

BDF Commander-in-Chief Praises Health Sector Efforts



Bahrain Defence Force Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Supreme Council of Health Chairman Lieutenant General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa on Wednesday.

The BDF Commander-in-Chief welcomed the Supreme Health Council chairman and praised the council's efforts in managing medical services and healthcare in Bahrain.

He also commended the council's continued work to develop medical institutions and systems and improve their quality in line with ongoing advancements in the healthcare sector, serving citizens and residents.

Role of Bahraini youth



Shura Council Services Committee Chairwoman Dr. Jameela Mohammed Redha Al Salman described youth as a national asset and a key partner in the Kingdom's development journey.

She stressed the Shura Council's role in supporting youth through legislation and policies covering education, training, employment and entrepreneurship. She also highlighted the need to equip young people with future skills, including adaptability, creativity, continuous learning and responsible use of modern technologies such as artificial intelligence.

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Stability and Cooperation Define Gulf's Path

Leaders reaffirm commitment to strengthening cooperation and addressing shared regional challenges

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Highness Shaikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, discussed bilateral relations and ways to further strengthen cooperation and joint efforts, particularly in the economic and development sectors.

The meeting took place during His Majesty the King's visit to the United Arab Emirates.

The two leaders reviewed regional and international issues of common interest, including developments in



the Middle East and ongoing efforts to enhance regional security and stability for the benefit of the region's countries and peoples.

His Majesty the King commended the UAE's steadfast support for Bahrain under all circumstances, noting its contribution to strengthening the Kingdom's efforts and capabilities in addressing various challenges.

His Majesty the King and the UAE President expressed pride in the long-standing relations between Bahrain and the UAE and reaffirmed their commitment to expanding joint cooperation, particularly in addressing shared challenges facing the region.



Minister of Youth Affairs Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi met with GCC delegations participating in programmes organised by the GCC Youth Empowerment Committee at Youth City 2030.

The minister welcomed the

participants and praised their engagement in the programmes and activities hosted by Youth City 2030, highlighting the opportunities it provides for learning, skills development and the exchange of expertise among GCC youth.

She affirmed Bahrain's commitment to supporting GCC joint action and strengthening cooperation and integration among the GCC countries.

Tawfiqi said the efforts are part of the comprehensive development process led by His

Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, while also highlighting the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in supporting greater GCC cooperation.

Slow-Motion Disaster Off Oman

Beaches at Ras Madrakah contaminated more than 200km from the stricken vessel

An oil spill from a tanker that ran aground off Oman's coast has reached the mainland, state media reported, while monsoon winds were obstructing containment efforts, the United Nations' maritime agency said.

Previously found that the ship had been stranded for weeks near Oman's Al-Qibliyyah island after it was damaged by explosions.

The Oman News Agency (ONA) quoted the country's environment authority as saying that monitoring

results showed that some beaches in the Ras Madrakah area were affected by oil pollution.

The Indian Ocean town sits more than 200 kilometres (125 miles) from Al-Qibliyya.

Meanwhile, a spokesperson for the UN's International Maritime Organization said it was "closely monitoring the oil leakage from the crude oil tanker CAROLINE BEZENGI, which grounded off the coast of Oman on 30 June 2026 and is currently around 22 nautical miles off-

shore of Sharbithat, Oman". They added that "oil is drifting offshore to the northeast of Al-Qibliyyah island with some oil reported to be reaching the mainland," and that "the seasonal monsoon has limited access to the vessel and delayed salvage operations".

Oman on Monday said it was working to contain the spill, which had affected roughly 390 square kilometres (150 square miles), according to the most recent analysis from the country's environment agency.



Marine safety awareness campaign



Bahrain's Coast Guard has launched a marine awareness campaign in cooperation with Bapco Energies as part of ongoing efforts to enhance safety and regulate maritime traffic.

The campaign is being conducted in connection with the ongoing 3D marine survey project in Bahrain's northern waters. It aims to raise awareness among fishermen, boat owners and sea users about safety guidelines and navigation rules in the project areas.

The Coast Guard urged sea users to maintain safe speeds, avoid approaching or tampering with survey equipment, and refrain from fishing or other marine activities within designated work zones.

Kingfish net ban starts Saturday



Bahrain will ban catching kingfish using nets in its territorial waters for two months from August 15 to October 15, the Supreme Council for Environment has announced.

The restriction aims to protect kingfish stocks during the fertilisation and breeding season and support the sustainability of Bahrain's marine resources. Fishing for kingfish using lines will remain permitted during the ban.

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