

The UK Maritime Trade Operations reported an incident in southwest of Al Hodaydah, Yemen, where a sailing vessel was approached by a skiff carrying around 10-12 individuals | P9



All Units On High Alert



The General Command of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) announced that all its units and weapon systems are operating at the highest levels of readiness and defensive preparedness. The BDF stated that since the beginning of what it described as "ongoing Iranian attacks," it has successfully intercepted and destroyed 194 missiles and 516 drones that targeted the Kingdom.

Drugs Hidden in Food



The High Criminal Court has set April 28 to deliver its verdict in the case of an Asian woman in her twenties accused of attempting to smuggle around 2.5 kilograms of marijuana into the country by concealing it inside food packages. According to court records, the defendant was charged by the Public Prosecution with importing narcotics on December 10, 2025, with the intent to traffic.

Customs officers at Bahrain International Airport became suspicious of the passenger while she was passing through the green channel and referred her to further inspection at the red channel. A search of her luggage reportedly uncovered six food-labeled packages containing approximately 2.065 kilograms of suspected narcotics.

An Anti-Narcotics Directorate officer testified that the defendant was arrested at the airport and that investigations pointed to a wider drug trafficking network. She was allegedly recruited to smuggle the drugs into Bahrain in exchange for 15,000 Thai baht.

Post-Attack Restoration Begins

GPIC Restoration Efforts Continue Under Strict Safety Guidelines

The Ministry of Interior confirmed the implementation of precautionary and proactive safety measures ahead of resuming the second phase of technical remediation and repair work at the Gulf Petrochemical Company (GPIC) facility, which sustained damage in an Iranian attack.

In a media briefing on Bahrain TV, the Ministry highlighted the importance of adhering to safety instructions and civil protection guidelines available on the National Civil Protection Platform, particularly those relating to ammonia gas leak response procedures.

As part of enhanced public safety measures, authorities designated a 2-kilometre safety radius around the affected site. The precautionary zone includes several industrial facilities and a limited number of



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CAPTAIN ABDULLAH AL-MANNAI, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

residential units within Block 619. Yesterday, Residents in the affected area have been notified of voluntary evacuation arrangements, with alternative temporary accommodation

made available. The Ministry confirmed that all necessary safety protocols are in place to ensure no hazardous material leakage threatens the public. Authorities reiter-

Preventive instructions for ammonia gas leaks

- Stay indoors in an inner room. Close all doors/windows, switch off ventilation, and block gaps with damp cloths.
- Cover your body fully and wear an N95 mask or a clean cloth over your face.
- Watch for symptoms like breathing issues or irritation and call 999 if needed.
- If exposed, remove clothing, seal it in a bag, and wash thoroughly with soap and water.
- If in a car, stop safely, close windows, and turn off the AC immediately.

Source: National Civil Protection Platform

ated their call for full cooperation from residents, stressing that the measures are intended solely to safeguard public safety. Officials added that comprehensive precautions remain in place to protect both citizens and residents.

The Ministry of Interior said the reported strike on 5 April 2026 targeting the GPIC facility

in a populated area, constitutes a serious violation against lives, property, and critical industrial infrastructure.

They further noted that potential large-scale loss of life and property was prevented due to precautionary and preventive measures already in place under Bahrain's civil protection framework.

Driver Claims Hunger

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A delivery driver told the High Criminal Court that he was "in a hurry to get breakfast" while defending himself in a case involving a fatal wrong-way motorcycle ride that caused a crash killing three people and injuring three others.

The defendant admitted during proceedings that he had been travelling in the wrong direction but said he was unaware the incident had resulted in deaths and injuries at the time.

Prosecutors said the accused is charged with causing a deadly traffic accident on March 14,

2026, by driving against the flow of traffic, which resulted in three fatalities and three injuries. He also faces charges of failing to assist victims, leaving the scene without reporting the incident, and not providing necessary aid despite being able to do so.

Additional charges include reckless driving that endangered lives and property, damage to others' belongings, and operating a vehicle in a manner that posed a serious risk to road users.

According to case details, the incident occurred around 3:10 a.m. in the Sehla area when the defendant rode his motorcycle against traffic rules from a pedestrian crossing. A vehicle driven by



"I was in a hurry to get breakfast." DELIVERY DRIVER

one of the victims subsequently lost control, struck a pole and a public transport stop, and hit three pedestrians.

The impact threw the victims onto the pavement. The vehicle then collided with a parked car, while the motorcyclist fled

the scene without stopping or informing authorities. Two victims died at the scene, while a third later succumbed to injuries in the hospital, turning a moment of reckless driving into a deadly chain of events.

Labour Training Resumed



The Ministry of Labour in Bahrain has announced that in-person training at private training institutions will resume starting Monday, April 13, 2026.

The Ministry stated that private training centres will also retain the flexibility to continue delivering programs either in-person or remotely, depending on the nature of the training and the requirements of international funding bodies.

EU-MEDIATED NEGOTIATIONS

Bahrain urges Kosovo-Serbia progress in EU-led dialogue

Cooperation on 1,582 missing persons cases

Trust-building and peaceful coexistence.

The Kingdom of Bahrain has chaired a United Nations Security Council meeting focused on the UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, emphasizing the importance of dialogue, diplomacy, and regional stability.

The session was led by Bahrain's Permanent Representative



to the United Nations in New York, Ambassador Jamal Fares Al-Ruwaie, and included briefings from the Foreign Ministers of Serbia and Kosovo, along with the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of the UN mission in Kosovo.

In its national statement, Bahrain welcomed constructive international and regional initiatives aimed at strengthening good relations, particularly in the Western Balkans. It also welcomed the formation of the Kosovo government in February 2026, stressing that political stability is essential for security,

development, and prosperity. Bahrain called on Serbia and Kosovo to engage constructively and in good faith in EU-mediated talks between Pristina and Belgrade. It also supported ongoing dialogue efforts, including trilateral meetings involving Serbia, Kosovo, and the European Union.

The Kingdom praised cooperation between the two sides in efforts to locate 1,582 missing persons from the 1998-1999 conflict in Kosovo, describing it as an important step in building trust and promoting reconciliation.