

Finance Minister receives US Congress delegation



HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Finance and National Economy Minister, met with a US Congress delegation headed by Senator Steve Daines, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The minister underscored the long-standing and trusted partnership between Bahrain and the United States, noting the steady growth of cooperation across key sectors. He added that Bahrain remains committed to strengthening its cooperation with the United States and to expanding opportunities for collaboration, particularly in finance and the wider economy, in support of shared priorities and future ambitions.

Spartan Sports Festival 2025



His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, watched his children, His Highness Shaikh Hamad bin Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa participate in the Spartan Sports Festival 2025, which is held annually with wide participation across various categories. His Highness's sons participated in the Calisthenics competition in the Street lifting category for under-16, held for the first time in the Kingdom. His Highness Shaikh Hamad bin Nasser bin Hamad and His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Nasser bin Hamad gave outstanding performances in the competitions.

October imports top 2.65 billion kg, valued at **BD 520 million**

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Bahrain imported over 2.65 billion kilograms of goods in October 2025, with the total value reaching approximately BD 520 million, according to data from the Bahrain Open Data Portal released by the Information and eGovernment Authority.

In US dollars, the import bill for the month stood at around \$1.388 billion, offering a snapshot of the wide-ranging trade flows entering the country during the period.

The recorded imports spanned more than 2,315 billion



units, covering a diverse mix of goods, including raw materials, industrial products, and food items. Key trading partners listed for October included Belgium, France, the Sultanate of Oman, and Somalia, among others.

Notable imports for the month included livestock and specialty animals such as sport horses, cows, and goats. The shipments also featured iron and steel products, mixed fruits and vegetables, household and institutional electrical appliances, plastic goods, decorative items, and jewellery, reflecting Bahrain's varied import needs.

Minister of Education



Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education and Chair of the Higher Education Council Board of Trustees, received with Professor Yutaro Oki, Director of the J-MENA Network promoting study opportunities in Japan across the Middle East and North Africa. Okai Asako, Ambassador of Japan to Bahrain, attended the meeting. The discussions focused on enhancing collaboration to create more opportunities for Bahraini students to pursue higher education in Japan, particularly in fields such as engineering, science, technology, communications, and research

BAHRAIN EMBASSY IN AMMAN CELEBRATES NATIONAL DAY



The Embassy of Bahrain in Jordan hosted a reception in Amman to mark Bahrain's national holidays and the anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's accession. The event was attended by Dr. Nancy Namrouqa, Jordan's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. During the ceremony, Bahrain's Ambassador to Jordan, Sheikh Khalifa bin Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, conveyed his warmest congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad and to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, on this national occasion.

14th GCC-EU Economic Dialogue



Dr. Mohammed Ali Behzad, Ambassador of Bahrain to Belgium, led the Kingdom's delegation at the 14th GCC-EU Economic Dialogue, convened yesterday at the European Commission in Brussels. The GCC Secretariat's delegation was headed by Dr. Abdulaziz bin Hamad Al Owaishek, GCC Assistant Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs, Political Affairs, and Negotiations. The EU side was led by Annika Ericsgård, Director for International Economic and Financial Relations and Global Governance, with participation from senior experts and officials from both the GCC and the European Union. Dr. Behzad noted that the dialogue has become an important forum for deepening cooperation between the GCC and the EU, particularly as both sides look to address shared economic pressures, support sustainable growth and identify new areas for partnership in trade, investment and clean energy.

Tenders opened for school repairs, power station upgrade, and classroom furniture

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Five public tenders have been opened by the Tender Board, drawing 22 bids in total. One of them, from the Ministry of Works, seeks a full overhaul of Dair Primary Intermediate Girls School. The minis-

try said the job covers civil and building work such as internal and external painting, repairing cracks, fixing ceilings and floors, repairing or replacing doors and windows, and refurbishing bathrooms.

It said the package also includes mechanical work to upgrade water networks and

replace water tanks, alongside electrical work to refurbish the electrical room, replace distribution boards and lighting, and renew the fire system. Six bids were received, with the lowest at BD491,000.

The Electricity and Water Authority has also put out a tender to upgrade a 66kV feed-

er relay panel at main power transmission stations that have been running for more than 20 years. Four bids were received, with the lowest at BD253,000.

In a second tender, the authority's General Services and Central Stores Directorate is seeking the supply of water fittings (bend, tee and

puddle flange). Two bids were submitted, with the lowest at BD138,000.

The Ministry of Education, meanwhile, is seeking durable, high-quality classroom furniture, saying the request covers all classroom furniture and related items and must meet the technical specifications and

safety standards in the tender conditions. Five bids were received, with the lowest at BD69,000.

Bapco Refining has also floated a tender to buy column trays for the 4ACDU unit for maintenance and inspection work in 2027. It received five bids, with the lowest at BD62,000.