

Bahrain, Kuwait explore stronger investment ties

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Bahrain and Kuwait have explored new opportunities to expand economic and investment cooperation, as officials from the two countries met to discuss ways of strengthening their strategic partnership.



The discussions took place during a meeting between Kuwait's Minister of State for Economic Affairs and Investment, Abdulaziz Nasser Al Marzooq, and Bahrain's Ambassador to Kuwait, Salah Ali Al Malki.

Ambassador Al Malki highlighted the deep-rooted relations between Bahrain and Kuwait and the broad cooperation linking the two countries across various sectors.

He said bilateral ties continue to grow under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His

Highness Sheikh Mishal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Amir of Kuwait, with the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and His Highness Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al Hamad Al Sabah, Crown Prince of Kuwait.

The meeting reviewed ways to further strengthen collaboration in the economic and investment fields, supporting the strategic partnership between the two countries and advancing their shared development goals and aspirations.

Defence minister holds NATO talks

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Bahrain and NATO have reviewed ways to strengthen cooperation and coordination during a meeting between Defence Affairs Minister Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi and Javier Colomina, NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for the Southern Neighbourhood.

The discussions focused on existing ties between Bahrain and the alliance, as well as opportunities to further enhance collaboration in areas of mutual interest.



Both sides also exchanged views on ongoing cooperation and reaffirmed the importance of continued coordination in support of shared objectives.



GCC military official honoured at farewell meeting

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Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi has praised the contributions of Major General Eisa Rashid Al Mohannadi during a farewell meeting marking the end of his tenure as Assistant Secretary for Military Affairs

at the GCC General Secretariat. During the meeting, Lt Gen Al Nuaimi commended Maj Gen Al Mohannadi's efforts and role in supporting joint Gulf military cooperation.

He also wished him continued success in his future assignments and the next stage of his career.

Khalifa Bin Salman Port climbs to 19th globally in container port rankings

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Khalifa Bin Salman Port has advanced to 19th place worldwide in the latest Container Port Performance Index (CPPI), placing it among the world's top-performing container ports and marking a significant milestone for Bahrain's maritime sector.

The port, operated by APM Terminals Bahrain, was also recognised as one of the top five ports globally for improvements in operational efficiency during



the assessment period.

The annual CPPI, published by the World Bank and S&P Global

Market Intelligence, is an independent global benchmark that measures the efficiency of con-

tainer ports. The index assesses the total time vessels spend in port, from arrival to departure, while accounting for differences in vessel size and shipping operations.

APM Terminals Bahrain said the result reflects close cooperation among stakeholders across the port community, including the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, the Ports and Maritime Affairs Directorate, Customs Affairs, maritime service providers and logistics partners.



Several mosque development and service projects in the Northern Governorate's Tenth District have received approval from the Sunni Endowments Administration, according to MP Jameel Mulla Hassan following a meeting with officials. The MP said discussions focused on the needs of mosques and community projects in the district, resulting in a number of decisions aimed at enhancing services for residents and worshippers.

Aspire Gymnastics Academy celebrates major wins in Dubai and Bahrain competitions



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Aspire Gymnastics Academy Bahrain celebrated an outstanding season after its gymnasts achieved strong results in two major competitions held in

May 2026. The academy first took part in the Dubai Open for Gymnastics Academies, known as DOGA, on May 17 in Dubai, marking its second participation in the event. Aspire gymnasts competed in USAG Lev-

els 1, 2, 3 and 4 across floor, vault, beam and bars, winning 13 gold, 11 silver and 19 bronze medals.

Following this achievement, Aspire hosted the Inter-Bahrain Artistic Gymnastics Competi-

tion 2026 on May 30, bringing together 150 gymnasts from six leading clubs and one school in Bahrain. The competition followed USAG and FIG standards and was judged by qualified officials, including judges from the

Saudi Arabian Gymnastics Federation and experienced judges from Europe.

To mark the occasion, Aspire held a victory celebration at the academy on June 11, attended by famous Bahraini

influencer Gee Alshayeb, who congratulated the gymnasts, presented special gifts and encouraged the young athletes to continue working towards their dreams with confidence and discipline.