

Spies visited Iran nuclear site

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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US, Iran 'close' to agreement, Pakistan says

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Trump says ousting Infantino would be a 'terrible mistake'

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

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



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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 Regula-

ry 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.

