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## HM King: Summit key to strengthening GCC-US ties



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, arrives in Saudi Arabia to attend the summit



HM the King is welcomed by HRH Prince Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud upon arrival

**Riyadh**

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa highlighted the significance of the GCC-US Summit held in Riyadh, describing it as an important platform

to continue strengthening the close ties between the Arabian Gulf states and the United States.

He emphasised the importance of further developing strategic cooperation to serve shared interests and address regional and global developments that impact

peace and security.

HM the King made the statements upon arriving in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to lead Bahrain's delegation at the summit, held in Riyadh at the invitation of King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques.

His Majesty expressed hope that the summit would yield constructive outcomes that enhance collective efforts and reinforce strategic partnerships.

Upon arrival, HM King Hamad was received by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Deputy Governor of Riyadh, Jassim Mohammed Al Budaiwi, Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), the ambassadors of both countries and senior officials.

**Appreciation**

In a statement issued on arrival, His Majesty expressed appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for hosting the summit and for their continued efforts in promoting regional and international stability.

HM the King also commended Saudi Arabia's role in maintaining international peace, supporting Arab and Islamic causes, and fostering global cooperation to ensure prosperity for all nations.

An official mission of honour was formed to accompany His Majesty during the visit, led by the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to Syrian President Ahmed Al Sharaa. HM the King and HRH Prince Salman congratulated President Al Sharaa and the Syrian people following the announcement by the US President Donald Trump to lift economic sanctions on Syria, in response to the efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

# Price of progress

MPs sound alarm, demand action, as 25% rise in material costs delays housing projects

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

Twenty-five per cent price jumps in key construction materials have triggered fresh warnings from MPs and property developers, who say shortages are already stalling housing projects and pushing affordable homes further out of reach.

They have called for a 10-year plan focused on steady supply lines, more factory output at home, better offloading infrastructure, and short-term relief for builders struggling to keep costs in check.

Among their main concerns are schemes such as 'Mazaya' and 'Land and Loan', which rely on reliable supplies and stable pricing to remain within reach of ordinary buyers.

**Growing pressure**

MP Hassan Ibrahim Hassan pointed to growing pressure across government-backed developments, which depend on a constant flow of steel, cement and other materials.

A break in the chain, he said, sets off delays across the board.

He noted that while several Bahraini companies own the barges used to bring in materials, many were leased abroad on high-paying deals, leaving fewer resources at home.

**Basic inputs**

As a result, private firms working on ministry projects are now struggling to source basic inputs.

He warned that the cost of public tenders has already climbed due to these shortfalls.

With Bahrain needing up to



**To keep home prices stable, attention should turn to helping low-income families who rely on subsidised housing schemes**

MP HASSAN IBRAHIM HASSAN



**To keep the market steady, there should be tax breaks and perks for firms willing to hold their prices, and tighter checks on resale prices**

MP JALILA AL SAYED

11 million tonnes of imported material each year, the latest shipments will not last long, perhaps a month.

**Domestic projects**

Meanwhile, suppliers in neighbouring countries are stretched by large domestic projects of their own and have little left to send.

To keep home prices stable, Hassan said, attention should turn to helping low-income families who rely on subsidised housing schemes.

He suggested building more berths to speed up deliveries and ease delays.

MP Jalila Al Sayed said higher prices were making it harder for families to benefit from state-backed loans.

With the cost of raw materials

rising, so too are house prices.

**Good terms**

That, she said, risks putting units beyond reach and may cause developers to hesitate before offering homes on good terms.

Shortages have already held up work across housing and infrastructure, especially where deliveries of concrete and iron have slowed.

She said this could also weigh on hiring in the building trade.

She called for Bahrain to cast a wider net when importing materials, avoiding too much reliance on one or two countries.

**Homegrown production**

More homegrown production of cement and blocks would help too.

To keep the market steady, she proposed tax breaks and perks for firms willing to hold their prices, more warehouse space for storage, and tighter checks on resale prices.

Builders who avoid passing costs on to buyers, she added, should be offered better financing terms.

Jasim Mohammed Kadhem, head of Dar Al Sultan Real Estate, said price rises were affecting everyone involved, from developers to end users.

He explained that building costs are not worked out by volume but per house, based on how much sand, concrete and steel each one needs.

**Sign**

Prices have shot up in recent months and there is no sign of them coming down.

Kadhem pointed to concrete as one of the most affected materials

Where it used to cost BD25 to BD27 per square metre, it now goes for around BD34, a jump of roughly a quarter.

He said this made it harder to plan budgets, especially when suppliers varied so widely in pricing.

A load of sand now runs to about BD85. Steel is close to BD239 per tonne, although that shifts with global rates.

A single 8-inch block costs 264 fils. Cement bags sell for BD1.6, while tying wire comes in at around BD2.5.

Contractors and shopkeepers say materials are in stock for now, and the shortages seen earlier this year were linked to rising demand in nearby countries.

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**Kingdom's mobile network quality 'best' in region**  
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Bahrain has ranked first in the MENA and GCC regions in the Global Network Excellence Index, a global benchmark for mobile network quality, according to OpenSignal, the independent analytics company.

This achievement underscores the Kingdom's commitment to digital excellence and positions Bahrain as a leader in telecommunications.

Bahrain was recognised for its outstanding 4G/5G availability, fast download speeds, and reliable network quality.

This ranking reflects Bahrain's advanced infrastructure and readiness for future digital needs.

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) has played a pivotal role by creating a regulatory environment that develops innovation and ensures high service standards.

Philip Marnick, General Director of the TRA, said the achievement highlights Bahrain's leadership in digital infrastructure.

# Model of excellence

HRH Prince Salman awards 29 government service centres and remote government service centres with gold and platinum classifications under the 'Taqyeem' program

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, expressed his pride in the national workforce, whose passion and ambition are key enablers of the Kingdom's ongoing progress.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he awarded yesterday 29 government service centres and remote service centres with gold and platinum classifications under the fifth edition of the "Taqyeem" evaluation program, at Gudaibiya Palace.

The awards recognise outstanding performance in public service delivery.

His Royal Highness emphasised the dedication and efforts of Bahraini citizens, which continue to drive the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister commended the development of the fifth edition

of the "Taqyeem" evaluation program, noting the introduction of a new platinum classification for remote government service centres, reflecting their excellence in delivering government services.

He emphasised that the programme's updated evaluation criteria and expanded scope are aligned with Bahrain's digital transformation goals and public sector competitiveness.

His Royal Highness extended his congratulations to the awarded centres for their efforts and excellence, noting that these accomplishments should serve as a baseline to further elevate service standards and achieve the Kingdom's desired aspirations and goals.

## Efficiency

He commended the continuous development of government entities, which is a result of the efforts to improve efficiency and sharing best practices.

HRH Prince Salman also commended the ministries that

maintained high standards following previous awards, as well as those that improved their performance over the years.

His Royal Highness highlighted that these efforts reflect the determination in providing quality service delivery and commitment to develop national efforts.

He emphasised that the government service centres awarded gold and platinum awards for distinguished achievements are

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Government service centres awarded gold and platinum for distinguished achievements serve as a model of excellence for all other centres to follow

HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

a model of excellence for all government centres to meet.



HRH Prince Salman with senior government officials and recipients of the awards

## 'Top investment destination in Gulf'

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Bahrain continues to implement comprehensive development plans aimed at strengthening its position as a leading investment destination in the region.

This was emphasised by His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, who gave credit to the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. Shaikh Salman also underscored the importance of strategic initiatives that attract investment and enhance



H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa presides over the ribbon-cutting ceremony

the business climate, contributing to national development and economic growth.

The Minister was speaking as he inaugurated the Bahrain Investors Centre following the completion of its redevelopment at Bahrain Financial Harbour.

The ceremony was attended by H.E. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, along with senior officials.

## Updates

Shaikh Salman also reviewed the updates made to

the Saudi Investors Centre and inaugurated the newly established UAE Investors Centre, as part of Bahrain's ongoing efforts to enhance its business environment and deliver advanced investment services.

The Minister emphasised the role of investment centres in improving the quality of services and supporting a more efficient and competitive investment environment.

He highlighted that simplifying procedures and accelerating service delivery improves investor satisfaction and facilitates business operations, reflecting Bahrain's commitment to adopting best practices.

## Dumistan seafront project to move ahead on new site

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A 12,223 square metre plot in Dumistan, just half a kilometre from the existing beach, has been set aside for future public use, the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, His Excellency Wael Al Mubarak, has confirmed.

The land lies in Block 1017 and falls under the ministry's control.

It has already been reclaimed and is now expected to feature in the government's next set of projects aimed at improving public facilities.

The announcement came in a written reply to the Northern

Municipal Council which had previously asked for part of the current beach to be acquired and turned into a permanent coastal park.

The earlier request stalled due to lack of funds for land acquisition.

Instead, the ministry has identified an alternative parcel nearby that sidesteps the need for new purchases.

The new location sits only 500 metres from the site residents had originally requested.

Zainab Al Durazi, Northern Municipal Council member, welcomed the response and said it shows movement on a long-standing issue raised by locals.

## Beach upgrade set to begin between Al Malkiya arcade and restaurant

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Construction is due to begin on part of Al Malkiya Beach, where a stretch of sand between a games arcade and a Lebanese restaurant will be turned into a public space with new toilets and service units near the main entrance.

Two sites have been selected for the scheme, following discussions between the Northern Municipality and local residents.

The plans were drawn up after Municipal Council member Zainab Al Durazi raised the matter with Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, His Excellency Wael Al Mubarak.

## FrancoFilm Festival Returns for Third Edition

Mahir Haneef  
TDI | Manama

Bahrain will welcome movie lovers this weekend as the FrancoFilm Festival returns for its third edition at EPIX Cinemas in Dana Mall, Manama.

Organised by the Embassy of France to the Kingdom of Bahrain and Alliance Française Bahrain, the festival runs from May 17th to 22nd and promises a vibrant celebration of franco-phone cinema.

A diverse lineup of films in French and from French-speaking countries will be shown, highlighting cinematic works from Africa, America, Asia, and Europe.

Participating nations include Armenia, Belgium, Cameroon,



Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Switzerland, Tunisia, and Vietnam. Screenings will take place

The full schedule will be released shortly. All screenings at EPIX Cinemas, except the opening night, will be walk-in, subject to seat availability.

## Special events planned

The festival opening, under the patronage of H.E. Eric Giraud Telme, Ambassador of France to Bahrain, is set for May 18th at 7 p.m. and will feature 'The Count of Monte Cristo' ('Le Comte de Monte Cristo'), directed by Alexandre de la Patellière and Matthieu Delaporte.

The film has attracted nearly 10 million viewers in France.

In a unique collaboration with the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, the festival will also present 'La Ville

Louvre' by Nicolas Philibert at Bahrain National Museum on May 22nd at 6 p.m., marking International Museum Day.

## Family-friendly experience

The FrancoFilm Festival aims to engage families with special children's movies shown in the EPIX Cinemas' dedicated Kids cinema auditorium, Kinder, which includes a play area.

The initiative encourages young audiences to discover the creativity of French-speaking animators.

Organisers say the festival, inspired by the energy of last year's 19th Francophonie Summit at Villers-Cotterêts, celebrates the vitality and artistic breadth of global French-language cinema.

# Watchful guardians

Cameras to be installed in Muharraq parks following nighttime drug use and vandalism reports

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

Cameras are to be installed across public parks in Muharraq to deter drug use and vandalism, following a vote by the municipal council.

The proposal was brought forward by councillor Mohammed Al Mahmood after residents reported groups loitering in parks after dark, with some suspected of using narcotics.

He said families no longer felt safe, and that damage to park property was becoming more frequent.

He called for round-the-clock monitoring.

The cameras will be linked to a control room, with recordings kept for at least 30 days.

He also suggested posting security staff at key locations, either from the municipality or licensed private firms, in

coordination with the Interior Ministry.

## Public spaces

Municipality director general Khalid Al Qallaf said the work would begin at major parks before being extended in stages to other public spaces.

Al Mahmood said behaviour in the parks had worsened in

the evening hours.

**Speed limit**

In the same session, councillor Mohammed Al Moqahwi called for the speed limit to be reduced on Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Bridge.

He said lorry drivers were repeatedly ignoring traffic laws, leading to a string of deadly crashes.

The bridge is a major link between key areas, and any accident causes long queues.

He urged the authorities to deal more firmly with reckless drivers before more lives are



Muharraq Municipal Council meeting in progress

lost. Al Qallaf also addressed reports that demolition work on derelict heritage-listed homes had been halted.

## Demolitions

He said procedures were being reviewed but that the demolitions had not stopped.

The municipality is working with the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) to decide which buildings should be dealt with first.

The council has asked for an updated list of buildings under review.

Another proposal by the council, to replace metal gas cylinders with plastic alternatives, is being studied by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

## Initial review

In a written reply, Undersecretary Eman Al Doseri said the Inspection and Standards Directorate had completed an initial review of relevant regulations across the Gulf.

The matter is also being reviewed by the Civil Defence department.

The results will be shared with the council once the process is completed.

## Man attacks former lover with hammer

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A woman who tried to turn a past relationship into a simple friendship ended up fighting for her life after her former lover showed up at her flat carrying a hammer. She had let him in as a familiar guest.

What followed, though, was anything but cordial.

Inside her flat, he allegedly pushed her onto the bed and struck her repeatedly with the hammer.

She collapsed, but the blows kept coming.

By the time she lost strength, he believed she was dead.

## Blood

Instead of fleeing, he began wiping up the blood.

The scene was interrupted when another man arrived at the door. He had been contacted earlier by a mutual acquaintance who needed help with a gas cylinder.

After knocking several times, he was shocked to see the woman emerge, bloodied and stumbling, before rushing past him to safety.

Inside, he found the accused, whose clothes were soaked in blood. The man fled.

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### INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 MARCH 2025



#### INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Reviewed 31 March 2025 BD'000	Audited 31 December 2024 BD'000
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and balances with banks and financial institutions	60,312	58,986
Receivables	175,455	177,556
Ijara muntahia bittamleek and ijara receivables	215,765	217,460
Musharakat	74,980	74,358
Investments	407,860	377,729
Investment in joint venture	-	6,511
Investments in real estate	2,911	2,911
Premises and equipment	29,810	29,920
Intangibles and goodwill	8,923	8,251
Other assets	21,503	16,535
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>997,519</b>	<b>970,217</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, QUASI EQUITY AND OWNERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current accounts	139,032	109,954
Murabaha and other payables	28,481	45,939
Other liabilities	43,058	40,331
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>210,571</b>	<b>196,224</b>
<b>Quasi equity</b>		
Participatory investment accounts	706,493	692,335
Subordinated mudaraba	2,423	2,361
<b>Total quasi equity</b>	<b>708,916</b>	<b>694,696</b>
<b>Owners' equity</b>		
Share capital	57,100	57,100
Perpetual equity-type instruments	36,192	36,192
Reserves	(9,197)	(9,068)
Accumulated losses	(15,541)	(14,638)
<b>Equity attributable to parent's shareholders</b>	<b>68,554</b>	<b>69,586</b>
Non-controlling interests	9,478	9,711
<b>Total owners' equity</b>	<b>78,032</b>	<b>79,297</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, QUASI EQUITY AND OWNERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>997,519</b>	<b>970,217</b>
<b>OFF-BALANCE SHEET ITEMS:</b>		
<b>ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>383,485</b>	<b>339,724</b>
<b>CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS</b>	<b>79,467</b>	<b>74,088</b>

#### INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

	Three months ended 31 March	
	2025 BD'000	2024 BD'000
Income from financing contracts	8,929	9,440
Income from investments	7,862	10,836
Share of income from investment in joint venture	-	129
Income from banking services	768	768
Other income	1,101	815
Group's mudarib / agency fee from off-balance sheet assets under management	10	15
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>18,670</b>	<b>22,003</b>
Cost of murabaha and other payables	(435)	(3,171)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME BEFORE ATTRIBUTION TO QUASI EQUITY</b>	<b>18,235</b>	<b>18,832</b>
Net income attributable to quasi-equity	(10,462)	(12,297)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>7,773</b>	<b>6,535</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Staff expenses	(3,053)	(2,999)
Depreciation and amortization	(1,092)	(998)
Other operating expenses	(2,965)	(2,851)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>(7,110)</b>	<b>(6,848)</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME / (LOSS)</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>(313)</b>
Allowances for impairment - net	325	(141)
<b>NET INCOME / (LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>(454)</b>
Taxation	(1,355)	(1,213)
<b>LOSS FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>(367)</b>	<b>(1,667)</b>
Attributable to:		
Equity of the Parent's shareholders	(903)	(2,198)
Non-controlling interests	536	531
	<b>(367)</b>	<b>(1,667)</b>

#### INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Three months ended 31 March	
	2025 BD'000	2024 BD'000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income / (loss) before taxation	988	(454)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation and amortization	1,092	998
Allowances for impairment - net	(325)	141
Loss on sale of premises and equipment	-	40
Gain on sale of investments	(162)	(26)
Share of income from investment in joint venture	-	(129)
Operating profit before changes in operating assets and liabilities	1,593	570
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Balances with central banks in mandatory reserves	1,127	6,431
Receivables	(2,807)	(701)
Ijara muntahia bittamleek and ijara receivables	1,565	7,068
Musharakat	(506)	1,145
Other assets	(4,952)	901
Other liabilities	3,365	(4,895)
Murabaha and other payables	(17,458)	(2,703)
Current accounts	29,078	3,896
Participatory investment accounts	14,157	(8,208)
Tax paid	(1,909)	(1,296)
Net cash generated from operating activities	23,253	2,208
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of investments	(119,042)	(76,244)
Proceeds from sale / redemption of investments	88,682	64,075
Net purchase of premises and equipment	(980)	(1,699)
Disposal of investment in joint venture	6,510	-
Net cash used in from investing activities	(24,830)	(13,868)
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net movement in subordinated mudaraba	62	71
Dividend paid by subsidiary	(287)	-
Net cash (used in) / generated from financing activities	(225)	71
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(900)	395
<b>NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(2,702)</b>	<b>(11,194)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	47,437	72,491
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD</b>	<b>44,735</b>	<b>61,297</b>

#### INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY

	Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent											Total owners' equity BD'000
	Share capital BD'000	Perpetual equity-type instruments BD'000	Statutory BD'000	General BD'000	Employee defined benefit plan BD'000	Cumulative changes in fair value BD'000	Revaluation of premises and equipment BD'000	Foreign exchange BD'000	Accumulated losses BD'000	Equity attributable to parent's shareholders BD'000	Non-controlling interest BD'000	
<b>Balance at 1 January 2025 (Audited)</b>	57,100	36,192	9,845	3,275	(129)	2,452	119	(24,630)	(14,638)	69,586	9,711	79,297
(Loss)/income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(903)	(903)	536	(367)
Other comprehensive income / (loss)	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	(140)	-	(129)	(477)	(606)
Dividend paid by subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(292)	(292)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2025 (Reviewed)</b>	<b>57,100</b>	<b>36,192</b>	<b>9,845</b>	<b>3,275</b>	<b>(129)</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>(24,770)</b>	<b>(15,541)</b>	<b>68,554</b>	<b>9,478</b>	<b>78,032</b>
<b>Balance at 1 January 2024 (Audited)</b>	57,100	36,192	9,845	3,275	(109)	2,595	119	(24,835)	(4,870)	79,312	7,251	86,563
(Loss) / income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,198)	(2,198)	531	(1,667)
Other comprehensive (loss) / income	-	-	-	-	-	(592)	-	273	-	(319)	113	(206)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2024 (Reviewed)</b>	<b>57,100</b>	<b>36,192</b>	<b>9,845</b>	<b>3,275</b>	<b>(109)</b>	<b>2,003</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>(24,562)</b>	<b>(7,068)</b>	<b>76,795</b>	<b>7,895</b>	<b>84,690</b>

For the purpose of the interim condensed consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

	2025 BD'000	2024 BD'000
Cash in hand	8,390	10,211
Balances with central banks in unrestricted accounts	11,017	9,163
Balances with other banks and financial institutions (with original maturity of 3 months or less)	18,318	19,184
Receivables - Commodities and Wakala placement with Fis (with original maturity of 3 months or less)	7,010	22,739
<b>TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>44,735</b>	<b>61,297</b>

These statements have been extracted from financial statements reviewed by PricewaterhouseCoopers, who expressed an unqualified conclusion on 13th May 2025

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**INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

At 31 March 2025

	31 March 2025 (Reviewed) BD '000	31 December 2024 (Audited) BD '000
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	1,854,849	1,865,839
Derivative financial instruments	7,476	8,897
Trade and other receivables	4,364	4,805
Deferred tax assets	76	76
	<u>1,866,765</u>	<u>1,879,617</u>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventories	460,173	405,263
Trade and other receivables	301,519	270,300
Derivative financial instruments	4,273	4,372
Bank balances and cash	74,166	113,800
	<u>840,131</u>	<u>793,735</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>2,706,896</u>	<u>2,673,352</u>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Share capital	142,000	142,000
Treasury shares	(5,325)	(4,939)
Statutory reserve	71,000	71,000
Capital reserve	249	249
Cash flow hedge reserve	11,453	12,782
Retained earnings	1,683,319	1,702,849
<b>Total equity</b>	<u>1,902,696</u>	<u>1,923,941</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Loans and borrowings	340,308	339,440
Lease liabilities	9,010	6,796
Employees' end of service benefits	1,215	1,113
	<u>350,533</u>	<u>347,349</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Loans and borrowings	226,311	189,209
Lease liabilities	1,604	1,018
Trade and other payables	225,752	211,835
	<u>453,667</u>	<u>402,062</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>804,200</u>	<u>749,411</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<u>2,706,896</u>	<u>2,673,352</u>

**INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS**

For the three months ended 31 March 2025 (Reviewed)

	Three-month period ended	
	31 March 2025 BD '000	31 March 2024 BD '000
Revenue from contracts with customers	408,952	334,564
Cost of revenue	(358,156)	(277,310)
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<u>50,796</u>	<u>57,254</u>
Other income	2,011	1,288
Foreign exchange gain (loss) - net	1,707	(1,086)
General and administrative expenses	(12,043)	(12,169)
Selling and distribution expenses	(13,692)	(11,194)
Finance costs	(9,317)	(9,980)
Changes in fair value of derivatives financial instruments	(191)	337
<b>PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD BEFORE TAX</b>	<u>19,271</u>	<u>24,450</u>
Income tax	(1,153)	-
<b>PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<u>18,118</u>	<u>24,450</u>
<b>BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (FILS)</b>	<u>13</u>	<u>17</u>

**INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

For the three months ended 31 March 2025 (Reviewed)

	Share capital BD '000	Treasury shares BD '000	Statutory reserve BD '000	Capital reserve BD '000	Cash flow hedge reserve BD '000	Retained earnings BD '000	Total equity BD '000
<b>Balance at 1 January 2025</b>	142,000	(4,939)	71,000	249	12,782	1,702,849	1,923,941
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	18,118	18,118
Effective portion of changes in fair values of cash flow hedge	-	-	-	-	(1,329)	-	(1,329)
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the period	-	-	-	-	(1,329)	18,118	16,789
Net movement in treasury shares	-	(386)	-	-	-	(19)	(405)
Final dividend for 2024 approved and paid	-	-	-	-	-	(37,629)	(37,629)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2025</b>	<u>142,000</u>	<u>(5,325)</u>	<u>71,000</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>11,453</u>	<u>1,683,319</u>	<u>1,902,696</u>
<b>Balance at 1 January 2024</b>	142,000	(4,591)	71,000	249	13,901	1,566,673	1,789,232
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	24,450	24,450
Effective portion of changes in fair values of cash flow hedge	-	-	-	-	3,235	-	3,235
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	3,235	24,450	27,685
Net movement in treasury shares	-	(58)	-	-	-	529	471
Final dividend for 2023 approved and paid	-	-	-	-	-	(22,516)	(22,516)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2024</b>	<u>142,000</u>	<u>(4,649)</u>	<u>71,000</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>17,136</u>	<u>1,569,136</u>	<u>1,794,872</u>

**INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

For the three months ended 31 March 2025 (Reviewed)

	Three-month period ended	
	31 March 2025 BD '000	31 March 2024 BD '000
<b>PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD</b>	18,118	24,450
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) / INCOME</b>		
Other comprehensive (loss) / income that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:		
Effective portion of changes in fair values of cash flow hedge	(1,329)	3,235
	<u>(1,329)</u>	<u>3,235</u>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<u>16,789</u>	<u>27,685</u>

**INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the three months ended 31 March 2025 (Reviewed)

	Three-month period ended	
	31 March 2025 BD '000	31 March 2024 BD '000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Profit for the period before tax	19,271	24,450
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	37,610	33,374
Provision for employees' end of service benefits	444	442
(Reversal of provision) provision for slow moving inventories	(112)	26
Allowance for expected credit losses	796	-
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	253	298
Changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments	191	(337)
Interest income	(844)	(248)
Forex loss (gain) on revaluation of loans and borrowings and bank balances - net	8	(583)
Finance costs	9,317	9,980
<b>Operating profit before changes in working capital</b>	<u>66,934</u>	<u>67,402</u>
Working capital changes:		
Inventories	(54,798)	(23,886)
Trade and other receivables	(31,487)	12,043
Trade and other payables	11,292	(126)
Net cash (used in) generated from operations	(8,059)	55,433
Employees' end of service benefits paid	(342)	(453)
<b>Net cash flows (used in) generated from operating activities</b>	<u>(8,401)</u>	<u>54,980</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(27,610)	(18,956)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	2	2
Interest received	757	442
<b>Net cash flows used in investing activities</b>	<u>(26,851)</u>	<u>(18,512)</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from loans and borrowings	315,022	201,803
Repayment of loans and borrowings	(277,921)	(192,577)
Interest on loans and borrowings paid	(2,928)	(2,026)
Payment of lease liabilities	(513)	(216)
Dividends paid	(37,629)	(22,516)
Purchase of treasury shares	(1,725)	(3,457)
Proceeds from resale of treasury shares	1,320	3,928
<b>Net cash flows used in financing activities</b>	<u>(4,374)</u>	<u>(15,061)</u>
<b>NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<u>(39,626)</u>	<u>21,407</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	113,800	59,632
Effect of movement in exchange rates on bank balances and cash	(8)	360
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 MARCH</b>	<u>74,166</u>	<u>81,399</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents comprise:</b>		
Bank balances	50,972	78,411
Short term deposits with maturities of three months or less	23,033	2,957
Cash in hand	161	31
<b>Bank balances and cash in interim consolidated statement of financial position</b>	<u>74,166</u>	<u>81,399</u>

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 13 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

  
Khalid Al Rumaihi  
Chairman

  
Isa Bin Khalid Bin Abdulla Al Khalifa  
Director

  
Ali Al Baqali  
Chief Executive Officer

# Aluminium Bahrain announces Q1 profit



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Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), the world's largest aluminium smelter on one site, has reported a Profit of BHD18.1 million (US\$48.2 m) for the first quarter of 2025, a drop of 25.9% Year-over-Year (YoY), versus a Profit of BHD24.5 m (US\$65 m) for the same period in 2024. Earnings Per Share was BHD13 for Q1 2025 compared to BHD17 for the same period in 2024.

Total Comprehensive Income stood at BHD16.8 m (US\$44.7 m) versus BHD27.7 m (US\$73.6 m) for the same period in 2024 – a drop of 39.4% YoY. Gross Profit was BHD50.8 m (US\$135.1 m) versus BHD 57.3 m (US\$152.3 m) for the same period in 2024 – down by 11.3% YoY.

With regards to the Revenue from contracts with customers, Alba generated BHD408.9 m (US\$1,087.6 m) versus BHD334.6 m (US\$889.8 m) in Q1 2024 – up

by 22.2% YoY.

Total Equity as of 31 March 2025 stood at BHD1,902.7 m (US\$5,060.4 m), down by 1.1%, versus BHD1,923.9 m (US\$5,116.9 m), as of 31 December 2024. Alba's Total Assets as of 31 March 2025 were BHD2,706.9 m (US\$7,199.2 m) versus BHD2,673.4 m (US\$7,110 m) as of 31 December 2024 – up by 1.25%.

Higher LME Price (+20% YoY) and higher premiums (+38% YoY) drove strong top-line performance, increased production costs significantly compressed EBITDA resulting in lower bottom-line.

Commenting on the Company's performance for the first quarter of 2025, the Chairman of Alba's Board of Directors, Khalid Al Rumaihi stated: "Alba's Q1 2025 results underscore the fundamental strength and operational efficiency of our business. While our reported Profit reflects the significant impact of higher alumina prices, it's important to recognise that had these prices remained at previous levels, Alba would have undoubtedly achieved an unparalleled financial performance, demonstrating our inherent earnings potential."

Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Ali Al Baqali, added: "Despite the prevailing global geopolitical tensions, Q1 2025 was a landmark period for Alba marked by many firsts: we recorded the highest sales volume, achieved a record Value Added Sales percentage and most importantly, delivered our best safety performance ever in the Company's history.

These firsts are a direct result of the commitment and operational excellence exhibited by the entire Alba team."

Alba Management will hold a conference call today at 4PM Bahrain Time to discuss the Company's financial and operational performance for Q1 2025 and outline its strategic priorities moving forward.

# NBB reports highest-ever quarterly profit @ BHD 28.1 million



We remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting the Kingdom's broader economic development, embedding ESG principles across our operations and investing meaningfully in our communities

MRS. HALA YATEEM, CHAIRPERSON OF NBB



This performance reflects our domestic growth and our continued enhancement of our product offerings, in addition to the progress of our regional expansion strategy.

USMAN AHMED, GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has reported a 2% year-on-year increase in net profit attributable to shareholders reaching BHD 28.1 million (USD 74.5 m) for the first quarter ended 31 March 2025, compared to BHD 27.5 m (USD 72.9 m) in the same period of 2024.

The increase was driven by higher operating income supported by stable operating expenses.

Earnings per share at 12 fils (USD 3 cents) for the first quarter of 2025, remaining consistent with the same period last year.

Total comprehensive income attributable to NBB's shareholders for the quarter decreased by 36% to BHD 20.4 m (USD 54.1 m) compared to BHD 32.0 m (USD 84.9 m) in 2024. The decrease is mainly attributable to the mark-to-market movements of the bond and equity portfolios.

## Balance sheet

The Group's total equity attributable to shareholders de-

creased by 7% to BHD 545.0 m (USD 1,445.6 m) as of 31 March 2025, compared to BHD 583.8 m (USD 1,548.6 m) as of 31 December 2024. This change reflects the proactive distribution of value to our shareholders, following the approval and declaration of BHD 56.4 m in year-end cash dividends for 2024 at the Annual General Meeting held during the first quarter. The movement in equity was expected and underscores our ongoing commitment to delivering strong returns to our shareholders while maintaining a robust capital position.

The Group's total assets increased by 8% during the period to BHD 5,942.4 m (USD 15,762.3 m) compared to BHD 5,522.2 m (USD 14,647.8 m) recorded on 31 December 2024.

On the occasion, Mrs. Hala Yateem, Chairperson of NBB commented, "We have started 2025 on a strong footing, achieving the Group's highest-ever quarterly profit at BHD 28.1 million—a 2% increase compared to the same period last year. Total assets also reached a new milestone exceeding BHD 5.9 billion, re-

flecting robust 8% growth since year-end. Supported by an average return on equity of 19.6%, these results reflect NBB's ability to consistently create value for shareholders. We remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting the Kingdom's broader economic development, embedding ESG principles across our operations and investing meaningfully in our communities."

Usman Ahmed, Group Chief Executive Officer, added, "NBB reported an operating profit of BHD 34.3 m in the first quarter—16% higher than the prior-year period. Our balance sheet remains strong and has registered an 8% growth in total assets and a 3% increase in customer deposits from the year-end level. This performance reflects our domestic growth and our continued enhancement of our product offerings, in addition to the progress of our regional expansion strategy. This record-setting first quarter follows two consecutive years of record profits and reflects our continued focus on delivering value for our clients."

## Trade Turbulence Casts Shadow Over Short-Term Outlook

Market Uncertainty Persists: LME prices dropped rapidly by Q1-end 2025 due to strengthening US dollar and growing concerns about near-term economic activity as trade tensions escalated. Trump's tariffs and the US dollar were key drivers of aluminium price movements, and market sentiment remains fragile due to volatile US trade policies.

Demand Outlook: High tariffs threaten demand despite initial positive indicators. While extreme US tariffs, especially on China, are likely to persist, they will likely cause global inflationary pressure.

Supply Conditions: Modest growth in Chinese aluminium output expected due to smelters' restarts and ramp-ups. Production outside China will also likely increase with capacity expansions in India and Russia.

Premium Outlook: MJP Q2 settled at US\$182/t (down by US\$46/t from Q1). European premiums declines are due to anticipated redirection of US-bound metal. Midwest premium is expected to eventually increase to attract more metal to the US.

LME Price Forecast: Near-term LME prices are projected to range between US\$2,300/t and US\$2,450/t.

# Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Information

31 March 2025

## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2025

(Bahraini Dinar Millions)

	31 March 2025 (reviewed)	31 December 2024 (audited)
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and balances at central banks	182.8	184.8
Treasury bills	259.8	196.1
Placements with banks and other financial institutions	1,085.9	625.9
Loans and advances	3,004.8	3,020.0
Investment securities	1,083.6	1,167.6
Investment in associates	41.4	44.1
Interest receivable and other assets	159.1	158.3
Property and equipment	74.1	74.3
Goodwill and other intangible assets	50.9	51.1
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>5,942.4</b>	<b>5,522.2</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Due to banks and other financial institutions	712.5	579.7
Borrowings under repurchase agreements	539.7	384.8
Customer deposits	3,864.6	3,743.8
Interest payable and other liabilities	265.3	216.9
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>5,382.1</b>	<b>4,925.2</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Share capital	226.6	226.6
Treasury shares	(3.9)	(2.5)
Shares unallocated under share incentive scheme	(0.5)	(0.5)
Share premium	15.1	15.1
Statutory reserve	113.3	113.3
General reserve	32.4	32.4
Other reserves and retained earnings	162.0	199.4
<b>Equity attributable to the shareholders of the Bank</b>	<b>545.0</b>	<b>583.8</b>
Non-controlling interest	15.3	13.2
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>560.3</b>	<b>597.0</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>5,942.4</b>	<b>5,522.2</b>

## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss for the three months ended 31 March 2025

(Bahraini Dinar Millions)

	Three months ended	
	31 March 2025 (reviewed)	31 March 2024 (reviewed)
Interest income	74.2	76.3
Interest expense	(40.8)	(39.6)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>36.7</b>
Other income	26.7	19.6
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>56.3</b>
Staff expenses	14.2	14.0
Depreciation, amortisation and equipment expenses	4.8	5.9
Other operating expenses	6.8	6.9
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>26.8</b>
<b>Profit before results of associates, impairment, and other provisions</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>29.5</b>
Share of profits of associates, net	0.3	0.6
Loans, placements and securities impairment, net	(4.1)	(2.6)
Other impairment and provisions, net	(0.3)	0.2
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>27.7</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>		
Shareholders of the Bank	28.1	27.5
Non-controlling interest	2.1	0.2
	30.2	27.7
<b>Basic and diluted earnings per share</b>	<b>12 fils</b>	<b>12 fils</b>

## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the three months ended 31 March 2025

(Bahraini Dinar Millions)

	Three months ended	
	31 March 2025 (reviewed)	31 March 2024 (reviewed)
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>27.7</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>		
<b>Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>		
Fair value through other comprehensive income (debt instruments)		
- Net change in fair value	(1.6)	8.0
- Net amount transferred to profit or loss	(2.7)	(7.5)
<b>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:</b>		
Fair value through other comprehensive income (equity instruments)	(3.4)	4.0
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>(7.7)</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>32.2</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>		
Shareholders of the Bank	20.4	32.0
Non-controlling interest	2.1	0.2
	22.5	32.2

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## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the three months ended 31 March 2025

(Bahraini Dinar Millions)

2025 (reviewed)	Share capital	Treasury shares	Unallocated shares	Share premium	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Other reserves and retained earnings			Total owners' equity	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
							Fair value reserve	Donation charity reserve	Retained earnings			
<b>Balance at 1 January 2025</b>	<b>226.6</b>	<b>(2.5)</b>	<b>(0.5)</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>113.3</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>149.9</b>	<b>583.8</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>597.0</b>
2024 appropriations:												
Cash dividend at 25%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(56.4)	(56.4)	-	(56.4)
Transfer to donations and charity reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0	(2.0)	-	-	-
<b>Balance after 2024 appropriations</b>	<b>226.6</b>	<b>(2.5)</b>	<b>(0.5)</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>113.3</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>527.4</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>540.6</b>
Employee shares assigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Movement in treasury shares	-	(1.4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1.4)	-	(1.4)
<b>Comprehensive income for the period:</b>												
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28.1	28.1	2.1	30.2
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7.7)	-	-	(7.7)	-	(7.7)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(7.7)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>22.5</b>
Utilisation of donation and charity reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1.0)	-	(1.0)	-	(1.0)
Other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.4)	(0.4)	-	(0.4)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>226.6</b>	<b>(3.9)</b>	<b>(0.5)</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>113.3</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>119.2</b>	<b>545.0</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>560.3</b>

## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the three months ended 31 March 2024

(Bahraini Dinar Millions)

2024 (reviewed)	Share capital	Unallocated shares	Share premium	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Other reserves and retained earnings			Total owners' equity	Non-controlling interest	Total equity	
						Fair value reserve	Donation charity reserve	Retained earnings				
<b>Balance at 1 January 2024</b>	<b>226.6</b>	<b>(0.9)</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>113.3</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>138.1</b>	<b>565.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>577.2</b>	
2023 appropriations:												
Cash dividend at 20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(45.2)	(45.2)	-	(45.2)	
Transfer to donations and charity reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0	(4.0)	-	-	-	
<b>Balance after 2023 appropriations</b>	<b>226.6</b>	<b>(0.9)</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>113.3</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>88.9</b>	<b>519.8</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>532.0</b>	
Employee shares assigned	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	0.1	
<b>Comprehensive income for the period:</b>												
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.5	27.5	0.2	27.7	
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	-	-	4.5	-	4.5	
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>32.2</b>	
Utilisation of donation and charity reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.3)	-	(0.3)	-	(0.3)	
Other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.4)	(0.4)	-	(0.4)	
<b>Balance at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>226.6</b>	<b>(0.8)</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>113.3</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>116.0</b>	<b>551.2</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>563.6</b>	

## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the three months ended 31 March 2025

(Bahraini Dinar Millions)

	Three months ended	
	31 March 2025 (reviewed)	31 March 2024 (reviewed)
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>		
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>27.7</b>
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Depreciation and amortisation	2.1	3.0
Amortisation of right-of-use leased property	0.5	0.5
Fair value gain of investment properties	0.1	-
Loans, placements and securities impairment, net	4.1	2.6
Other impairment and provisions, net	0.3	(0.2)
Share of profits of associates, net	(0.3)	(0.6)
<b>Profit for the period after adjustments</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>
<b>Change in operating assets and liabilities:</b>		
Balances with central banks (mandatory cash reserve)	2.7	0.2
Treasury bills	(68.0)	(29.4)
Placements with banks and other financial institutions	(2.1)	0.6
Loans and advances	11.2	(26.5)
Investment securities	92.1	(36.7)
Interest receivable and other assets	(32.2)	(12.1)
Due to banks and other financial institutions	132.8	(24.6)
Borrowings under repurchase agreements	154.9	(52.1)
Customer deposits	120.8	(130.5)
Interest payable and other liabilities	7.4	16.9
<b>Net cash from / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>456.6</b>	<b>(261.2)</b>
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>		
Dividend received from associates	0.8	0.1
Capital reduction of associates	1.0	-
Purchase of property and equipment, net	(2.0)	(2.7)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(0.2)</b>	<b>(2.6)</b>
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>		
Movement in treasury shares	(0.3)	-
Donations and charities paid	(1.4)	(0.8)
Payment of lease liabilities	(0.5)	(0.5)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(2.2)</b>	<b>(1.3)</b>
<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the period</b>	<b>454.2</b>	<b>(265.1)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	664.8	1,092.9
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March</b>	<b>1,119.0</b>	<b>827.8</b>

The comparatives for the condensed consolidated statement of financial position have been extracted from the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The comparatives for the condensed consolidated statements of profit or loss, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows have been extracted from the reviewed condensed consolidated interim financial information for the three months period ended 31 March 2024.

Reviewed by KPMG - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Mrs. Hala Ali Husain Yateem**  
Chairperson

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Group Chief Executive Officer

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
**THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD**  
 EDWARD BULLWER-LYTTON

**TODAY IN HISTORY**

1787

Delegates gather in Philadelphia to draw up the Constitution of the United States

1796

English country doctor Edward Jenner administers his revolutionary cowpox-based vaccine for smallpox in Berkeley, Gloucestershire



Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's expedition sets out from St. Louis for the Pacific Coast, commissioned by Thomas Jefferson

1804

1853

Land surveyor, newspaper publisher and inventor Gail Borden patents his process for condensed milk

**News in brief**

◆ **Bangladesh's election** commission has suspended the registration of ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina's political party, barring its participation in future polls, a decision described as "concerning" by India yesterday. It came after the interim government of Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus banned the Awami League party on Sunday, pending the outcome of a trial over its crackdown on mass protests that prompted Hasina's ouster last year. The Awami League is the oldest political party in Bangladesh and led the country's liberation war in 1971. According to the United Nations, up to 1,400 protesters died in July-August 2024, when Hasina's government launched a brutal campaign to silence the opposition. Hasina, 77, remains in self-imposed exile in India and has defied an arrest warrant from Dhaka over charges of crimes against humanity.

◆ **The Kremlin rejected** yesterday the "biased conclusions" of a United Nations aviation agency report, which found Russia responsible for the downing of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 over Ukraine in 2014. The airliner was en route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur when it was hit by a Russian-made Buk surface to air missile over Ukraine's eastern region of Donetsk, where pro-Russian separatist rebels were battling Ukrainian forces. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), based in Montreal, ruled on Monday that Moscow had "failed to uphold its obligations under international air law". "Russia was not a country that participated in the investigation of this incident. Therefore we do not accept all these biased conclusions," the Kremlin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters on Tuesday.

◆ **Kremlin rejects 'biased conclusions' of UN report on MH17 downing**

In a troubling escalation of hostilities along the India-Pakistan border, hundreds of advanced drones—reportedly supplied by Turkey—were deployed in a coordinated aerial offensive by Pakistan, sparking alarm in Indian defense circles and raising the specter of a broader regional conflict.

On the night of May 8th and into the early hours of May 9th, Indian military sources confirm that Pakistan launched a series of aggressive maneuvers targeting military infrastructure across India's western front. The incursion included multiple violations of Indian airspace and heavy artillery fire along the Line of Control (LoC). Most notably, 300 to 400 drones attempted to breach Indian airspace at 36 different points, from Leh in the north to Sir Creek in the south.

Indian air defense systems responded swiftly, successfully intercepting and neutralizing a significant number of the unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) using both kinetic weapons and electronic warfare tactics. Forensic analysis of the downed drones is currently underway, but initial assessments identify them as Sonar drones manufactured by Turkish defense firm Asis-Guard.

The involvement of Turkish drones adds a new and complex dimension to the long-standing conflict between India and Pakistan. The revelation that Turkey—under the leadership of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan—has supplied sophisticated military technology to Pakistan is likely to strain Ankara's diplomatic relations with New Delhi and may prompt wider international scrutiny.

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# Trump basks in royal welcome

Saudi hosts escorted Air Force One into the kingdom with fighter jets

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Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman and US President Donald Trump review the honour guard at the Royal Court in Riyadh



Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (C-R) meeting with US President Donald Trump (C-L) in Riyadh

Under imposing chandeliers, Trump welcomed a promise by Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, for \$600 billion in investment and quipped that it should be \$1 trillion.

"We have the biggest business leaders in the world here today and they're going to walk away with a lot of cheques," Trump told the press.

For "the United States, it's probably two million jobs that we're talking about," Trump said.

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\$142 billion in weapons in what it described as the largest-ever weapons deal, although Trump in his first term trumpeted a larger, longer-term figure.

The White House said that Saudi company DataVolt will invest \$20 billion in artificial intelligence-related sites in the United States, while tech firms including Google will invest in both countries -- welcome news for Saudi Arabia which has long faced restrictions in its advanced technology.

With cameras rolling, a lengthy procession of Saudi roy-

alty and business figures waited their turn to shake hands with Trump and the crown prince, including Elon Musk, the world's richest person and close advisor to Trump, who made a rare appearance in a suit.

The US leader will head later in the week to Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, fellow oil-rich Arab monarchies with long-standing ties to the United States -- and to Trump.

In choosing the Gulf for his first major tour, the 78-year-old billionaire is again bypassing traditional presidential stops

among Western allies, some of which have been unnerved by his norms-shattering diplomacy.

Eight years ago, Trump also chose Saudi Arabia for his first overseas trip -- when he posed with a glowing orb and participated in a sword dance.

**TOP 4 TWEETS**

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Heartiest congratulations to everyone who has cleared the CBSE Class XII and X examinations! This is the outcome of your determination, discipline and hard work. Today is also a day to acknowledge the role played by parents, teachers and all others who have contributed to this feat. Wishing Exam Warriors great success in all the opportunities that lie ahead!

@narendramodi

02

The @UN was founded 80 years ago on the conviction that peace is possible if we work as one united human family. Now more than ever, the world needs the United Nations. And the UN needs @UNPeacekeeping that is fully equipped for today's realities & tomorrow's challenges.

@antonioгутerres

03

Just spoke to Steve and Edan a couple of hours ago. Edan is free after almost 600 days of captivity thanks to President Trump's leadership and Steve Witkoff's hard work.

@VP

04

Today, I signed an Executive Order to launch the first-ever self-deportation program. Illegal aliens who stay in America face punishments, including—sudden deportation, in a place and manner solely of our discretion. TO ALL ILLEGAL ALIENS: BOOK YOUR FREE FLIGHT RIGHT NOW!

@realDonaldTrump

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Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (R) meets with US President Donald Trump in Riyadh



Alphabet chief investment officer Ruth Porat (L) and Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang (C) wait to meet the Saudi Crown Prince at the Royal Court in Riyadh



US President Donald Trump and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman talk before a coffee ceremony at the Royal Court in Riyadh



US Secretary of State Marco Rubio (L) and US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth attend a bilateral meeting between the US President and Saudi Crown Prince in Riyadh



Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (C) greets US President Donald Trump as he departs after a bilateral meeting in Riyadh



OpenAI CEO Sam Altman (C) and ImmunityBio Executive Chairman Patrick Soon-Shiong (R) wait to meet the Saudi Crown Prince



White House Senior Advisor, Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk waves as he attends a conference during the Saudi-US investment forum in Riyadh

## US says new NATO spending target won't just be 'missiles and tanks'

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

The United States yesterday said NATO's new spending commitment at a summit next month should cover broader "defence-related" areas, endorsing a proposal from alliance chief Mark Rutte.

President Donald Trump is pressuring allies to agree to a new spending target of five percent of GDP when leaders meet

in June in The Hague -- a level none of NATO's 32 members currently reaches.

Rutte has floated a compromise deal to commit to 3.5 percent of direct military spending by 2032, as well as another 1.5 percent of broader security-related expenditure.

US NATO Ambassador Matthew Whitaker threw Washington's weight behind the proposal to allow a wider scope of spend-

ing to make up the five percent. "This new Hague investment pledge or plan is going to include all of the capability targets necessary for NATO allies to deter and defend, but it also includes things like mobility, infrastructure, necessary infrastructure, cyber security," he told journalists.

"It is definitely more than just missiles, tanks and howitzers, but at the same time, it's

got to be defense related. It is not a grab bag for everything that you could possibly imagine," Whitaker added.

NATO foreign ministers are set to meet Wednesday in the Turkish resort of Antalya for two days of talks aimed at thrashing out details for the June summit in The Hague. Europe has ramped up its defence spending since Russia launched its 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

# BKIC announces BD 1.6m profit, over 1% pre-tax net profit growth

TDT | Manama

Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company (BKIC) recorded a more than 1% increase in first quarter 2025 profit attributable to shareholders before tax, reflecting growth in its underlying business performance.

The consolidated financial results showed a net profit after tax attributable to shareholders of BD 1.596 million, compared to BD 1.680 m for the same period last year, representing a 5% decrease. This change is due to the first-time implementation of the 15% Domestic Minimum Top-up Tax in Bahrain, which came into effect in January 2025 for multinational companies and was not reflected last year.

Excluding the impact of this new tax regulation, the company's profitability continued to grow. The company reported earnings per share of 11 fils for the first quarter of the current year, consistent with the same



CEO Dr. Abdulla Sultan



Murad Ali Murad, Chairman

period last year.

Total comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders of the company reached BD 1.770 m in the first quarter of the current year, compared to BD 1.507 m during the same period last year, an increase of 17%, primarily driven by higher fair values of

rent year. The Total investment income decreased by 3%, from BD 1.633 m in the 1st quarter of last year to BD 1.584 m in the 1st quarter of the current year.

The equity attributable to the shareholders of the company as at 31st March 2025 is BD 42.997 m compared to BD 44.901 m as end of last year, representing a decrease of 4%, mainly due to allocation towards shareholders' dividends payouts. The total assets by 31st March 2025 reached BD 190.520 m compared to BD 186.017 m as end of last year, representing an increase of 3%. The net Insurance contract liabilities increased from BD 64.433 m at the end of the last year to BD 64.946 m at the end of the current period, reflecting a marginal increase of 0.8%.

## Board of Directors' Comments

Upon concluding their review of the company's results and achievements, the Board of Directors expressed their sat-

isfaction stating: "The Board is pleased with the results for the first three months of 2025. The Board commended the efforts of the company's management and employees, for their efforts in continuously growing the company.

Largely due to the support and confidence of the BKIC customers, business partners and in conjunction with the strong commitment and eager dedication of both management and employees, the results continue to demonstrate both a positive and improving trend which the board is pleased with.

As the company celebrates its 50th year anniversary, the Board of Directors is very pleased with the continuous positive trend in the company's performance and enhancements in its service offerings.

## Chief Executive Officer's Comments

Echoing the sentiment of the

Board, BKIC's CEO Dr. Abdulla Sultan reiterated that "the company's consolidated results in the 1st quarter of 2025 are surely gratifying. Achieving Insurance revenue and Net Profit growth in the current economic conditions is a worthy accomplishment. In addition, witnessing improved Net Profits in both BKIC and the Takaful International subsidiary is even more rewarding.

Moreover, Dr. Sultan expressed his pride in the latest additions in senior management to the company. The profile of the new COO Mr. Mohamed AlMaraj and his work ethics, culture and vision is in harmony with the company. During this year, the company will be launching various new technological advancements in its digital channels and instigate its internal customer engagement tools which are both part of the company's approved strategy "Customer 1st".

## Zain Bahrain celebrates commitment to community partnerships through "Bahrainouna" exhibition

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Zain Bahrain announced its strategic partnership with the Executive Office of the National Plan to Promote the Spirit of Belonging to the Nation and Reinforce the Values of Citizenship through its active involvement in the "Bahrainouna" exhibition, hosted at Seef Mall.

This collaboration exemplifies Zain Bahrain's steadfast dedication to empowering Bahraini youth and contributing to the Kingdom's economic and social development.

The partnership with the "Bahrainouna" exhibition highlights Zain Bahrain's long-term commitment to nurturing local talent and implementing dynamic initiatives that foster



youth and community growth.

Zain Bahrain maintains a 93% Bahrainization rate, with 97% of new hires being Bahraini over the past two years. Furthermore, nationals hold 90% of executive roles and 86% of leadership positions within the company.

Since 2009, Zain Bahrain has supported over 3,000 young individuals through training, employment, and skill-building initiatives, making significant contributions to the development of national talent and the strengthening of the local labor market. In recognition

of these efforts, Zain Bahrain was awarded the "Best Private Sector Employer" at the 12th GCC Government Human Resources and Youth Summit 2024, further establishing its leadership in youth empowerment and national workforce development.

## GFH Q1 profit rises 11.05%

TDT | Manama

GFH Financial Group yesterday announced its financial results for the first quarter of the period ended 31 March 2025.

Net profit attributable to shareholders was US\$30.14 million for the first quarter of 2025 compared to US\$27.14 m in the same period last year, an increase of 11.05%. The increase is mainly attributed to contributions from the Group's investment banking, commercial banking and sale of proprietary investments.

Earnings per share for the

quarter was US cents 0.85 compared with US cents 0.77 in the first quarter of 2024.

Total income attributable to shareholders was US\$170.94 m for the first quarter of the year compared with US\$162.97 m in the first quarter of 2024, an increase of 4.89%.

Consolidated net profit for the first quarter attributable to shareholders was US\$30.69 m compared with US\$30.34 m in the first quarter of 2024, an increase of 1.15%. Total expenses for the quarter were US\$89.44 m compared with US\$89.18 m in the prior-year period, an increase of 0.30%

## INOVEST reports first quarter results

TDT | Manama

INOVEST announced its financial results for the first three months of 2025, showing a consolidated net loss attributable to the parent shareholders of US\$ 1.263 million in comparison to a net profit attributable to the parent shareholders of US\$ 116 thousand for the same quarter of last year.

Accordingly, the Basic Earnings Per Share for the first quarter of 2025 decreased to a loss of US cents 0.42 as compared to an Earning Per Share of US cents 0.04 for the same period in 2024. The change is

primarily due to the loss from the remaining construction contracts with one of the subsidiaries.

The net operating income stood at a loss of US\$ 1.530 m in the first quarter of this year in comparison to an income of US\$ 365 thousand for the first quarter of 2024.

The consolidated operating income decreased by 75% to reach US\$ 652 thousand in comparison to US\$ 2.637 m whilst the Group's operating expenses decreased slightly, standing at US 2.182 m in the first quarter of 2025 in comparison to US\$ 2.272 m for the same period of 2024.

## Zainab Hameed wins first half a Million Bahraini Dinars prize from MyHassad 2025 campaign

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Ahli United Bank awarded MyHassad's first Quarterly Grand Prize worth (BD 500,000) to Zainab Hameed in a ceremony attended by the bank executives and the winner's family.

The winner was overwhelmed with joy upon hearing the news and expressed heartfelt gratitude, stating "this prize is significant, and life-changing" Zainab Hameed also said: "I am deeply grateful to Ahli United Bank as I am receiving a prize I could have never dreamed of, and I encourage everyone to keep believing in the power of saving - you never know when your lucky day will come!"

Commenting on the occasion, Mohamed Zakout, Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer - Retail Banking at Ahli United



Bank, said that the bank is delighted to be part of achieving their customers dreams and is dedicated to continuously transforming their lives.

The month of May still holds many prizes to be won. With only a 7-day qualification period, customers have the oppor-

tunity to win a Special Grand Prize of (BD 100,000), three Monthly Prizes of (BD 10,000) each, and ten Monthly Prizes of (BD 1,000) each. The last day to qualify for these draws is 22 May 2025, and the bank encourages customers to increase their deposits to maximise their

chances of winning. Looking ahead, Ahli United Bank will be awarding the next MyHassad quarterly prize of BD 500,000 in July 2025. Every (BD 50) deposited into the MyHassad accounts increase the participants chance of winning.

## India tells WTO it is considering counter duties on US

Geneva, Switzerland

India is considering imposing import duties on some US products to counter President Donald Trump's tariffs on steel and aluminium, it said in a document submitted to the

World Trade Organization.

In the document, dated May 12, India says it is responding after Trump in March hiked tariffs on trading partners and announced sector-specific levies on steel, aluminium and cars.

# CAMPUS

## New Millennium School celebrates double success in CBSE exams

TDT | Manama

The New Millennium School in Bahrain has demonstrated exceptional academic performance in both the Grade XII All India Senior School Certificate Examination (AISSCE) and the Grade X All India Secondary Examination for the 2024-2025 academic year, achieving a 100 percent pass rate in both.

In the Grade XII examinations, all 148 students successfully passed, with a significant 34 percent scoring 90 percent and above, and 80.4 percent achieving distinction. Notably, 40 percent of the students earned A grades in all subjects. The school also celebrated numerous perfect scores of 100 in subjects including Accountancy, Applied Mathematics, Chemistry, Engineering Graphics, English, Marketing, Mathematics, Physical Education, and Psychology. Dhruvi Jatin Karia topped the school with 99.2 percent.

Similarly, the Grade X results saw all 149 students pass, with an even higher percentage, 47 percent, scoring 90 percent and above, and 85.2 percent achieving distinction. In this cohort, 28 percent of students secured A grades in all subjects. Six students achieved a perfect score in French, and four students scored full marks in Mathematics. Neha Kriti Denthumdas emerged as the Grade X topper with 99 percent. The consistent high performance across both grade levels underscores the school's commitment to academic excellence. The school's management and principal have congratulated the students, faculty, and parents for their dedication and hard work in achieving these outstanding results.

### GRADE X TOPPERS



P NIRANJAN PILLAI KAASHVI SHREE SIVAMURUGAN NEHA KRITI DENTHUMDAS

### GRADE XII SCIENCE TOPPERS



ATHIF MUHAMMAD SIVANI SATYA SAI SRI NAGA VEMPARALA

### COMMERCE TOPPERS



DHRUVI JATIN KARIA GAYATRI SITALAKSHMY SHARMA

### HUMANITIES TOPPERS



ACHALA MARUR NAGENDRA LAKSHMI BALA

### SCHOOL TOPPERS



DHRUVI JATIN KARIA GAYATRI SITALAKSHMY SHARMA SIVANI SATYA SAI SRI NAGA VEMPARALA

## Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School shines in CBSE Grade 10 and 12 results

TDT | Manama

Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School (BIS) has once again demonstrated its academic excellence with a stellar performance in both Grade 12 and Grade 10 CBSE Board Examinations for the academic year 2024-2025, securing a 100% pass rate in both levels.

In Grade 12, Evan Binson John topped the school with an impressive score of 95.8%, followed closely by Nivedya Babu with 95.6%, and Adesh Deepthi Shaiju with 95.4%. Evan led the Science stream, while Nivedya topped the Commerce stream. Several students achieved outstanding subject scores, with Evan scoring 99 in both Chemistry and Mathematics, and Nivedya earning 99 in both Economics and Business Studies. Adesh also secured 99 in Biology, while other high scorers included Natalia Manoojin Richards

in Marketing and Adithya Saravanan in Psychology.

Grade 10 results were equally remarkable, with Pritha Singh leading the batch with 97.4%, followed by Sriya Anish Pulinamparambil (97.2%) and Manjira Goswami (96.2%). Pritha also earned a perfect score in English and shared a top score of 95 in Hindi. Other centum scorers included Preetam Reddy Nagula in Mathematics and Vismita Rajesh Iyer in French.

A vast majority of Grade 10 students surpassed the proficiency benchmark, with 96% scoring above 80% in English, 87% in Social Studies, 70% in Hindi, 67% in Science, and 64% in Mathematics. Subject toppers included Pritha Singh and Manveeth Praveen Urwa, both scoring 99 in Science, and Pahal Poojaben Mehta, who topped Sanskrit with 97 marks.

### GRADE XII



ADESH DEEPTHI SHAIJU ADITHYA SARAVANAN EVAN BINSON JOHN NATALIA RICHARDS NIVEDYA BABU

### GRADE X



PAHAL MEHTA HARSHAVARDHAN MANJIRA MANVEETH PREETAM REDDY NAGULA PRITHA SINGH SriyaAnish VISMITA

## Al Noor International School announce excellent CBSE results

TDT | Manama

Al Noor International School in Bahrain has reported a 100 percent pass rate for its Grade X students in the All India Secondary School Examination (AISSE)

for the academic year 2024-2025. Nathari Minrada Rampala Wanigasekara topped the cohort with 97 percent, followed by Aliya Asad with 96 percent. Megha Renjith Pillai, Mithraja Gajamurthy, and Gwen Monica Lemos all

secured 94 percent. Subject highlights for Grade X included Nathari Minrada Rampala Wanigasekara achieving 99 in Mathematics, Kritika Gupta scoring 99 in French, and Aliya Asad, Mithraja Gajamurthy, and Zaina Anwar all attaining

99 in English. Meanwhile, Al Noor International School also celebrated excellent results for its Grade XII students in the All India Senior School Certificate Examination (AISSCE) 2024-2025. In the Science stream,

Adwath Joby emerged as the school topper with 96 percent. In the Commerce stream, Joshua Stanley led with 89.6 percent.

Subject toppers for Grade XII included Gayathri Priya Kala Prasanna Moorthy with

99 in English, Adwath Joby achieving 99 in both Mathematics and Computer Science, and Avia Moorkoth scoring 99 in Marketing. Adwath Joby also secured high marks in Physics and Chemistry, both at 96.

### GRADE X



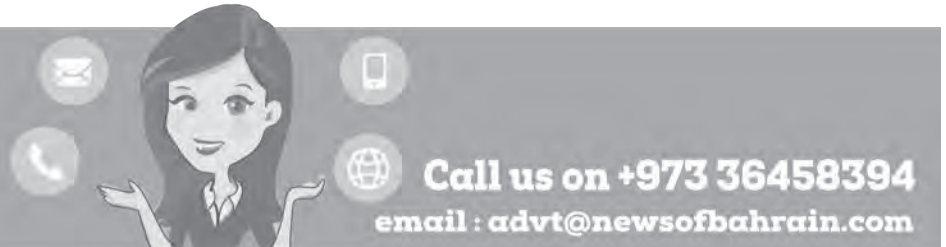
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### GRADE XII



JOSHUA STANLEY SCHOOL TOPPER COMMERCE SUBJECT TOPPER BUSINESS ST ADWATH JOBY SCHOOL TOPPER TOPPER PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, MATH, COMPUTER SC AVIA MOORKOTH 2ND SCHOOL TOPPER COMMERCE SUBJECT TOPPER BUSINESS ST & MKT GAURAV GAISENN- 2ND SCHOOL TOPPER SCIENCE SUBJECT TOPPER BIOLOGY RUSHDA ROSHAN 2ND SCHOOL TOPPER COMMERCE SUBJECT TOPPER ACCOUNTANCY RISHI ASHOK 3RD SCHOOL TOPPER SCIENCE MARK ANTHONY 3RD SCHOOL TOPPER COMMERCE ABHIRAM ARAVIND SUBJECT TOPPER PHYSICAL EDUCATION DOMINIC MARTIN SUBJECT TOPPER ECONOMICS GAYATHRI SUBJECT TOPPER ENGLISH SAMADRITA CHAKROBORTHY SUBJECT TOPPER ECONOMICS

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**DURRAT AL MUHARRAQ CLEANING & MAINTENANCE W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17535158 or bucheeri5@gmail.com

**ECOLE PASTRY** has a vacancy for the occupation of BAKER(GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33494873 or FADHELABBAS40@GMAIL.COM

**FALCON ISLAND CLEANING EST** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33454414 or falcon-i@hotmail.com

**Al Noorain Bakery Est** has a vacancy for the occupation of BREAD BAKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39456969 or BUZAALI1970@HOTMAIL.COM

**zarai restaurant** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39810007 or ZARAEI.AN@GMAIL.COM

**pricewaterhousecoopers m.e limited** has a vacancy for the occupation of MANAGER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17118800 or jassim.ali@pwc.com

**SECURI CORE W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17822228 or RASHEED@SECURICORE.BH

**OKADA 4 STROKE TRADING W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17213617 or RIYASKARAMULA@GMAIL.COM

**HASAN CONSTRUCTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38015930 or ZAINABPERVEN701@GMAIL.COM

**AL YNBOOT CONSTRUCTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33223488 or HONEYZAHRAA@YAHOO.COM

**TARBOUCHE XPRESS RESTAURANT** has a vacancy for the occupation of ELECTRICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17500794 or myra@sevenleisure.net

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**Secure Me W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17749697 or secure.me@live.com

**DAR MASAA SALON AND SPA** has a vacancy for the occupation of BEAUTICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37371334 or BATOOL313@GMAIL.COM

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**HASZONE DYNAMIC SERVICES W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38881547 or HGDYNAMICC@GMAIL.COM

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**Arkan Ithad Development Co. W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER(FOOD DISTRIBUTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 13300444 or HROFFICER@AIMS-BAHRAIN.COM

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**BAHRAIN SPECIAL TECHNICAL SERVICES STS CO. W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER/OPERATOR(EARTH MOVING MACHINES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17622082 or info@BAHSTCS.COM

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**Empire Capital Holdings W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MANAGER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39406660 or dar.scheck@hotmail.com

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**RARE PURITY CLEANING W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33969636 or M.MAJEED96@GMAIL.COM

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**Omni Trading and Services W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN(MATERIAL MIXING), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39629056 or MANIAGS@OMNI-BAHRAIN.COM

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**BLUE BEACH DELIVERY OF ORDERS** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33313121 or M590104624@GMAIL.COM

**MJD CLEANING AND FACILITY SERVICES W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 77087232 or info@mjdgroupbh.com

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**INDUS TRADING CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17681066 or INDUSBAHRAIN@GMAIL.COM

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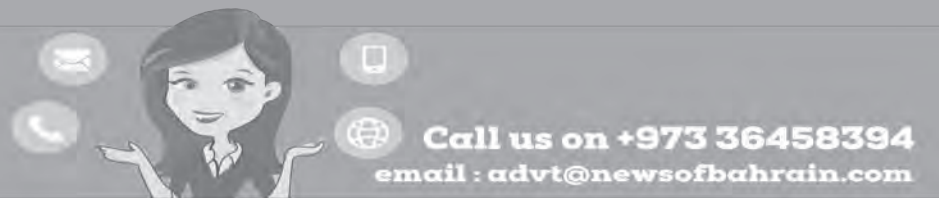
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SHUTDOWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17742961 or smswillhr@gmail.com

ALEZZ CONTRACTING & MECHANICAL SERVICES CO.W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17258381 or admin@alezzco.com

BAHRAIN SERVICES & MAINTENANCE COMPANY B.S.C. (CLOSED) has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17727676 or aqeel@basma.com.bh

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CHENAB WATER TECHNOLOGY CO W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33667812 or CHEN-ABWATER8@GMAIL.COM

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GOLD REGAL CONSULTANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE WORKER HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35574587 or BAIG.88@GMAIL.COM

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# Ancelotti exits Madrid, hoping to add World Cup with Brazil

Champions League legend takes charge of Brazil after stellar second Real Madrid spell

- Ancelotti exits Real Madrid with five Champions League titles
- Won La Liga and a European double in 2022
- Signs on to coach Brazil, first foreigner since 1965

AFP | Madrid

Carlo Ancelotti will leave Real Madrid for a second time as the most decorated manager in Champions League history after a hugely successful second spell, primed to take his talents to the international game with Brazil.

The Italian's time at the very top of club football appeared to be over before he left Everton to return to the Santiago Bernabeu in 2021.

But Ancelotti proved he had lost none of his old magic, lifting the European Cup for the fourth and fifth times as a coach in 2022 and 2024.

The 65-year-old also won his first La Liga title in 2022, completing the set of Europe's top five leagues.

When Zinedine Zidane, who led Madrid to three Champions League titles himself, ended his second spell in charge, Ancelotti was considered a safe pair of hands, having previously overseen the 'decima' triumph in 2014.

He surpassed expectations, infamously high among Real fans, by maintaining the club's status as the strongest in Europe.

Los Blancos secured a La Liga title in his first season back, giving Ancelotti the clean sweep, before defeating Liverpool in Paris to push the Italian clear of Zidane and Bob Paisley with a record fourth Champions League as a manager.

Real had to settle for Copa del Rey and Club World Cup

Carlo Ancelotti

trophies the following year, but they roared back after the signing of Jude Bellingham with another La Liga-Champions League double last season.

However, they have slipped well behind Barcelona in their league title defence and lost the Cup final to their arch rivals, while a quarter-final humbling in Europe by Arsenal seemingly secured Ancelotti's fate.

He all but admitted as much after the Copa del Rey loss, saying his future was "a topic for the next weeks".

## Brazil beckons

The announcement of Ancelotti's departure on Monday was accompanied by the news he would become the first foreigner to lead the Brazil national team since 1965.

The five-time world champions have struggled for form in 2026 World Cup qualifying and sacked Dorival Junior in March.

Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) president Ednaldo Rodrigues initially delayed naming a successor after

Tite's 2022 departure in the hope of persuading Ancelotti to take the role.

But the fact that the wait for him to leave Madrid initially proved too long for Rodrigues is testament to Ancelotti's success in the Spanish capital.

Dorival was named head coach in January 2024, but Brazil have stuttered their way towards next year's World Cup in North America, stumbling to five defeats and three draws from their 14 qualifiers so far.

Last month, Brazilian media reports suggested that the CBF could not afford Ancelotti's severance pay, suggesting he could instead take over the Saudi Arabia national side.

But those fears have been allayed, with Ancelotti to start with the Selecao on May 26 ahead of qualifiers against Ecuador and Paraguay in June.

Rodrigues will be hoping Ancelotti can help restore Brazil's reputation as the leading force in international football.

"It is a statement to the world that we're determined to reclaim top spot on the podium," gushed Rodrigues.

The South American giants have only reached the semi-finals once in the last five World Cups, when they suffered a humiliating 7-1 defeat on home soil against Germany in 2014.

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Ancelotti is the only manager to win league titles in all of Europe's "Big Five" leagues—a feat unmatched in football history

Brazil forwards Vinicius Junior and Rodrygo Goes have both flourished under Ancelotti at Real Madrid and are key players for the national team.

Centre-back Eder Militao and teenage prodigy Endrick also both play at the Santiago Bernabeu.

## Unprecedented success

Ancelotti will arrive in Brazil with a resume that very few others can match.

He coached Reggiana, Parma and Juventus for short spells before arriving at AC Milan in 2001, departing in 2009 as the club's longest-serving manager and after winning the 2003 and 2007 Champions Leagues.

In 2009 Ancelotti took over at Chelsea, winning the league and FA Cup double and helping the Blues become the first team in the Premier League era to score more than 100 goals in a season.

Ancelotti won the Ligue 1 title with Paris Saint-Germain before taking over at Real Madrid that summer.

Ancelotti earned the support and affection of Real's heavyweights, including Cristiano Ronaldo, on the way to winning their long awaited 10th Champions League title.

Madrid president Florentino Perez sacked him the following year, with Ancelotti heading to Bayern Munich, where he promptly won the Bundesliga in 2017.

Ancelotti later had spells at Napoli and Everton before the surprise return to the elite with Madrid, which lasted four years and left him in as much demand as ever before.

## Brilliant Brunson and Knicks leave Celtics on brink

AFP | New York

Jalen Brunson scored 39 points as the New York Knicks defeated the Boston Celtics 121-113 to leave the reigning NBA champions on the brink of elimination from the playoffs on Monday.

Brunson spearheaded a sensational second-half rally that saw New York overturn a 14-point third-quarter deficit before surging to a win that gives New York a commanding 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

A potentially fatal defeat for Boston was exacerbated by a serious injury to forward Jayson Tatum, who looked dis-



Jalen Brunson of the New York Knicks dribbles against Jrue Holiday of the Boston Celtics

traught as he was carried off the Madison Square Garden hardwood in the fourth quarter.

Tatum, who had been mag-

nificent to that point with a 42-point display, was later seen being ferried to the locker room in a wheelchair.

As the Celtics digested defeat and the brutal Tatum injury blow, the Knicks were left celebrating and eyeing a place in the Eastern Conference finals for the first time since the 1998-1999 season.

"Just found a way to make plays and get us going," Brunson said afterwards of the second-half revival that set up the Knicks win.

"I was just in a flow and doing whatever. I wasn't really trying to take over. It was just 'whatever we've gotta do,'" Brunson told ESPN.

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# Djokovic and Murray part ways

Six-month coaching collaboration concludes before French Open after tough season start

● Murray helped Djokovic beat Alcaraz at Australian Open

● Injuries and poor clay form plagued Djokovic since January

● Djokovic remains stuck on 99 career singles titles

AFP | London

Andy Murray and former rival Novak Djokovic have ended their coaching partnership after six months, the pair announced yesterday.

Djokovic stunned the tennis world in November when he hired the retired Murray, who had no track record as a coach.

But the two 37-year-olds have now parted company after a tough start to the season for the 24-time Grand Slam champion, with the French Open looming.

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Britain's Murray, born just a



Novak Djokovic of Serbia and his coach Andy Murray working on his serve during a practice session (file photo)

week before the Serb, thanked his former adversary for the chance to work with him.

"Thanks to Novak for the unbelievable opportunity to work together and thanks to his team for all their hard work over the past six months," Murray said in a statement.

"I wish Novak all the best for the rest of the season."

The partnership between

the two former world number ones started well, with Djokovic defeating Carlos Alcaraz at the Australian Open, only to be forced to retire during his semi-final against Alexander Zverev as a result of injury.

But success has since proved elusive for Djokovic, who is stuck on 99 career singles titles.

He has not won a single match on clay this season, losing in the

first round at Monte Carlo and Madrid.

Djokovic, who turns 38 next week, pulled out of this week's Italian Open but has taken a wild card into next week's Geneva Open as he searches for form.

His hopes of a record-breaking 25th Grand Slam triumph, which would take him clear of Australia women's great Margaret Court's tally of 24 singles



Djokovic called working with Murray "deepening our friendship," despite being longtime on-court rivals with 36 career matchups



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French Open champion and last year won his first Olympic title on the clay of Roland Garros, beating Alcaraz in a thrilling final.

But Djokovic, so used to being the alpha male of the men's game, said after defeat in Madrid last month that he was adjusting to "a new reality".

"Trying to win a match or two, not really thinking about getting far in the tournament... it's a completely different feeling from what I had in 20-plus years of professional tennis," he said.

Djokovic and Murray, who won three Grand Slams, including two Wimbledon titles, were part of the "Big Four" who dominated men's tennis along with Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer, both of whom have retired.

They met 36 times on court, with Djokovic leading the head-to-head 25-11.

major titles, appear to be fading.

Murray admitted at the Australian Open in January he had not wanted to jump straight into coaching following his retirement last year but Djokovic's offer proved too good to refuse.

Djokovic was glowing in his praise of the impact Murray had had, and it was announced in February that they would continue to work together for the hard-court events in Indian Wells and Miami and some clay-court events.

It was anticipated that would include the French Open, while Murray's success at Wimbledon made that a logical choice too, but they have decided to part ways.

Djokovic is a three-time

## Son wants Europa glory to 'complete' Spurs career

● Spurs captain targets Europa League glory to end club's 17-year trophy drought

● Tottenham face Manchester United in Bilbao final

AFP | London

Son Heung-min has vowed to "complete" his Tottenham career by leading the troubled team to Europa League glory in the final against Manchester United.

Spurs captain Son has scored 173 goals in 451 appearances across 10 seasons in north London but failed to end the club's 17-year trophy drought.

The South Korea forward suffered painful defeats in the Champions League final against Liverpool in 2019 and the League Cup showpiece against Manchester City four years ago.

But hopes next Wednesday's all-English clash with United in Bilbao will be a more joyful experience.

While Ange Postecoglou's team have endured a torrid Premier League campaign, they have saved their best for Europe to reach the first final of the Australian's turbulent two-year reign.

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the club's Europa League final media day on Monday, Son said: "We've been talking about this for years. The biggest reason I stayed at Tottenham was because I wanted to do something others couldn't achieve.

"That's probably why I'm where I am now. You need all the pieces to complete a

puzzle. I think I've gathered all the other pieces to make that puzzle complete.

"It feels like I've been missing that one most important final piece and I've been trying to find it for the past 10 years. I really hope I can finally complete the puzzle this time.

"It feels different this time. I really want to win - more than anyone else, I think. So many people are supporting us with the same desperate passion I feel. If we prepare well, I believe we can achieve it."

Son has watched former Tottenham teammates

Son has played 10 seasons for Tottenham, scoring 173 goals in 451 appearances without winning a trophy

taste success elsewhere after leaving the club, with Harry Kane the latest after he helped Bayern Munich to the Bundesliga title earlier this month.

The duo struck up a formidable partnership at Tottenham and while Kane left almost two years ago, his success has given Son "energy" before the showdown with United in Spain.

"I actually texted Harry and he called me back on a video call! I was really happy to see him happy," Son said.

"He is one of my best friends and to see a once team-mate achieve so much, I was delighted for him like he's my family. With that positive energy, I hope he can support Spurs in the game as well so we can achieve a good result like his.

"For me, every game is special and every game is meaningful, but this game feels like an opportunity that may not come back."

## IPL to resume on May 17 after ceasefire



A view shows empty premises of the Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow

AFP | New Delhi

The remainder of the Indian Premier League will be played between May 17 and June 3 across six venues, the country's cricket board announced Monday.

The T20 tournament was paused last week due to clashes between India and Pakistan, but the Board of Control for Cricket in India has decided to stage the 17 outstanding matches following a ceasefire agreement.

"After extensive consultations with government and security agencies, and with all the key stakeholders, the board has decided to proceed with the remainder of the season," the BCCI said in a statement.

Royal Challengers Bengaluru will host defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders on Saturday followed by one of two double-headers Sunday.

Jaipur, Delhi, Lucknow, Mumbai and Ahmedabad are

the other host cities for the remaining league phase matches.

The venues for the four playoff ties, including the final on June 3, will be announced later.

The original hosts for the playoffs were Hyderabad and Kolkata, with the final at Eden Gardens on May 25.

The first qualifier will now be on May 29, followed by the eliminator on May 30. The second qualifier is slated for June 1 and the final two days later.

The IPL was suspended for a week last Friday, a day after a match between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals was abandoned in Dharamsala, less than 200 kilometres (125 miles) from the northern city of Jammu, where explosions were reported hours earlier.

A special train was arranged for players to return to Delhi on Friday as airspace was closed, while overseas stars began to head home on Saturday.



Son Heung-min

# Manama, Muharraq clash for glory

Isa Town hosts emotionally-charged match between two of Bahrain's biggest basketball clubs

● **Manama faces Muharraq in Khalifa bin Salman Cup final**

● **FIBA president and NBA legends Yao Ming, Nowitzki to attend**

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All eyes will be on Isa Town tonight as Manama and Muharraq face off in the final of the 2024 Khalifa bin Salman Cup at 7pm at Isa Sports City Hall C. This marks a repeat of last season's decider, which saw Manama claim the crown in dominant fashion. This year, though, both sides come into the match with more than silverware on their minds — it's a rivalry that has long shaped Bahrain's basketball landscape.

## A Global Stage for a National Rivalry

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, called the Khalifa bin Salman Cup final a landmark moment for basketball in the Kingdom, citing strong fan interest and a rare level of international attention.

His Highness noted that the game will welcome Sheikh Saud bin Ali Al Thani, President of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), and Major General



This marks the first time a Bahraini basketball final coincides with the FIBA Congress, putting the kingdom's hoops scene on the global stage

Ismail Al Gergawi, President of the Arab Basketball Federation, alongside elite basketball officials from around the world. Attending legends include former Chinese national team star Yao Ming—one of Asia's most iconic players and a Houston Rockets NBA alum—and German icon Dirk Nowitzki, former Dallas Mavericks star, giving the game a distinct international flair.

"This final is not just a domestic title match," His Highness said, "but a global platform reflecting the advanced status Bahraini basketball has reached. It embodies the fruits of years of institutional work and development by the Bahrain Basketball Association."

He added that holding the final alongside the FIBA Congress and Hall of Fame celebrations has drawn the eyes of the international basketball community



HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa crowns Manama champions in a previous edition of the tournament

toward Bahrain and strengthened its reputation as a leading sports nation, especially in basketball.

## Lead-Up to the Final

The journey to the championship game has been marked by some memorable matches and standout performances. In the quarter-finals, Manama posted a resounding 96-82 win over Al Hala, while Muharraq outclassed Al Ahli 81-70, both securing their spots in the semi-finals.

Both teams swept their

semi-final series in dominant fashion. Manama outlasted Nuwaidrat 84-75 in Game 2, while Muharraq cruised past Samaheej 85-69, showing their readiness for tonight's game. Manama aim for a "three-peat," while Muharraq look to end their drought since 2017.

## Tactics and Star Power

Manama enter the final with undeniable momentum, powered by their WASL West Asia title and a roster overflowing with talent. American point

guard Tony Carr, who averaged 13.1 points, 5.6 rebounds, and 5.3 assists per game in the West Asia Super League, will lead the backcourt alongside defensive specialist Mustafa Rashed and the ever-reliable captain Mohamed Kowaid. Inside the paint, the explosive duo of Devin Ebanks and Dewayne Morgan pose major threats on both ends of the court.

Muharraq, however, are no strangers to finals. Anchored by the experience of Hassan Nowrooz and Ahmed Hassan, they'll look to counter with a

disciplined defensive strategy and a high-post offense led by their import star Vernon Chism. If recent matches are any indication, Manama will love to run the floor, push in transition, and create space with their shooters. Muharraq will look to try to slow the tempo, force tough half-court looks, and own the rebounds.

## Rivalry of Legends

The Manama-Muharraq clash, a major highlight on the Bahraini sports calendar, brings one of the nation's top basketball rivalries to the forefront, captivating fans across the kingdom.

Beyond the game itself, the event doubles as a cultural gathering. Fan zones outside the venue and across the kingdom will be packed with supporters clad in red and white, waving flags, beating drums, and shouting chants passed down through generations. Whenever these two meet, the whole country tunes in.

## Legacy on the Line

A win tonight would give Manama a record 23rd Khalifa bin Salman Cup title. Muharraq, with six trophies to their name, aim to reclaim the silverware and avenge last season's heartbreak. With the WABA Champions Cup looming, tonight's outcome could also ripple into the regional scene, giving scouts and regional coaches a first-hand look at Bahrain's finest.

## 2026 World Cup ticket sales begin soon as Bahrain keeps dream alive

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Ticket sales for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, set to take place across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, are expected to begin later this year. Average group-stage ticket prices are estimated at around \$305 USD (approx. 115 BHD).

While the world gears up for the tournament, FIFA and its official partner On Location have launched premium hospitality packages for matches in select U.S. cities. These exclusive packages range in price from \$8,275 USD (approx. 3,110 BHD) to \$73,200 USD (approx. 27,530 BHD), depending on the city and matches included.

New York, which will host the final at MetLife Stadium, offers packages starting from \$25,800 USD (approx. 9,710 BHD) up to \$73,200 USD (approx. 27,530 BHD). Los Angeles,



Bahrain's players celebrate during a match (file photo)

the site of the United States' opening match on June 12, has deals priced between \$20,300 USD (approx. 7,650 BHD) and \$35,350 USD (approx. 13,290 BHD). Dallas stands out as the only city to host nine matches, including a semifinal, making

it a prime destination for fans. The hospitality offerings include premium experiences such as private suite seating, field-level lounges, curated dining, and official memorabilia, creating unforgettable match-day moments.

As the global excitement builds, Bahrain continues its own World Cup quest. A narrow 1-0 loss to Indonesia on March 25, courtesy of Ivar Jenner's 22nd-minute strike, left Bahrain in fifth place in Group C with six points. Indonesia climbed to fourth with nine.

Despite the setback, Bahrain still has a chance. A match against Saudi Arabia awaits on home soil on June 5. With fan support and focus, Bahrain can still turn the tide and keep its World Cup dream alive. Bahrainis would relish the opportunity to attend matches in the host nations and support their team on football's biggest stage, and will be hoping for a miraculous turnaround in the campaign to make that dream a reality.

General ticket sales, including more budget-friendly options, are expected to open later this year.

## Alcaraz battles into Italian Open quarter-finals



Carlos Alcaraz in action

AFP | Rome

Carlos Alcaraz reached the Italian Open quarter-finals yesterday after battling past Karen Khachanov 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 to continue his bid for a first Rome title.

Third seed Alcaraz had never lost a set in his previous four meetings with Russia's Khachanov but was forced to fight on the Foro Italico centre court.

Alcaraz needs to get to the Rome semis not just for a chance at his third title of the season but also to secure a top-two seeding at the French Open which begins later this month.

The Spaniard took his 12th clay-court win of the year to

set up a clash in the last eight with fifth seed Jack Draper, a winner over France's Corentin Moutet.

"It was tiring. You know the match was really tough. I had to run. I had to run a lot," said Alcaraz.

"I didn't play well. I just fought and I'm just really happy about it."

Alcaraz seemed set to cruise through when he rattled off six games in a row to win the first set and the first game of the second.

Khachanov's fate looked sealed when his serve was broken in game five of the second set, but the big hitter had other ideas and immediately broke back before claiming the set.

## Cummins, Hazlewood, Green return in Australia's WTC final squad

AFP | Sydney

Captain Pat Cummins, fellow quick bowler Josh Hazlewood and all-rounder Cameron Green were all named yesterday in Australia's 15-man squad for the World Test Championship (WTC) final against South Africa at Lord's next month.

Cummins (ankle) and Hazlewood (hip and calf) missed Australia's most recent Test series in Sri Lanka because of injury but both have successfully returned to ac-



Australia's players arrive for a match (file photo)

tion in the Indian Premier League.

Green returns to the squad for the first

time since undergoing back surgery in October last year.

Exciting 19-year-old batsman Sam Konstas also gets the nod after being left out of the squad that won both Tests in Sri Lanka and is in line to open alongside Usman Khawaja.

Konstas made an explosive start to his Test career against India in December, hitting 60 from 65 balls at the Melbourne Cricket Ground with six fours and two sixes.