
Non-controlling interest	13			
		<u>41,790,923</u>	<u>40,234,771</u>	
Non-current liabilities				
Non-current portion of term loan	14	12,029,100	12,534,100	
Non-current portion of lease liabilities	15	7,991	69,748	
Employees' terminal benefits		916,085	959,051	
		<u>12,953,176</u>	<u>13,562,899</u>	
Current liabilities				
Current portion of term loan	14	1,010,000	1,010,000	
Current portion of lease liabilities	15	113,271	101,251	
Trade and other payables	16	15,179,916	9,166,146	
		<u>16,303,187</u>	<u>10,277,397</u>	
Total equity and liabilities		<u>71,047,286</u>	<u>64,075,067</u>	

Condensed interim consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the quarter and six months period ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)					
	Notes	Six months ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	Six months ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)	Three months ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	Three months ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)
Sales		20,152,203	17,165,430	11,764,181	9,199,015
Cost of sales		<u>(17,334,473)</u>	<u>(15,874,596)</u>	<u>(10,142,378)</u>	<u>(8,456,083)</u>
Gross profit		2,817,730	1,290,834	1,621,803	742,932
Other income		166,914	119,431	32,644	20,383
		<u>2,984,644</u>	<u>1,410,265</u>	<u>1,654,447</u>	<u>763,315</u>
Expenses					
Indirect expenses		(1,140,051)	(809,452)	(592,238)	(403,740)
Finance costs		<u>(128,968)</u>	<u>(139,585)</u>	<u>(61,001)</u>	<u>(70,496)</u>
		<u>(1,269,019)</u>	<u>(949,037)</u>	<u>(653,239)</u>	<u>(474,236)</u>
Net profit for the period before tax and share of profit from investment in associates					
		1,715,625	461,228	1,001,208	289,079
Share of profit from investment in associates	6	<u>143,527</u>	<u>25,864</u>	<u>130,090</u>	<u>28,524</u>
Net profit for the period before zakat					
		1,859,152	487,092	1,131,298	317,603
Provision for zakat		<u>(303,000)</u>	<u>(303,000)</u>	<u>(151,500)</u>	<u>(151,500)</u>
Net profit and other comprehensive income for the period					
		<u>1,556,152</u>	<u>184,092</u>	<u>979,798</u>	<u>166,103</u>
Net profit attributable to:					
Shareholders of the Parent		1,200,100	140,540	768,737	114,870
Non-controlling interest	13	<u>356,052</u>	<u>43,552</u>	<u>211,061</u>	<u>51,233</u>
		<u>1,556,152</u>	<u>184,092</u>	<u>979,798</u>	<u>166,103</u>
Basic and diluted earnings per share					
	17	<u>6.00 fils</u>	<u>0.70 fils</u>	<u>3.84 fils</u>	<u>0.57 fils</u>

Condensed interim consolidated statement of cash flows for the six months ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)				
	Notes	Six months ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	Six months ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)	
Operating activities				
Net profit for the period		1,556,152	184,092	
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	5	990,730	1,572,144	
Amortisation of right-of-use assets	7	48,410	48,410	
Allowance for impaired trade receivables		163,432	95,078	
Share of profit from investment in associates	6	(143,527)	(25,864)	
Bank interest income		(22,622)	(43,162)	
Finance costs		128,968	139,585	
Unrealised gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(8,000)	(63,600)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Inventories		(304,965)	27,264	
Trade and other receivables		(4,018,095)	(1,025,921)	
Trade and other payables		6,013,770	(47,957)	
Employees' terminal benefits, net		<u>(42,966)</u>	<u>(12,793)</u>	
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>4,361,287</u>	<u>847,276</u>	
Investing activities				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	5	(27,283)	(763,483)	
Net movement in mudaraba deposits		74,652	633,542	
Bank interest income received		<u>22,622</u>	<u>43,162</u>	
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>69,991</u>	<u>(86,779)</u>	
Financing activities				
Finance costs paid		(128,968)	(139,585)	
Dividends paid	20	-	(500,000)	
Repayment of term loans	22	(505,000)	(505,000)	
Repayment of lease liabilities including interest		<u>(49,737)</u>	<u>(46,373)</u>	
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(683,705)</u>	<u>(1,190,958)</u>	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		<u>3,747,573</u>	<u>(430,461)</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period				
		<u>5,065,458</u>	<u>2,522,718</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period				
	11	<u>8,813,031</u>	<u>2,092,257</u>	

Condensed interim consolidated statement of changes in shareholders' equity for the six months ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)								
	Equity attributable to shareholders of the Parent					Non-controlling interest	Total	
	Share capital	Statutory reserve	Share premium	Other reserves				
				Revaluation reserve	Retained earnings			
At 31 December 2024 (Audited)	20,000,000	3,619,267	116,328	4,329,043	3,874,440	31,939,078	8,075,988	40,015,066
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	140,540	140,540	43,552	184,092
Dividend for 2024	-	-	-	-	(500,000)	(500,000)	-	(500,000)
At 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)	20,000,000	3,619,267	116,328	4,329,043	3,514,980	31,579,618	8,119,540	39,699,158
At 31 December 2025 (Audited)	20,000,000	3,672,526	116,328	4,329,043	3,853,769	31,971,666	8,263,105	40,234,771
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	1,200,100	1,200,100	356,052	1,556,152
At 30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	20,000,000	3,672,526	116,328	4,329,043	5,053,869	33,171,766	8,619,157	41,790,923

The consolidated financial statements were approved, authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf by:

Rashed Abdulla Al Suwaiket Al Hajri
Chairman

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Vice - Chairman

BENEFIT Signs Service Agreement with AMAN to Enhance Compliance and Financial Crime Prevention Capabilities



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BENEFIT, the Kingdom’s innovator and leading company in Fintech and electronic financial transactions service, signed a service agreement with AMAN, Bahrain’s premier compliance platform, to adopt its platform in support of the company’s compliance, due diligence and financial crime prevention activities.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Abdulwahed AlJanahi, Chief Executive of BENEFIT, and Dickon Johnstone, Group Chief Executive Officer of AMAN at BENEFIT’s headquarters, in the presence of senior officials and representatives from both organizations.

The service agreement establishes the framework for BENEFIT’s use of AMAN’s platform, powered by global financial crime management leader Themis, to manage and oversee its anti-money laundering, compliance and financial crime risk-related activities. The platform brings together onboarding, due diligence, screening and risk assessment processes within a unified environment, providing greater visibility over cases and assessments while enabling more efficient decision-making and enhance the accuracy, consistency and efficiency of regulatory and compliance operations.

Mr. Abdulwahed AlJanahi, Chief Executive of BENEFIT, stated: “The signing of this service agreement with AMAN forms part of our continued efforts to strengthen the tools and systems that support BENEFIT’s commitment to the highest standards of governance and compliance. As financial crime risks continue to evolve, organizations require more sophisticated solutions that can bring information together, analyze it effectively and support timely oversight.”

Mr. AlJanahi added: “This collaboration responds to the growing need for integrated technology capable of managing data, assessments and regulatory processes within a single framework. It will streamline key onboarding and due diligence activities and improve the operational efficiency while preserving the rigor required in regulatory review and risk evaluation.”

Dickon Johnstone, Group CEO, said: “We are proud to partner with BENEFIT. AMAN’s mission is to



Enhancing financial crime capabilities and strengthening Bahrain’s trusted financial ecosystem.

Dickon Johnstone, Group CEO



Strengthening compliance and governance to address evolving financial crime risks.

Mr. Abdulwahed AlJanahi, Chief Executive of BENEFIT

strengthen Bahrain’s financial ecosystem and reinforce the Kingdom’s position as a safe, trusted international financial centre. BENEFIT plays a vital role in that ecosystem, making it a natural partner for AMAN. Together, we will enhance financial crime capabilities and support Bahrain’s continued alignment with local and international standards.”

“This partnership reflects our commitment to delivering practical and sustainable solutions that help financial institutions strengthen governance, oversight and organizational readiness. It also supports Bahrain’s position as an advanced financial hub that continues to adopt leading practices in compliance, risk management and financial crime prevention.”

As part of its credit card campaign BBK announces the winner of the Jetour G700



TDT | Manama

BBK, a leader in retail and corporate banking in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has announced Mrs. Injood Ali AlJunaaid as the winner of the all-new 2026 Jetour G700, following the draw held as part of its promotional campaign for BBK credit card customers as well as customers with credit cards against their Al Hayrat deposits.

The campaign reflects the Bank’s commitment to delivering an exceptionally rewarding customer experience and offering prizes that add excitement and value to the use of its credit cards.

The draw took place on 16 July 2026 under the supervision of a representative from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and in the presence of representatives from Internal Audit, Internal Control, Marketing, and Retail Banking departments, as well as the external auditor representative from Ernst & Young.

The campaign lasted until 30 June 2026, with eligible

customers entering the draw when spending a minimum accumulated amount of BD 200 using BBK credit cards during the campaign period and with double the chances of winning if such BBK credit cards are issued against their Al Hayrat deposits.

Dr. Ahmed Taqi, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BBK, said: “We are delighted to congratulate Mrs. Injood Ali AlJunaaid on winning the Jetour G700 through our credit card promotional campaign. The positive response to the campaign reflects the appeal of the Bank’s customer-focused offers and our ongoing efforts to introduce initiatives that are relevant to customers’ everyday lifestyles, while rewarding them for using the Bank’s payment solutions.”

Dr. Taqi added: “Through these distinctive rewards, we aim to recognize our customers in meaningful ways and make their day-to-day banking experience more engaging. We remain committed to offering campaigns as well as continuous embedded ser-



Dr. Ahmed Taqi, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BBK

vice benefits and value propositions that strengthen customer satisfaction and loyalty, while continuing to develop initiatives that meet their expectations and enhance their overall banking experience.”

For her part, the winner expressed great happiness at winning the prize, noting that receiving the news was a memorable surprise. She also thanked BBK, saying that winning the Jetour G700 was an exceptional moment and reflected on the Bank’s efforts to create rewarding experiences that make customers feel truly appreciated.



CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2026	30 JUN 2026	31 DEC 2025
Amounts are in Bahraini Dinars	Reviewed	Audited
ASSETS		
Cash and bank balances	10,683,500	14,183,125
Statutory deposit	112,025	106,643
Prepayments and other receivables	881,065	910,800
Investment securities	20,479,664	21,120,756
Reinsurance contract assets	619,466	861,878
Investment property	555,730	555,481
Right-of-use assets	594,352	660,902
Property, plant and equipment	601,934	697,866
Total assets	34,527,736	39,097,451
Liabilities		
Reinsurance contract liabilities	—	130,280
Insurance contract liabilities	13,825,021	14,213,762
Lease liabilities	696,631	690,125
Other liabilities	2,060,690	4,221,462
	16,582,342	19,255,629
EQUITY		
Share capital	5,000,000	5,000,000
Statutory reserve	2,500,000	2,500,000
Investment fair value reserve	(136,673)	181,850
Retained earnings	10,582,067	12,159,972
Total equity	17,945,394	19,841,822
Total equity and liabilities	34,527,736	39,097,451

These financial statements have been reviewed by KPMG.

These reviewed condensed interim financial information were approved, authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by:

Abdulaziz Alnowaiser
Chairman

Ashraf Adnan Bseisu
Vice Chairman

Maysa A. Al-Kooheji
Chief Executive Officer

CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2026	SIX MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30/06/2026	SIX MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30/06/2025	THREE MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30/06/2026	THREE MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30/06/2025
Amounts are in Bahraini Dinars	Reviewed	Reviewed	Reviewed	Reviewed
Insurance revenue	6,013,983	7,774,444	2,910,755	3,923,141
Insurance service expenses	(4,309,773)	(4,767,768)	(1,975,324)	(2,491,876)
Net expenses from reinsurance contracts	(415,659)	(327,892)	(330,347)	(114,420)
Insurance service results	1,288,551	2,678,784	605,084	1,316,845
Investment return	747,309	877,862	229,496	92,126
Insurance finance expenses for				
Insurance contracts issued	(193,374)	(743,450)	(120,953)	(373,537)
Reinsurance finance income for				
reinsurance contracts held	12,364	45,092	7,135	22,092
Net financial result	566,299	179,504	115,678	(259,319)
Ancillary income	771,222	858,661	357,362	418,789
Other income	292,185	64,952	138,260	45,255
Other expenses	(434,162)	(404,856)	(209,439)	(193,320)
Profit before tax	2,484,095	3,377,045	1,006,945	1,328,250
Income tax expense	(312,000)	(390,820)	(136,000)	(390,820)
NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	2,172,095	2,986,225	870,945	937,430
Basic and diluted earnings per share	434 Fils	597 Fils	174 Fils	187 Fils
CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTH ENDED 30 JUNE 2026				
Net Profit for the Period	2,172,095	2,986,225	870,945	937,430
Other Comprehensive Income:				
Items that will or may be reclassified to profit or loss:				
Change in fair value of financial asset at FVOCI	(318,523)	2,326	292,419	(25,426)
Total other comprehensive income for the period	(318,523)	2,326	292,419	(25,426)
Total comprehensive income for the period	1,853,572	2,988,551	1,163,364	912,004

Israel's former Mossad chief says spies 'toured' Iran nuclear site

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

A former head of Israel's Mossad intelligence agency yesterday said its spies had visited Iran's Fordow nuclear site "many times" in the past in order to better understand the facility.

In June last year, Israel launched a war against its arch-foe Iran with the stated goal of degrading its nuclear and ballistic missile programmes, which it said posed an "existential threat".

The United States military briefly joined Israel during the 12-day conflict, and used its advanced aircraft to bomb three Iranian nuclear facilities at Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan. "We toured the Fordow nu-



clear site many times to understand the site," Yossi Cohen, who led the Mossad between 2015 and 2021, said during a conference of local authorities on Tuesday, Israeli media reported.

He didn't elaborate on when exactly the visits took place or who made them.

According to Israeli media, Cohen said "the bombing of the site by the Americans was the fulfillment of all my dreams".

Air India pilot tests positive for marijuana

TDT | agencies

The captain of an Air India flight that suddenly lost about 300 feet of altitude last week has tested positive for marijuana in a confirmatory drug test, according to a source familiar with the matter.

The Airbus A320neo, operating from Phuket to Delhi on August 4, was carrying

137 passengers and eight crew members when it experienced a sudden altitude loss over Odisha. The captain's initial post-flight screening had produced a result requiring further laboratory testing. The confirmatory test has now reportedly also returned positive for marijuana. Both pilots have been removed from flying duties pending the investigation.

Lebanon formally abolishes death penalty in Mideast first

AFP | Beirut, Lebanon

Lebanon's parliament yesterday abolished the death penalty, making the country the first in the Middle East to formally end the practice.

"The draft law aimed at abolishing the death penalty in Lebanon was approved," the speaker of parliament's office

announced.

Lebanon had not carried out an execution since 2004.

Justice Minister Adel Nassar called the abolition "historic", and said the spectre of capital punishment had previously prevented Beirut from obtaining the extradition of suspects from countries where it has been outlawed.

Trump Media reports first sales for early access to president's posts

AFP | Washington, United States

The parent company of US President Donald Trump's Truth Social platform said Monday it has signed up clients willing to pay for early access to Trump's posts.

It delivered the news while reporting a tenfold increase in second-quarter losses.

Trump set up Truth Social in 2022 after being banned from Twitter -- later renamed X -- and now uses it as his go-to platform for major



"Our new Truth API product is already generating revenue, with more than ten customer agreements signed to date," interim

CEO Kevin McGurn said in a press release, without identifying the customers.

Former US Marine held in Russia has been released: State Dept

Washington, United States

Robert Gilman, a former US Marine held in Russia, has been released on "humanitarian grounds," the State Department said

yesterday.

"Mr. Gilman's release was not part of an exchange, and no other concessions were provided," a State Department spokesperson said in an email.

China rocket launch fails after 'flight anomaly'

Monday's rare launch failure involved a Long March 7A carrier rocket

AFP | Beijing, China

A Chinese rocket carrying a communications satellite failed in its launch, state media said, attributing the failure to a "flight anomaly" as reports and videos suggested the spacecraft had exploded in mid-air.

Beijing has ploughed billions of dollars into its space programme in recent years to achieve what President Xi Jinping calls the country's "space dream".

Monday's rare launch failure involved a Long March 7A carrier rocket, which lifted off from the Wenchang Space Launch Site in China's southernmost province of Hainan at 8:02 pm (1202 GMT),



Representative image

state news agency Xinhua said.

An "anomaly" occurred when the rocket, which was carrying the Zhongxing-4B communications satellite, was in flight, Xinhua added.

The cause of the failure is under investigation, it said.

Singapore-based broadcaster Channel NewsAsia said in an Instagram post that the rocket had exploded and posted foot-

age from the scene of awestruck crowds watching a fiery ball in the sky.

One video, posted a few hours after the launch by a social media profile located in Hainan, showed a rocket exploding into flames around 85 seconds after it blasted off, leaving behind a cloud of grey smoke as debris fell to the ground.

China successfully landed a

reusable rocket for the first time in July, according to its space agency, marking a major step in its space ambitions and in reducing launch costs.

The country is aiming to land astronauts on the Moon before 2030, a race in which the United States is also competing with its Artemis programme.

SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, commenting on a post about Monday's failed launch on X, said that "rockets are insanely hard". "I hope they have a speedy recovery," he added.

A four-tonne piece of a SpaceX rocket was believed to have unintentionally crashed into the Moon on Wednesday, a collision expected to leave behind a lunar crater. China's maiden launch of the Long March 7A from the Wenchang site in 2020 was also unsuccessful after "a malfunction occurred", Xinhua reported in March that year.

Colombia scrambles to find survivors as quake kills 181

Colombian pop megastar Shakira led the calls for unity

AFP | Pereira, Colombia

Colombian volunteers cleared rubble by hand through the night in the hunt for survivors from an earthquake that killed at least 181 people and levelled more than a hundred homes and office buildings.

The quake struck several cities across Colombia's coffee region and Pacific belt at 7:34 am (1234 GMT) Monday, toppling structures, swaying towers and tossing roof tiles to the ground.

Pereira, a city of half a million people, was the hardest hit.

Throughout the night, residents navigated blacked-out streets with torches.

Volunteers searched the ruins of a six-story building of shops and offices where two girls were believed to be trapped.

"It's so sad to see the whole city like this, knowing that there may still be people alive under there,"



A couple stands amid the rubble of a collapsed house after an earthquake in Pereira, Colombia

said Juana Marin, 25, who joined dozens of volunteers clearing rubble by hand.

This was Colombia's strongest earthquake in a century, according to the US Geological Survey, and one of its deadliest natural

disasters in years.

In a joint statement, the mayors of major affected cities said at least 181 had been killed, and more than 1,300 people had been injured.

Colombian President Abelar-

do de la Espriella -- just days into the job -- declared a state of emergency and vowed a concerted rescue effort.

Colombian pop megastar Shakira led the calls for unity.

"All my strength and love to my homeland. Let's hold each other tight," she said.

At least six local airports suspended operations, the civil aeronautics agency said.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Monday the United States was "closely monitoring" the situation and "stands ready to support the people of Colombia."

The US announced \$15.5 million in emergency relief.

European Union chief Ursula von der Leyen said the EU had mobilized Copernicus, a satellite service, to help with rescue operations.

Israel, Mexico, Ecuador and France also offered assistance.

Trump secretly flew out of Turkey on smaller plane: Washington Post

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump secretly flew out of Turkey last month on a smaller plane than previously known due to an assassination threat from Iran, the Washington Post reported Monday.

According to an anonymous US official who spoke to the Post, Trump boarded an Air Force One jet in Ankara on July 8, but then moved into a catering container attached to the plane.

The container then ferried



him to a smaller C-32A aircraft that flew him to Britain, while media and some officials were led to believe Trump was still on the bigger jet.

The Iranian threat had previously been reported by US media

as the reason that Trump did not fly out of Turkey aboard the new Boeing 747-8, gifted to the United States by Qatar, which he had used to fly into the country.

Trump, who was in Ankara for a NATO summit, said at the time

he would be taking the older Boeing 747 so that members of the US military at an airbase in Britain could tour the new plane.

However, several US media outlets, including the New York Times, reported that a threat from Iranian proxy forces had prompted the switch.

Journalists on the old plane out of Ankara were also told to keep their window blinds down -- a step normally reserved for war zones -- furthering suspicions of security concerns.

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Battle of Didgori: Georgian army under King David the Builder wins a decisive victory over the renowned Seljuk commander Ilghazi

1480

Ottoman troops conquer Otranto in southern Italy after a 15-day siege, killing 12,000, enslaving 5,000, and beheading 800 Christians for refusing to convert to Islam



1851

American inventor Isaac Singer patents his famous sewing machine

1908

Ford Motor Company builds its first Model T car, which Henry Ford himself tests on a hunting trip to Wisconsin and northern Michigan

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Today, after more than four years of detention in Russia, Robert Gilman is on his way home to be reunited with his family. Mr. Gilman joins over 100 Americans whom President Trump has freed during his second term in office.

@SecRubio

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Vape shops. Betting shops. Dodgy businesses. If you look at your high street these days and think 'who asked for this?', you're not alone. I'm doing something about it. We're giving local people and councils more control over what opens, and tougher powers to crack down on businesses that aren't good for our communities.

@andyburnham

03



Tonight, Europe's heart is with the people of Colombia after the terrible earthquake in the Chocó region. We have already mobilised Copernicus, our satellite service, to help with rescue operations.

@vonderleyen

04



In the face of the terrible earthquake that has struck Colombia, I extend, on behalf of France, my most sincere thoughts to the Colombian people.

@EmmanuelMacron

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)

Europe scrambles for eclipse glasses



Customers line up outside an optical store specializing in behavioral optometry to buy solar eclipse viewing glasses in Paris



AFP | Madrid, Spain

The scramble for protective glasses has reached fever pitch across Europe ahead of today's rare total solar eclipse, as pharmacies, opticians and other shops struggled to keep them in stock.

In Spain, where parts of the country will be in the path of totality, finding certified protective glasses has become increasingly difficult, with many distribution points reporting they have run out.

A notice posted at the entrance of Madrid's National Museum of Natural Sciences said its supply of protective glasses was exhausted.

The museum was among 30 science institutions across the country taking part in a campaign organised by the government to distribute two million pairs of glasses for free.

Some pharmacies in central Madrid still had supplies Tuesday, generally selling certified glasses for safely viewing the Sun for between three and four euros (\$4.60) a pair.

But Carles Sisquella, who runs an optical shop in Barcelona, said his store had been out of stock for 10 days.

"There are now a lot of people who obviously won't be able to

get glasses," he said.

Doctors warn that looking directly at the Sun during a solar eclipse can damage the retina, potentially harming the cells responsible for sharp central vision.

"I've been asking around since Friday, but they're nowhere to be found," a woman named Mabel told AFP in Barcelona after another fruitless search.

French supermarket chain Carrefour's Spanish unit said demand for eclipse glasses has "grown exponentially", increasing twentyfold in recent days compared with the same period last month.

'Gone in 30 minutes'

The rush is being repeated across Europe.

In Brussels, where about 90 percent of the Sun will be covered by the Moon, people were also racing to find glasses.

With a seeming majority of opticians and pharmacists out of stock, pastry chef Arno Dosogne, 37, struck gold at a small opticians' store that received a last-minute shipment Monday afternoon.

"I got some for me, my boyfriend and a couple of friends whose online order got cancelled!" he told AFP.

"It was this or nothing. You

can't mess around, or you'll burn your eyes."

The opticians' manager Fouad Mehdaoui told AFP he acted on a tip from his pharmacist wife, placing large orders of glasses early on, but even then was outrun by demand and had to order more.

"Two boxes just came in with 100 pairs in total -- they were gone in 30 minutes," he told AFP as a stream of eclipse enthusiasts filed in the store, by chance or word of mouth, and an employee fielded non-stop phone enquiries.

Philippe Besset, president of France's Federation of Pharmaceutical Trade Unions, said demand had been far greater than expected.

A few months ago, suppliers had offered pharmacies around 200 pairs each, enough to equip about four million people, he told AFP.

"But obviously more people want to watch the eclipse," he said.

Marine Tondelier, leader of France's Greens, accused the government of failing to properly prepare for the eclipse, calling the struggle to secure glasses a "fiasco".

She contrasted it with the 1999 eclipse, when more than 30 million approved glasses were distributed nationwide.

India-Saudi ties set to reach 'newer heights', says India's ambassador-designate to Saudi Arabia Vipul



On July 31, Indian career diplomat Vipul received his credentials in New Delhi from President Droupadi Murmu as the country's next ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

TDT | agencies

India-Saudi Arabia relations are poised to reach "newer heights" in the coming years, driven by converging interests, a strong institutional framework and opportunities created by Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 programme, India's ambassador-designate to the Kingdom, Vipul, has said.

Vipul, who received his credentials from President Droupadi Murmu in late July, is preparing to travel to Riyadh to take charge of India's diplomatic mission.

"Our relationship is historic, it's special and, of course, it is strategic," Vipul told Arab News in his first interview before assuming office. "The interests of both our countries converge."

He said the relationship had strengthened significantly over the past decade, particularly following the establishment of the Strategic Partnership Council in 2019. The council has since provided an institutional platform for cooperation across political, economic, energy, security and other areas.

Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 has also created new opportunities in technology, infrastructure, renewable energy, minerals, healthcare, tourism, logistics, entertainment and investment.

"Both India and Saudi Arabia are growing economies. There are many opportunities for both our countries to work together," Vipul said, adding that Indian businesses and workers could benefit

from the Kingdom's expanding economy and development projects.

He identified trade and investment as key priorities, noting opportunities for Saudi companies and sovereign wealth funds to invest in India, while Indian companies could participate in Saudi Arabia's large-scale projects.

The ambassador-designate also highlighted potential cooperation in emerging sectors including data centres, power, roads, highways, mining and renewable energy.

Beyond economics, Vipul said bilateral ties now encompass culture, energy, defence, security and technology, with artificial intelligence offering further scope for cooperation.

His appointment comes amid heightened regional tensions. Vipul said stability in the Gulf was crucial for India given its extensive economic and social links with the region.

"It's very important for us that peace and stability prevail in the region," he said.

Sports is another emerging area, with Saudi Arabia's preparations for the Asian Games and the 2034 FIFA World Cup expected to generate opportunities in infrastructure, technology and investment.

Vipul also highlighted the centuries-old people-to-people connection between the two countries, particularly through Hajj.

"I only see our relationship going further, going to newer heights in the coming years," he said.

Ebola outbreak in DR Congo kills more than 2,000

AFP | Kinshasa, DR Congo

Ebola has killed more than 2,000 people in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in the latest outbreak, which is nearing the country's deadliest ever.

The current outbreak, which has hit the DRC's conflict-plagued eastern and northeastern regions, was de-

clared on May 15 but is thought to have already been spreading for several weeks.

It is the DRC's 17th surge of the highly contagious disease and is already considered the largest in the country's history "and could well become the largest outbreak ever", Sania Nishtar, chief executive of the Gavi global vaccine alliance, has said.

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region

Pakistan Says US and Iran Close to ‘Some Sort’ of Deal

Pakistan said Tuesday that the United States and Iran may be nearing an agreement, while Qatar said separate Oman-Iran talks on managing the Strait of Hormuz had reached an advanced stage, despite fresh attacks on commercial shipping.

Pakistani Defense Minister Khawaja Asif told Bloomberg News that recent signals indicated the two sides were “close to some sort of an arrangement,” adding that the situation was again moving toward a peace deal.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi met Pakistani Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi in Tehran on Tuesday, according to Araghchi’s Telegram channel.

Qatar’s Foreign Ministry spokesperson said talks between Oman and Iran over managing the Strait of Hormuz were at an “advanced stage.” Iran has said it was nearing a final agreement with Oman on new shipping lanes through the strategic waterway but warned that the Paroute would not fully reopen unless Washington met certain conditions.

Those conditions include compensation, an end to sanctions and an end to military threats, according to Iran. Araghchi said Tehran



and Washington were not holding direct talks but were exchanging messages through intermediaries.

The developments come as the conflict continues to disrupt a waterway that previously carried around one-fifth of global oil and liquefied natural gas supplies.

Despite diplomatic efforts, maritime attacks were also reported. Yemen’s Iran-backed Houthi movement attacked a small cargo vessel in the Bab Al-Mandeb Strait, killing four crew members, Yemen’s Transport Ministry said.

Separately, a container ship was reportedly struck off Pakistan in the Gulf of Oman in a suspected US attack. The Wall Street Journal reported that a US military helicopter hit the vessel after its crew allegedly ignored warnings linked to the US naval blockade on Iranian ports.

Syria Sentences Former President Bashar Assad to Death



A Syrian court on Tuesday sentenced ousted President Bashar Assad and his younger brother Maher Assad to death in absentia over crimes against humanity and war crimes committed during Syria’s 14-year conflict, which killed an estimated half a million people.

The verdict, issued by the Fourth Criminal Court in Damascus, marks the first death sentences against Assad or members of his inner circle since the Assad family’s nearly five-decade rule ended in December 2024.

“Bashar Assad used state agencies to commit war crimes and crimes against humanity,” Judge Fakhareddine Al-Aryan said during a session broadcast live on state television.

Assad and Maher fled to Russia following the collapse of the government and were granted political asylum. Syria’s new authorities have since called on Moscow to hand them over.

The court also sentenced Assad’s maternal cousin, Atef Najib, to death. Najib, a former army brigadier general who headed the Political Security Branch in Daraa in 2011, was

convicted over his role in the crackdown that helped trigger Syria’s uprising.

Najib’s forces detained and tortured teenagers who had written anti-government graffiti on a school wall in Daraa. The incident became a catalyst for mass protests, which were met with a violent government crackdown that eventually developed into a civil war.

Najib, who was present in court under tight security, has the right to appeal.

Families of victims welcomed the verdict, describing it as a long-awaited moment of justice. Some former detainees who were teenagers during the 2011 crackdown were also present at the courthouse.

However, Human Rights Watch criticized the use of the death penalty, saying it opposes capital punishment in all circumstances and stressing that accountability must be accompanied by fair-trial guarantees.

The Syrian conflict, which began in 2011, killed hundreds of thousands of people, displaced millions and prompted widespread allegations of torture, killings and other abuses by the Assad government and various armed groups.

autobuzz



New Hilux takes Toyota's pickup into a new era

TDT | agencies

Toyota has given its iconic Hilux pickup a major overhaul for 2026, bringing sharper styling, a more modern cabin and updated technology while retaining the rugged character that has made it a familiar sight across the Gulf.

The ninth-generation Hilux retains the body-on-frame construction of its predecessor but receives substantially redesigned front and rear sections. The angular new design features slimmer LED headlights, sharper body lines and

a more prominent front treatment, giving the pickup a more contemporary appearance while preserving its rugged character.

Inside, the Hilux gets a redesigned dashboard with a floating touchscreen and an all-black theme. The high driving position continues to provide a commanding view, while improved cabin insulation helps keep engine noise under control.

The powertrain remains focused on proven performance, with petrol and diesel engines available depending on the Gulf market.

Higher-powered versions offer strong torque for towing, off-road driving and carrying loads, while automatic transmissions are available across much of the regional range.

Off-road ability remains central to the Hilux formula. Features include selectable 2H, 4H and 4L drive modes, Multi-Terrain Select, an electronic differential lock and downhill assist. Its 700mm water-wading capability further underlines its ability to tackle demanding terrain.

However, the pick-

up's workhorse character comes with compromises. The leaf-spring rear suspension is designed to cope with heavy loads but can feel firm when the cargo bed is empty. Its considerable length and turning radius can also make tight urban manoeuvres more challenging.

The new Hilux is not simply about adding luxury features. Toyota has retained the model's focus on durability, load-carrying ability and off-road capability, even as the cabin and technology become more modern.



A Bugatti Type 35 car is displayed during the Grand Prix Centenary event at Brooklands Museum and race circuit, in Weybridge, south-west of London. 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of Britain's first Grand Prix, held at the Brooklands race circuit.



POLLUTION FROM ELECTRIC VEHICLES

1 MINING & RAW MATERIALS

Extraction of lithium, cobalt, nickel & other minerals causes:

- Land damage
- Water pollution
- Habitat loss

2 BATTERY PRODUCTION

Energy-intensive process that creates:

- Factory emissions
- Chemical waste
- High water use

3 ELECTRICITY GENERATION

EVs are clean on the road, but electricity may come from polluting sources such as:

- Coal power plants
- Oil and gas plants

4 END-OF-LIFE & DISPOSAL

Improper disposal or recycling can cause:

- Soil & water contamination
- Toxic emissions
- Resource loss

EVs reduce tailpipe emissions, but pollution shifts to other stages of the life cycle.

KEY FACTS

CO₂

An EV can produce 20-70% less CO₂ over its lifetime than a petrol car.

Globe

The cleaner the electricity grid, the lower the overall pollution.

Recycling

Battery recycling can recover up to 90% of key metals.

Renewable

Renewable energy charging makes EVs far cleaner.

HOW EVs COMPARE OVER THEIR LIFETIME

EVs	VS	PETROL / DIESEL CARS
Higher emissions during manufacturing (mainly batteries)	MANUFACTURING	Lower manufacturing emissions
Lower emissions in use phase, depends on electricity source	USE PHASE (DRIVING)	High emissions from fuel combustion
Lower maintenance, no tailpipe emissions	MAINTENANCE	Higher maintenance related emissions
Recycling improving, battery recycling still evolving	END-OF-LIFE	Established recycling, but still creates waste and emissions

EVs have a lower total carbon footprint over their lifetime, especially when charged with clean energy.

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Saudi recalls over 27,000 Chevrolet vehicles over airbag defect



TDT | agencies

Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Commerce has announced the recall of 27,360 Chevrolet vehicles over a defect in the driver-side airbag inflator that could pose a serious safety risk.

The recall covers Chevrolet

Trax models from 2010 to 2017, Cruze models from 2012 to 2018, and Aveo models from 2010 to 2017.

According to the ministry, the defect could cause the airbag inflator to rupture during a crash, potentially sending sharp metal fragments into the vehicle and causing serious injury or death.

Lotus Emira 420 Sport introduced in Middle East

TDT | agencies

Lotus has introduced the Emira 420 Sport in the Middle East, adding a new performance-focused variant to the Emira range. In the UAE, the model is being offered through AGMC, the official Lotus distributor.

The Emira 420 Sport is powered by a 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine producing 416bhp, paired with an eight-speed dual-clutch transmission. Lotus quotes a 0-100kph time of 3.9 seconds and a top speed of 300kph.

The model features a revised chassis that sits 5mm lower than the standard Emira, along with upgraded brake cooling and

seven aerodynamic changes. Lotus says the aerodynamic revisions increase downforce by 25kg while maintaining the car's standard drag level.

A lightweight handling package is also available, reducing weight by up to 25kg. The package includes lightweight components aimed at reducing the car's overall mass.

The Emira 420 Sport remains a mid-engined, rear-wheel-drive sports car and uses the same 2.0-litre engine and eight-speed DCT configuration offered in the Emira Turbo and Turbo SE.

The new variant is part of Lotus' updated Emira line-up for the 2026 model year. The UAE Lotus website currently lists the Emira 420 Sport among its models, although UAE pricing has not been published on the official site.



BYD takes on Japanese rivals with small 'kei' car

AFP | Tokyo, Japan

Chinese giant BYD launched an electric "kei" car in Japan with an ad campaign featuring a top actor, taking on local rivals whose own pint-sized vehicles rule the road.

Ideal for Japan's often narrow roads, the super-compact category of cars up to 1.4 metres (4.9 feet) wide and 3.4 metres long accounts for some 40 percent of new vehicle sales there.

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said the Racco is the first "kei" car launched in Japan by an overseas automaker.

The car has a height of 180 centimetres and is priced from 2.1 million yen (\$12,830).

"Kei" cars -- "kei-jidosha" ("light vehicle") in Japanese -- have a cult following. Admirers include US President Donald Trump, who told US firms in December to "START BUILDING THEM NOW!"



Bahrain face Qatar, Saudi in Asia Cup warm-ups

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Bahrain will put their Asia Cup hopes through one last Gulf test in Doha next week, taking on Qatar and Saudi Arabia just days before their qualifying campaign begins in Dubai.

The Reds face hosts Qatar on Thursday, August 20, before meeting Saudi Arabia on Friday, August 21, in a three-team warm-up tournament. Both games start at 7pm Bahrain time at Al Janoub Stadium hall.

The short Doha stay is the final match test before Bahrain head to the UAE for the first round of the FIBA Asia Cup 2029 pre-qualifiers.

Bahrain have been drawn with the UAE, Kuwait, Oman and Nepal and open against Oman on August 27. The UAE follow a day later, before games against Nepal on August 30 and Kuwait on August 31.

Three teams from the group



National basketball team trains ahead of its upcoming international fixtures

will go through to the second qualifying round.

That leaves little room for a slow start and gives the Qatar and Saudi matches added weight. The coaching staff will use them to judge form, cut down mistakes and sharpen defensive work before the first points are at stake.

The squad has continued training in Bahrain, with work centred on fitness, ball control and team play.

Two Gulf opponents should also offer a useful gauge. Bahrain will meet three more Gulf sides in Dubai, with Oman, the UAE and Kuwait all standing between the Reds and a place in the next round.

Bahrain are trying to fight their way back to the continental finals after missing the 2025 Asia Cup in Jeddah. Their last qualifying run ended with defeats by India and Iraq.

The senior side also has the 2026 Asian Games in Nagoya on its calendar later this year.

Somali referee denied World Cup ‘proud’ to oversee UEFA Super Cup



Somali referee Omar Artan

AFP | Salzburg

Somali referee denied World Cup ‘proud’ to oversee UEFA Super Cup.

Before the World Cup started in June, the 34-year-old referee unwittingly found himself in the media spotlight after being turned away on arrival at Miami International Airport, despite being part of the panel of referees selected by FIFA for the tournament.

“It was a very tough period,” Artan said in an interview published on the UEFA website.

“A lot of people have sympathy for me, because when someone has been working a lot of years and is supposed to do something, and then can’t do it, it’s very challenging.”

A US State Department official told AFP that the referee was “associated with suspected members of terrorist organizations”, therefore “making the traveler inelig-

ble for admission to the United States”.

These allegations were rejected by the referee and caused outrage in Somalia, where Artan had been welcomed as a hero on his return.

“It is unfortunate what happened to the referee from Somalia,” FIFA president Gianni Infantino said at the time, adding: “We don’t control everything.”

In response, UEFA, the governing body of European football, announced that Artan would referee the UEFA Super Cup, which pits Champions League winners PSG against the Europa League winners Aston Villa.

“I was lucky, but I have worked very hard to be here and I’m really proud,” Artan told UEFA.

“As you can imagine, I grew up in a difficult situation, but it didn’t prevent me from pursuing my dreams.”

Johnson signs for Everton in McNeil swap deal

AFP | London

Everton and Crystal Palace announced yesterday that they had completed a swap deal involving wingers Brennan Johnson and Dwight McNeil.

Wales international Johnson,

who has signed a four-year contract at David Moyes’ Everton, only joined Palace in January in a £35 million (\$47 million) move from Tottenham.

The 25-year-old was an unused substitute in the London club’s UEFA Conference League final

success, 12 months after scoring Spurs’ winning goal in their Europa League final victory.

“There were a lot of reasons why I was so keen to join -- the manager, the players, the direction the team is going in,” Johnson told Everton TV.



Brennan Johnson

Notts Forest owner Marinakis **sues** Palace over gun banner - reports



Nottingham Forest owner Evangelos Marinakis

AFP | London

Nottingham Forest owner Evangelos Marinakis is suing Crystal Palace over a banner unfurled by the London club’s fans depicting him holding a gun to midfielder Morgan Gibbs-White’s head, according to reports.

Marinakis’ legal team lodged the defamation claim against Palace and “persons unknown” at the High Court in London on Monday, nearly a year on from the banner being displayed during the 1-1 Premier League clash between the two clubs at Selhurst Park.

Alongside the image, the banner read: “Mr Marinakis is not involved in blackmail, match-fixing, drug trafficking or corruption.”

The Greek shipping and media magnate has consistently denied any wrongdoing in relation to such allegations.

In November 2025, the Football Association charged Palace with failing to ensure that supporters did not behave in an improper, offensive, abusive or provocative way and later fined the club £50,000 (\$67,000).

The game on August 24 last year took place amid heightened tensions after Forest had taken Palace’s place in the Europa League after the south London club were relegated to the Conference League for breaking UEFA’s multi-club ownership rules.

Marinakis, a 59-year-old Greek businessman, also owns Olympiacos in Greece and Rio Ave in Portugal.

Para lifters test readiness



The Bahrain Paralympic Committee, in cooperation with the Bahrain Disabled Sports Federation, is holding the Bahrain Paralympic Weightlifting Championship at Sports City as part of preparations for upcoming international competitions. The championship features elite athletes and provides Bahrain’s national team an opportunity to assess their technical and physical readiness ahead of major events, particularly the Asian Para Games in Nagoya and the World Championships to be hosted by Bahrain. The competition also aims to help athletes improve their performance and strengthen Bahrain’s presence in Paralympic weightlifting at the Asian and international levels.

Trump says would be ‘terrible mistake’ to oust Infantino

- Trump strongly backs Infantino
- Three confederations criticize FIFA chief

AFP | Washington

U.S. President Donald Trump said it would be “a terrible mistake” to replace Gianni Infantino, the embattled FIFA president who tried, and failed, to sell off part of the World Cup to private investors.

Infantino came under renewed fire in an open letter signed by three confederations -- Europe’s UEFA, North and Central America’s CONCACAF and Asia’s AFC -- accusing the world football boss of breaking trust “through deception”.

But Trump backed Infantino, who awarded the US president a “FIFA Peace Prize” at the World Cup draw ceremony last year.

“FIFA would be making a terrible mistake if, for any reason, they even considered replacing President Gianni Infantino,” Trump posted on Truth Social.

Trump called Infantino “fantastic” and said he “presided over the most successful World Cup, by four times, ever presented”.

“If he is gone, it will never



U.S. President Donald Trump and FIFA President Gianni Infantino look on after presenting the FIFA World Cup Winner's Trophy to Spain

be as successful or profitable again!” added Trump, who attended the World Cup final with Infantino last month.

Trump’s backing of Infantino is at odds with US Soccer, who joined the voices lining up against the FIFA president.

Infantino launched, and then withdrew in the face of scathing criticism, a plan to bring private investment into FIFA competitions, including World Cups.

FIFA hit back on Saturday at efforts “to undermine” football’s governing body and Infantino.

However, Monday’s joint letter from UEFA, CONCACAF and

the AFC retorted: “Leadership in football is not a possession. It is not about holding -- or demanding -- power to be held.

“When trust is broken through deception, when an individual places himself above the collective that entrusted him with authority, that duty has been abandoned.”

UEFA boycott threat

CONCACAF president Victor Montagliani is viewed as a potential challenger to Infantino, who will be up for re-election for a fourth and final term at the FIFA Congress in March, 2027.

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Infantino awarded Trump a FIFA Peace Prize at last year's World Cup draw ceremony, adding a personal dimension to the president's public support

Candidates have to be declared by November 18.

Infantino had looked certain to be unopposed for a fourth term after overseeing a successful World Cup in the United States, Mexico and Canada until his plans were revealed.

The 56-year-old Swiss, who has been in situ for 10 years, has received the backing of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) while South American governing body CONMEBOL is largely supportive.

Individual member associations, not confederations, vote in the FIFA election.

Infantino has received support from CONCACAF's Mexico and two AFC members -- Kuwait and 2022 World Cup hosts Qatar, where he has a house.

Rain postponements wreck Montreal Masters schedule



A general view as play was suspended due to rain
AFP | Montreal

Evening rain and the threat of lightning forced postponement of the first two quarter-finals at the ATP Montreal Masters.

The 12-day event, which has been drawing criticism for excessive length, was unable to stage the matches due to weather interruptions that have repeatedly plagued the tournament, which lasts for nearly as long as a Grand Slam.

The planned matches between Spain’s Rafael Nadal and Frenchman Arthur Fils and the clash between Italy’s Luciano Darderi and American Brandon Nakashima were both rescheduled for yesterday.

Defending champion Ben Shelton, the fifth seed from the United States, will face Czech Jakub Mensik and Spain’s Daniel Merida will play Amer-

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Liverpool fans seek clarity on Bezos bid to buy stake



Amazon's founder Jeff Bezos
AFP | London

Liverpool supporters’ group Spirit of Shankly said the interests of the club and fans must come first following reports that a consortium including Amazon founder Jeff Bezos is close to a deal to buy a significant minority stake.

Sky News said Bezos was part of an investor group led by Amit Bhatia, the son-in-law of India steel billionaire Lakshmi Mittal, which also includes Facebook co-founder Eduardo Saverin.

Liverpool owners Fenway Sports Group confirmed the approach from Bhatia’s group in July.

Monday’s Sky report said

the consortium was “closing in on a deal to buy a roughly one-third stake in Liverpool”, with FSG preparing to make an announcement “as soon as this week”.

Bezos is one of the world’s richest men, with a fortune estimated by Forbes magazine at more than \$280 billion, while Saverin’s wealth is put at \$33 billion.

The 62-year-old Bezos has reportedly explored previous bids for the NFL’s Seattle Seahawks and Washington Commanders, but decided against pursuing either deal.

Spirit of Shankly has written to Liverpool asking for more clarity and a meeting to discuss the potential changes.

Swiatek dominates Shnaider to set up Toronto semi with Svitolina

- Svitolina rallies past Alexandrova

AFP | Toronto

Former world number one Iga Swiatek cruised into the Toronto Masters semi-finals to set up a clash with Elina Svitolina who fought back from a set down to reach the last four.

Poland’s Swiatek, a six-time Grand Slam champion, took just 64 minutes to sweep past Russia’s Diana Shnaider 6-2, 6-1.

Ukraine’s Svitolina, the ninth seed, beat Russia’s Ekaterina Alexandrova 3-6, 6-0, 6-3.

Swiatek reached just her second WTA semi-final this year after Rome and is seeking her first final appearance since winning the Korea Open almost a year ago in Seoul.

“From the beginning I went for it. I felt like I could dominate,” Swiatek said after dropping just three points on her first serve.

“I was quite happy with the way I played. It was a tricky match with the wind.

“I thought I needed to adjust to that. I just wanted to be more solid,” added the 25-year-old world number eight.

Svitolina won eight consecu-



Iga Swiatek in action

tive games after losing the first set on the way to dispatching Alexandrova in 93 minutes.

Swiatek leads Svitolina 4-3 in their WTA career rivalry, but lost both their meetings this year.

“I’m gonna talk with my team to adjust a little bit for Iga’s game,” said Svitolina.

“Of course she’s a great champion. She plays really well this tournament. I have to bring my

best.”

Swiatek established a 5-2 lead in the first set when she broke Shnaider a second time, courtesy of the Russian netting a backhand, and served out to take it in 31 minutes.

The Pole broke for a 2-1 lead in the second when Shnaider netted. A forehand winner gave Swiatek a 4-1 lead and a third break sealed victory.

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Svitolina had more of a battle after sending a backhand long on serve to drop an evenly matched first set.

It fired up the Ukrainian who reeled off four breaks to blank Alexandrova in the second set and take a 2-0 lead in the third.

Svitolina served for the match in the eighth game of the final set only for a double fault to allow Alexandrova a lifeline.

But a pumped-up Svitolina roared back, broke to love and finished the match with a searing return winner.

“Very pleased with my performance. With the fighting spirit,” said Svitolina.

“She was playing really well in the first set. I had to really step into like a fighting mode.”