

Deal on Move

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Rapid e-commerce growth is reshaping consumer behaviour in Bahrain

Khalifa Bin Salman Port Ranks 19th Globally

Cargo volumes jump 78%

The latest statistics on general cargo throughput at Khalifa Bin Salman Port show a significant surge in May 2026, with handling volumes reaching around 105,500 tonnes. The sharp increase is seen as a positive indicator of a rapid recovery in maritime and trade activity following exceptional disruptions in regional shipping routes earlier this year.

- Cargo rose from 59,400 tonnes in April to 105,500 tonnes in May.
- March 2026 recorded zero general cargo due to full suspension of operations.
- May 2026 exceeds May 2025 (44,200 tonnes), May 2024 (32,100 tonnes), and May 2023 (36,100 tonnes)

- Improved efficiency reduces waiting time and logistics costs
- Boosts trade flow, reliability, and supply chain speed
- Strengthens Bahrain's trade competitiveness and



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Khalifa Bin Salman Port has been ranked 19th globally in the latest Container Port Performance Index (CPPI), placing it among the world's top-performing ports. The port has also been recognised as one of the top five global improvers for efficiency over the reporting period.

Published annually by the

World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence, the CPPI is an independent benchmark that measures how efficiently ports handle container traffic. It assesses the total time vessels spend in port – from arrival to departure – adjusted for vessel size and call complexity. Faster and more predictable vessel handling directly contributes to a higher ranking.

This latest result reflects sus-

tained, multi-year improvement in operational performance, with steady gains recorded across the past five years. The upward trajectory highlights the port's growing role as a reliable and efficient gateway for global trade.

Efficient port operations create tangible value across the supply chain. Shipping lines benefit from improved schedule reliability and reduced waiting

times, while importers and exporters gain from faster cargo movement and lower logistics costs. At a national level, efficient port performance supports trade competitiveness, attracts investment and contributes to job creation. Strong performance in the CPPI reflects coordinated efforts across the entire port community, supported by the leadership and strategic direction of the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications and its Ports and Maritime Affairs. As terminal operator, APM Terminals works alongside partners in marine services, customs and logistics to maintain safe, predictable and efficient cargo flows that connect Bahrain to global markets.

Civilian Deaths Reach a High

A new report by the Explosive Weapons Monitor found that more than half of all civilian deaths caused by explosive weapons in 2025 were linked to Israeli military attacks.

According to the report, 22,600 civilian deaths were recorded globally from explosive weapons this year, with 56 per cent attributed to Israeli military operations.

The monitor also reported a 52 per cent increase in explosive weapon attacks affecting humanitarian aid efforts, with nearly 90 per cent of such incidents recorded in the Palestinian territories.

The report identified Iran, Lebanon, the Palestinian territories, Myanmar, Ukraine and Sudan among the hardest-hit regions. It added that state armed forces were responsible for 85 per cent of incidents that caused civilian harm or damage.

The findings also highlighted a growing threat to civilian infrastructure and essential services in conflict zones.

Trump to Meet World Leaders



US President Donald Trump will participate in a G7 working session alongside Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky during next week's summit in France, a senior US administration official confirmed.

The session is scheduled for Tuesday morning during the G7 Summit in Evian, which runs from June 15 to 17. While both leaders will be present at the meeting, officials said no formal bilateral talks between Trump and Zelensky are currently planned.

The official noted that an informal discussion between the two leaders could still occur on the sidelines of the summit.

Trump is expected to hold separate meetings with French President Emmanuel Macron and the leaders of Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and India during the summit.

No Cash, No Nukes

"Wall" Against Nuclear Weapons

U.S. President Donald Trump announced Saturday that the United States is on the verge of signing a sweeping new agreement with Iran, which he described as a definitive barrier against Tehran ever acquiring a nuclear weapon – through any means.

In a statement posted to Truth Social, Trump sharply criticised the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the nuclear accord negotiated under President Barack Obama, calling it a straightforward path toward Iranian nuclear capability. Trump has previously described the JCPOA as tantamount to handing Iran a nuclear weapon, calling it

"a horrible deal."

By contrast, Trump framed his forthcoming agreement as fundamentally different. Under the new deal, he claimed, Iran has renounced any ambition to develop or acquire a nuclear weapon through purchase, domestic development, or any other method.

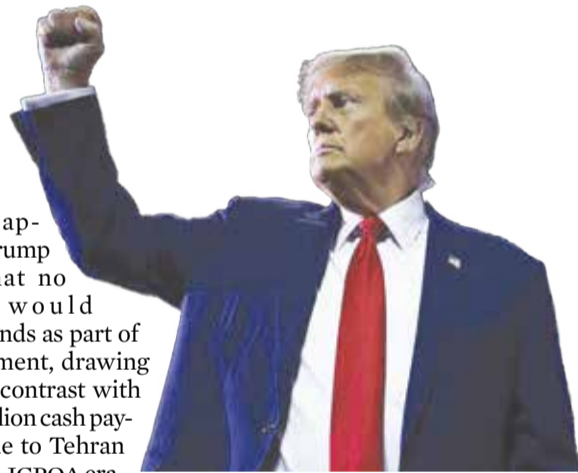
Trump also confirmed that the Strait of Hormuz – a critical artery for global oil exports – would be reopened to all vessels immediately upon signing. A U.S. official indicated that shipping through the Strait would be "unrestricted," with no tolls, no harassment, and a requirement for Iran to remove mines from the waterway.

Unlike the Obama adminis-

tration's approach, Trump stated that no money would change hands as part of the agreement, drawing a pointed contrast with the \$1.7 billion cash payment made to Tehran during the JCPOA era.

The President also referenced plans to eventually remove enriched nuclear material buried deep within Iranian territory, describing the mission as achievable with American B-2 bombers, before the material would be downblended and destroyed.

U.S. and Iranian negotiators



reached agreement on the final text of a draft peace deal on June 12, 2026, following months of direct and indirect talks addressing active hostilities, sanctions relief, and Hormuz access.

Trump closed his statement with a warning, alluding to unspecified military options should the deal fail to hold.

Joint Security Challenges

Strategic Security Dialogue Brings GCC, Jordan and US Together

As part of the Kingdom of Bahrain's presidency of the 46th session of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Bahrain's Ambassador to the United States, Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalifa, hosted the third roundtable meeting in Washington. The meeting brought together ambassadors of GCC states, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and military attachés, along with a US



delegation. The US side was led by Elbridge A. Colby, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and included representatives from the US Department of State.

Participants emphasized the importance of strengthening strategic partnerships and enhancing joint coordination to support regional security and stability. They also highlighted the need to address current challenges, safeguard maritime routes, and ensure freedom of navigation in international waters—factors seen as vital for both economic stability and collective regional security.

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Early Warning Systems Save Lives

Authorities stress that household fires and accidents can be significantly reduced by following basic safety and security requirements recommended by the General Directorate of Civil Defence. Officials highlighted the importance of ensuring that all protective measures are properly implemented in homes, villas, and residential projects.

The guidance includes installing essential safety devices such as smoke detectors and gas leak alarms, which are widely available in the market.

Civil Defence noted that these devices are designed to trigger alarms in the event of fire, gas leaks, or carbon dioxide buildup inside homes, particularly during nighttime hours.

Such early warning systems can play a crucial role in reducing injuries and limiting property damage. Smoke detectors typically operate using standard batteries, which are easily replaceable, and are also designed to alert users when battery power is low. Many systems continue functioning even during power outages.

- Install smoke and gas detectors for early fire warnings.
- Keep emergency exits clear and easily accessible at all times.
- Do not block windows with fixed iron bars that prevent escape.
- Place fire extinguishers in key areas, especially kitchens, and maintain them regularly.
- Check electrical wiring and appliances to prevent faults and fire risks.
- Use automatic circuit breakers for added electrical safety.
- Turn off gas cylinders immediately after use.
- Dispose of cigarettes and shisha ash safely to avoid accidental fires.

From Pearl Trade to Living Memory

When Manama Souq Was the Beating Heart of Bahrain

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Before modern shopping malls reshaped Bahrain's retail landscape, Manama Souq stood as the Kingdom's main commercial hub, where trade, culture, and daily life converged. Today, Bahraini businessman Nabeel Ajoor, born in 1961, is calling for the preservation of the souq's rich memory, drawing on his family's long connection to its textile trade dating back to 1932.

The story highlights the cultural and economic importance of Manama Souq, not only as a historic marketplace but also as a symbol of Bahrain's identity. Through personal memories and historical accounts, Nabeel Ajoor reflects on how the souq shaped generations of merchants, workers, and families, and why documenting its heritage is essential as the area continues to evolve.

Nabeel Ajoor, who chose to continue his family's textile business instead of pursuing studies abroad, is a partner in "Abdulahman and Ibrahim Mohammed Ajoor & Partners," a company deeply rooted in the commercial history of Manama Souq.

He recalls the souq's most iconic sector, the pearl market known as "Souq Al Tawawish," where pearls were displayed in small elevated shops, laid out on fine carpets and red or velvet-covered tables. The space was carefully or-



"Without proper documentation, we risk losing a vital part of Bahrain's national heritage and collective memory as modernisation continues."

- NABEEL AJOOR, BAHRAINI BUSINESSMAN



Pearl Market (Souq Al Tawawish): Pearl trading, weighing, and selling hub



A traditional transport point where donkeys were rented to carry goods and purchases before modern

ganised for sorting, weighing, and selling pearls, reflecting the precision and value of Bahrain's historic pearl trade.

Another important part of the marketplace was (Wednesday Market), which played a vital social and economic role, particularly for Bahraini women. During the months when pearl divers were away at sea, women became the backbone of household income, selling goods such as perfumes, handmade crafts, clothing, sewing products, and cosmetics.

Women would set up their stalls early in the morning and continue selling until the afternoon, demonstrating resilience, independence, and economic contribution at a time when family survival often depended on their efforts.

The souq also included early transport services such as donkey rentals, which were used to carry goods and purchases home before the arrival of modern transport systems such as trucks and buses.

Beyond these well-known sections, Manama Souq was

also a marketplace for almost everything, with dedicated areas for textiles, gold, and traditional goods. One of the most distinctive sections was Souq Al Safafir, known for copper craftsmen who produced traditional cooking pots and utensils, reflecting the diversity of trades that once defined the souq's economic life.

Nabeel Ajoor emphasizes that Manama Souq was more than a marketplace. It was a space of coexistence where different communities, professions, and cultures interacted daily, shaping Bahrain's long-standing values of tolerance and social unity. His family business, established in 1932, remains part of this commercial heritage and reflects the continuity of trade across generations.

As Manama continues to modernise, Nabeel Ajoor stresses that preserving the souq's stories is just as important as protecting its physical structures. He warns that without proper documentation, an essential part of Bahrain's national identity and collective memory could gradually fade away.

Strict Summer Work Restrictions

Experts stress early planning as key to managing predictable seasonal restrictions

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Bahrain's annual midday work ban is set to take effect tomorrow, June 15, marking the start of restrictions that prohibit work under direct sunlight from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM until August 31, 2026, as part of efforts to protect workers from extreme summer heat.

Speaking exclusively to The Daily Tribune, legal consultant and lawyer Manal Dhahi, Founder of Manal Dhahi Legal Group, discussed the measure's legal and contractual implications for the construction sector during the summer season, alongside a civil engineering perspective highlighting operational realities on site.

Under Ministerial Resolution No. (5) of 2026, employers may not require workers to perform duties in open areas under direct sunlight during the specified hours and period. The regulation forms part of Bahrain's occupational safety framework and aims to reduce heat-related risks in high-exposure sectors such as construction.

While the primary objective is worker protection, Dhahi noted that the regulation continues to impact construction contracts, project timelines, and financial obligations, as reduced working hours require contractors to reorganize schedules and adjust execution strategies to maintain progress.

She explained that the resolution does not automatically grant extensions of time or exemption from contractual liability, stressing that the outcome depends on the wording of each contract and the applicable legal framework



Violations carry penalties under Article 192 of Bahrain's Labour Law, including up to three months' imprisonment, fines of BD500-BD1,000, and harsher penalties for repeat or large-scale breaches.

Nemah added that because the regulation is predictable and known in advance, contractors are generally expected to incorporate it into planning, scheduling, and cost estimation from the tender stage. She further explained that any delays or additional costs arising from failure to account for the ban are typically considered part of the contractor's responsibility unless specific contractual provisions state otherwise.

On the issue of delays, she noted that the midday work ban is not usually regarded as a valid ground for extending project duration, given its predictable and annual nature.

Addressing whether there is a gap between contract terms and on-site realities, Nemah rejected this view, instead emphasizing planning efficiency. "Success in managing this requirement depends more on early planning and effective project management than on any gap between contract terms and site conditions," she said.

In conclusion, both perspectives highlight that Bahrain's midday work ban continues to reshape the construction sector not as an unexpected disruption, but as a recurring operational reality that demands stronger planning, clearer contracts, and improved risk management from the outset of every project.



"This regulation is not merely seasonal—it is a structured legal framework that places human safety at the center of project execution,"

LAWYER MANAL DHAHI



"Costs linked to rescheduling, night shifts, or additional resources are generally absorbed within the contractor's obligations rather than treated as compensable variations."

REEM NEMAH, CIVIL ENGINEER

governing the project. She also emphasized the importance of documentation, stating: "In construction disputes, documentation is decisive. If it is not recorded properly, it becomes difficult to enforce later."

From an engineering perspective, civil engineer Reem Nemah told The Daily Tribune that while the midday work ban is not a new

regulation in Bahrain, its contractual treatment remains inconsistent across the sector.

"In Bahrain, the midday work ban is a recurring annual regulation. However, some construction contracts still do not clearly address its impact on time extensions or additional costs, which can create challenges during execution," she said.

Education Ministry Sets September 3 Start for New School Year

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Students in government schools across Bahrain will begin the new academic year on September 3, according to the 2026-2027 academic calendar approved by the Ministry of Education. Teaching and administrative staff are scheduled to return on September 1, while student orientation days will be held on September 2 and 3.

The academic year will comprise 202 school days, with 91 days in the first semester and 111 in the second.

The first semester for all school levels, including continuing education, will run from September 3, 2026, until January 12, 2027.

Final examinations for general secondary education, parallel secondary education,

2026-2027 Academic Calendar
IELTS Mock Pre-test:
October 4-8, focusing on English language skills
Home-study student registration:
September 8-22, 2026
New student registration (2027-2028):
October 18-31, 2026
Mid-year break: January 17-28, 2027 (12 days), ending ahead of Ramadan
Second semester begins: January 31, 2027
Second semester ends: June 30, 2027
Final examinations begin: May 3, 2027
Ramadan (expected): February 8 - March 8, 2027
Eid Al Fitr: March 9-11, 2027

and technical and vocational streams will be held from December 21, 2026, to January 12, 2027. Other exam schedules include religious intermediate certificate exams from December 24, general intermediate exams from December 28, and transfer and home-study cycle examinations from December 31 to January 12.

Panel approves debt waiver for deceased citizens

● **Government says existing laws already protect vulnerable families.**

● **Widows and minor children can keep their homes debt-free.**

● **Officials cite existing exemptions and humanitarian safeguards.**

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Mohammed Darwish

A parliamentary committee has approved a bill that would write off all debts owed to government bodies by a Bahraini citizen upon death, despite warnings from ministries and state agencies that an open-ended waiver would cut income used to pay for public services.

The bill, tabled by MP Mohammed Al Maarfi, says all sums due to government bodies from a deceased citizen would lapse by law. Heirs, or anyone who takes their place in law, would not be pursued for the money, and the



Mohammed Al Maarfi, MP

debts would not form part of the estate.

The Financial and Economic Affairs Committee said the bill deals with a sensitive legal and social matter: debts left behind after death, owed to government bodies, which can add to the strain on families. The waiver would be limited to government claims. It would leave private debts untouched, and would exclude cases tied directly to public money, including criminal fines and compensation awarded in criminal cases.

The note attached to the bill says it seeks a legal and humane answer for families left in hardship after the death of a breadwinner. It says heirs should not be made to bear government debts, nor should such sums be treated as part of the estate.

The Ministry of Electricity and Water Affairs and the Electricity and Water Authority said heirs

- Housing loans are waived if the deceased leaves a widow and minor children, with ownership transferred to the family.
- Families without minor children can nominate a new beneficiary and continue payments based on their income.
- Pension-related instalments linked to government loans and service purchases are cancelled upon death.
- Employer social insurance debts remain payable and can pass to heirs or business successors.
- Low-income families may qualify for waivers of certain government dues on social or humanitarian grounds.
- Municipal fees can be partially or fully waived following a social assessment.

are not personally liable under Sharia for debts left by the deceased. Such debts are paid from the estate, if one exists. If there is no estate, the sums lapse unless heirs choose, of their own accord, to pay them to clear the deceased's name.

The ministry and authority said debts, government or otherwise, do not enter the estate. They

must be paid before the estate is handed to heirs. They also said unpaid sums owed by deceased subscribers are public money, and writing them off would lower state income and weaken services given to the public.

They warned that cancelling electricity, water and municipal fee arrears for all deceased people would sharply cut the authority's income and affect the quality of its services. They said there is already a rule allowing arrears of up to two years to be dropped for deceased low-income citizens registered with the Ministry of Social Development, under Decision No. 30 of 2014, as amended by Decision No. 15 of 2019.

The authority said the bill would also harm its plan to balance its finances, which depends on bringing income and spending into line. It buys electricity and water from the private sector and must pay within 42 days, while the money needed for those payments comes from subscribers.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning said the same approach is already used in housing cases. Under the housing system issued by Decision No. 909 of 2015 and its subsequent amendments, heirs of a deceased citizen who had a housing benefit can be exempted from sums owed for that benefit.

Parliament Examines Digital Access Standards

Seminar highlights the role of technology in improving access for people with disabilities

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Rehab Mohammad



Bahrain's parliamentary delegation gained insights into international best practices for digital accessibility during a virtual seminar organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), which showcased the European Parliament's approach to creating inclusive digital services.

The seminar highlighted practical measures adopted by the European Parliament to ensure that websites, mobile applications, internal networks, and digital documents are accessible to all users, including people with disabilities.

Representing Bahrain were MP Hassan Ibrahim Hassan and officials from the General Secretariats of the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives. A key outcome of the discussions was the emphasis on integrating accessibility requirements into the design and development of digital systems from the outset. Participants also reviewed the role of the European Parliament's Digital Accessibility Competence Center, which works directly with users with disabilities to improve digital services and ensure they meet

accessibility standards.

The seminar underscored the importance of strong legal frameworks in advancing digital inclusion, with presentations covering the Web Accessibility Directive and the European Accessibility Act. These regulations were highlighted as key tools in promoting equal access to digital information and services.

Participants also examined quality assurance measures, compliance reporting mechanisms, and monitoring processes used by the European Parliament to maintain accessibility standards across its digital platforms.

The discussions reinforced the growing importance of digital accessibility as a fundamental element of modern parliamentary work and highlighted opportunities for legislative institutions to strengthen inclusion through technology-driven solutions.

Ashoora 2026 Preparations Reviewed

Hasan Barakat

Preparations for Ashoora 1448H, corresponding to 2026, are being reviewed as Bahrain's Jafari Endowments Directorate holds its annual coordination meeting with heads of ma'atams and Hussainiyas across the Kingdom.

The meeting brings together ma'atam and Hussainiya representatives along with officials from relevant government, service, and security authorities to assess arrangements ahead of the annual religious commemorations.

Discussions focus on strengthening



coordination between stakeholders to ensure Ashoora events are organised smoothly, safely, and in line with established procedures.

The annual gathering traditionally reviews preparations related to Hussaini processions and associated events, as well as

broader service and organisational requirements for the season. It also provides a platform for participants to present feedback, remarks, and proposals aimed at improving services during the observance period.

As part of this year's arrangements, the meeting is expected to include the distribution of new permits for Hussaini food stations, alongside annual logistical support such as supplies and equipment provided to ma'atams and Hussainiyas.

Officials will also address regulatory compliance and operational guidelines for the season, ensuring all activities are conducted within approved frameworks to maintain public safety and order.

The meeting comes after a series of recent coordination sessions held across Bahrain in preparation for

Ashoora.

Last week, Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa met with heads of ma'atams and Hussainiyas, stressing the importance of preserving Bahrain's traditional character in marking Ashoora. He described the occasion as an important part of the Kingdom's religious and cultural heritage passed down through generations, while emphasising the need to safeguard it from external influences.

Following that meeting, the General Authority for Hussaini Processions confirmed that processions would proceed as in previous years, in line with existing security and legal regulations, ensuring the smooth conduct of rituals while maintaining public safety.

Police patrols handled 1,606 April reports



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Police patrols linked to Bahrain's operations room dealt with 1,606 reports in April, with response calls making up the largest share, Interior Ministry figures show.

Response cases accounted for 67 pc of the total. Traffic cases made up 28 pc, while security reports stood at 5 pc.

The Coast Guard Command received 78 reports tied to sea incidents, rescue work and help at sea.

These included 48 reports on accidents, rescues and broken-down vessels, three marine accident reports and 27 calls for aid.

The National Ambulance dealt with 4,762 reports dur-

ing the month.

Of these, 3,440 were medical cases. A further 332 involved road crashes, while 676 were transfers from private hospitals and health centres to emergency wards.

There were also 31 fire-related reports and 283 other accident reports.

Reports filed through the MyGov app reached 1,541.

Security directorates received the largest share, with 799 reports. The Anti-Economic Crimes Directorate received 287, the Cybercrime Directorate 413, and the Anti-Corruption Crimes Directorate 12.

The Child Protection Unit in Cyberspace received 28 reports, while two were sent to the Search and Follow-up Directorate at Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs.

Volunteerism and Media Key to National Development



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Rehab Mohammad

At the opening of the Bahrain Media and Volunteerism Forum, the Speaker of the Shura Council, Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, commended the efforts of Bahrain's security institutions, highlighting their role in protecting the country's stability and development.

Al Saleh praised the work of the Bahrain Defence Force, the National Guard, and the Ministry of Interior, stating that their efforts were vital in confronting attacks he attributed to Iran, and in safeguarding citizens, residents, and national achievements under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the support of Crown Prince and Prime Minister Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

He strongly condemned at-

tacks targeting Bahrain, other Gulf Cooperation Council states, and Jordan, reaffirming Bahrain's commitment to peace, good neighbourly relations, and dialogue based on mutual respect.

The remarks were delivered during the opening of the Bahrain Media and Volunteerism Forum, organised by the Bahrain Society for Voluntary Work from June 13 to 15 under the theme "Towards Conscious Media and Sustainable Giving."

During the event, Al Saleh also signed a loyalty and support document for the King and honoured frontline personnel in recognition of their efforts in responding to security challenges.

Court Grants Expat Divorce After 10-Year Marriage

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Rehab Mohammad

Court of Cassation upheld the divorce of a 40-year-old expatriate man from his European wife after a decade of marriage, citing "the impossibility of marital life" and applying the civil law of the husband's home country.

The ruling also granted custody of the couple's two children to the mother and ordered the father to pay monthly child support of 1,000 dinars.

The case stemmed from a civil marriage that lasted over 10 years but broke down after prolonged disputes and a physical separation of more than five years. The husband filed for divorce under Article 232 of his national law, submitting certified translations, documents, and WhatsApp messages to support his claim that reconciliation was impossible.

The wife countered with claims seeking custody, child support, housing allowances, and a 50-50 division of shared

assets. However, the courts initially ruled that she had not provided sufficient legal documentation or certified translations to support her financial claims.

The Court of Cassation confirmed that Bahraini courts have jurisdiction over expatriate personal status cases and may apply the husband's national law at the time of filing. It also noted that the applicable foreign law permits divorce after prolonged separation when the marital relationship is irreparably broken.

While earlier rulings dismissed the wife's financial claims due to lack of evidence and documentation, the Court of Appeals later awarded her custody, child support, and housing support after determining that she was the primary caregiver and acting in the children's best interests.

However, the court rejected her request to divide financial assets due to insufficient proof of joint holdings or financial records.

Retail Competitiveness Hinges on Service Quality: BCCI

Rapid e-commerce growth is reshaping consumer behaviour in Bahrain

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The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) has stressed the importance of developing the retail sector to keep pace with rapidly evolving consumer behaviour and purchasing patterns, highlighting service quality and operational efficiency as critical factors in maintaining competitiveness.

Shaker Mirza Al Huli, a member of the BCCI Board of Directors, said retailers face significant changes in consumer expectations, requiring businesses to modernise management practices, improve operational performance and enhance service delivery to remain competitive in a changing marketplace.

Al Huli noted that competition in the retail sector is no longer determined solely by expansion and increasing the number of outlets. Instead, success is increasingly driven by service quality, responsiveness and a deeper understanding of consumer needs, as shoppers place greater emphasis on value



for money, product quality and speed of service.

He explained that the rapid growth of e-commerce and on-demand services has fundamentally transformed the market and intensified competition. Consequently, businesses must move beyond traditional operating models and focus on improving customer experience, increasing efficiency, reducing waste and leveraging modern technologies and data analytics to enhance decision-making and

service delivery.

He added that the retail and food sectors remain closely linked to daily economic activity, making adaptability essential for business continuity and stability. He noted that Bahrain's private sector has accumulated significant expertise, helping to maintain market stability and provide consumers with diverse options despite various economic challenges.

Al Huli highlighted digital transformation as one of the

“Today’s consumers are looking for value, quality and fast service more than traditional marketing appearances, this requires retailers to be more flexible and capable of adapting quickly to market changes

SHAKER MIRZA AL HULI

primary drivers of retail sector growth. He pointed out that the value of e-commerce in Bahrain reached approximately BD1.722 billion in 2025, up from BD1.501 billion in 2024, representing growth of 14.7 per cent. The figures reflect continued shifts in consumer purchasing behaviour and the growing role of technology in enhancing services and business efficiency.

He also noted that the wholesale and retail trade sector recorded growth of 2.8 per cent in 2024, underscoring the impor-

E-commerce expansion: 14.7% growth in Bahrain online retail (2025).

Sector growth: Wholesale and retail trade up 2.8% in 2024.

Digital transformation: Data analytics and tech adoption are becoming essential.

tance of continued investment in operational and technological capabilities across the industry.

Looking ahead, Al Huli said businesses should explore opportunities for mergers and strategic integration where appropriate, particularly among medium and large companies. Such initiatives could help reduce operating costs, strengthen competitiveness and improve long-term sustainability in the face of rising costs and rapidly changing market conditions.

He reaffirmed the Bahrain Chamber's commitment to supporting the development of commercial and service sectors and enhancing their ability to respond to economic changes. He noted that the restructuring of sectoral committees

during the current term aims to strengthen engagement with businesses, identify challenges and opportunities and submit recommendations that contribute to improving the business environment and boosting private sector competitiveness.

Al Huli concluded by warning that companies that fail to adapt to changing consumer behaviour and modernise their operations will face increasing challenges in maintaining market share. He stressed that future success will depend on innovation, customer experience, effective use of technology and stronger cooperation between the public and private sectors to create a more resilient and competitive economy capable of achieving sustainable growth.

Anthropic cuts access to AI models over US ‘national security’ order

AFP | San Francisco

Anthropic said it will “abruptly disable” its most advanced AI models for all users after the U.S. government ordered it to suspend access to the models for foreign nationals, citing national security concerns.

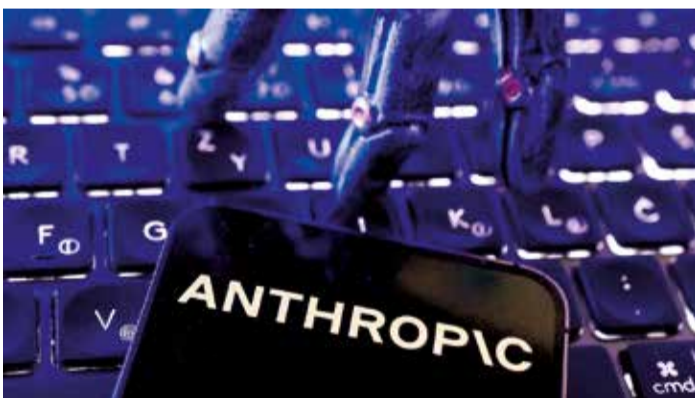
The company received the export control directive to suspend access to Fable 5 and Mythos 5 for all foreign nationals, without being given specific details of its national security concern, Anthropic said in a statement.

It is Anthropic's understanding that the government believes there is a method of bypassing, or “jailbreaking,” a safeguard that would prevent Fable 5 from being used in identifying software vulnerabilities, the company said.

The order comes just as a previous dispute between Trump administration officials and IPO-bound Anthropic showed signs of easing across parts of the U.S. government.

Anthropic's relationship with the government ruptured this year after it refused to allow the U.S. military to use its AI models for domestic surveillance and fully autonomous weapons systems. The government responded by putting Anthropic on a supply chain blacklist, set to take effect later in the year.

The action also marks a major escalation of U.S. efforts to halt foreign adversaries' AI capabilities. For years, U.S. export con-



trols have focused on the chips and tools that power AI rather than on restricting foreign access to AI itself.

Anthropic said the government has given it only “verbal evidence of a potential narrow, non-universal jailbreak”.

“We disagree that the finding of a narrow potential jailbreak should be cause for recalling a commercial model deployed to hundreds of millions of people,” the company said.

The government directive and Anthropic's response highlight growing tension between AI developers and regulators over how to assess risks from so-called “jailbreaks,” or methods used to bypass model safeguards.

As recently as Wednesday, Anthropic had called for greater U.S. oversight of AI, including the ability to block models with unacceptable risks. It said, however, the government action on Friday did not follow principles of fair and fact-based regulation.

The Pentagon's chief information officer, Kirsten Davies, said

in a post on X that the Defense Department supported prioritizing national security.

“Some things are simply more important than revenue cycles, clickbait, and pre-IPO valuation. America First. Always,” Davies said.

Anthropic confidentially filed for a U.S. IPO last month, edging ahead of rival OpenAI in the race to reach public markets.

Sophisticated cyberattacks

Earlier this week, Anthropic rolled out an AI model named Claude Fable 5, representing a new tier of capability it calls “Mythos-class.” The model is accompanied by guardrails barring its use in risky areas such as cybersecurity, which some users have complained are “overly broad,” Anthropic said.

Experts have said that Mythos models, in the wrong hands, could dramatically accelerate sophisticated cyberattacks, particularly in sectors such as banking that rely on complex, interconnected, and often decades-old technology systems.



Several prominent Anthropic figures, including co-founder Chris Olah and researcher Andrej Karpathy, were born outside the United States, raising questions about how broadly the restrictions could apply

Anthropic said it had worked with the U.S. government, among others, on safety ahead of the Fable launch and that models from rival AI providers showed a similar ability to unearth minor bugs in code.

“The net effect of this order is that we must abruptly disable Fable 5 and Mythos 5 for all our customers to ensure compliance. Access to all other Anthropic models will not be affected,” Anthropic said.

Anthropic said that it believed there was a “misunderstanding” and that it is working to restore access to the models as soon as possible.

“If this standard was applied across the industry, we believe it would essentially halt all new model deployments for all frontier model providers,” the company said.

US clears Paramount's \$111 bn Warner Bros. takeover



AFP | Los Angeles

The US Justice Department cleared Paramount Skydance's \$111 billion takeover of Warner Bros. Discovery, handing a major win to a media empire financed by one of President Donald Trump's closest billionaire allies.

The Antitrust Division approved the blockbuster deal without demanding a single change, capping an eight-month review and clearing the way for one of the largest media mergers in years.

It said the tie-up was “not likely to result in harm to competition or American consumers” -- and could even increase competition.

The approval is a coup for Paramount chief executive David Ellison, whose father, Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison, largely financed the takeover.

The elder Ellison, one of the world's richest men, is a close ally of Trump.

A group of Democratic senators led by Elizabeth Warren had warned that a Warner Bros. deal risked being “taint-

ed by political favoritism and corruption,” urging the Justice Department to review it on the law and facts.

Larry Ellison's financial guarantee was what finally won over the Warner Bros. board, sealing Paramount's victory in a bruising bidding war with Netflix.

The combined company will control a sprawling roster of assets, including CNN, Warner Bros. Pictures and the HBO Max streaming service.

But the federal sign-off does not end the deal's legal peril.

A coalition of about 10 states led by California is preparing an antitrust lawsuit that could land this month, Bloomberg has reported.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta's office said this week the acquisition “remains an active investigation.” The European Commission is reviewing the merger as well.

Hollywood is uneasy about the deal. Hundreds of actors and directors have signed a letter opposing the merger, warning it will choke production in an industry already battered by years of consolidation and cost-cutting.

US-Iran deal could be finalised soon, mediator Pakistan says

US down multiple Iranian attack drones over Strait of Hormuz

● Pakistan reports major diplomatic progress

● Deal potentially near completion

● Signing timeline remains uncertain

AFP | Tehran

The United States and Iran could finalise an agreement to end the Middle East war within as little as 24 hours, mediator Pakistan said yesterday, after both sides expressed optimism about the chances of concluding a deal.

The apparent momentum came in spite of new skirmishes in the Strait of Hormuz, which has been at the centre of the months-long war that has roiled the region and the global economy.

Weeks of negotiations on a long-term peace agreement following an April 8 truce have so far been fruitless, with US President Donald Trump repeatedly insisting a deal was near only for the wrangling to drag on.

"We are closer to a peace deal than ever before," Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, whose country has played a crucial role in peace talks, wrote on X.

"With finalisation likely expected in the next 24 hours, Pakistan is preparing for the electronic signing of the peace deal immediately after, followed by technical level talks next week."

The schedule for the signing remains to be seen, however.



Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi (R) shaking hands with Pakistan's Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi before their meeting in Tehran (file photo)

A Pakistani foreign ministry statement said it was planned for Sunday, while Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei yesterday said it was yet to be determined, "although it will not be tomorrow".

He nonetheless added: "The possibility of this happening in the coming days cannot be ruled out."

Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi had likewise said on Friday that the deal could be signed "in the coming days", while a senior US official had put their confidence in finally reaching an agreement at "80 to 85 percent".

However, the warring parties

have released conflicting information about the contents of the deal, as each seeks to show it emerged from the war with the upper hand.

Hormuz drones

Among other things, Tehran has insisted on its right to enrich uranium and maintain control over the Strait of Hormuz, both of which appear to be sharply at odds with Washington's long-standing red lines.

The strait is a key maritime trade route carrying oil and gas from the Gulf to markets worldwide, and Tehran has blockaded the waterway since the outbreak of the war.

It has insisted vessels obtain permission from its armed forces before transiting, and has established a new body to oversee and collect tolls in the strait.

The US has responded with its own blockade of Iranian ports in an attempt to choke off the country's energy exports.

Earlier yesterday, the United States said it downed multiple Iranian drones over the strait.

The US military's Central Command posted on X that Iran had "launched multiple one-way attack drones in an attempt to strike commercial ships transiting the Strait".

It added that "US forces have downed all of them in recent

24 hours is the timeframe Pakistan said a US-Iran peace deal could be finalised after weeks of fruitless negotiations

hours".

Diverging terms

Trump on Friday denied that the peace deal favoured Tehran after Iranian media outlets published a purported breakdown that clashed with Washington's description.

The reports, Trump said in a social media post, "have NOTHING to do with the terms that were agreed to, in writing".

Araghchi provided some details on the deal in an interview with state television, saying it called for the lifting of the US naval blockade and unspecified changes to the administration of the Strait of Hormuz.

He also said the only way to deal with Iran's enriched uranium "is to dilute it inside Iran".

Trump, who has justified the war as necessary to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, had previously said the US would take control of the uranium.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel -- which launched the war in tandem with the US in February -- said Trump had promised him any agreement would include the removal of Tehran's enriched nuclear material.

Iran has long insisted its nuclear programme is peaceful.

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TOP 4 TWEETS

01



On 16th and 17th June I will be in Evian to participate in the G7 Summit. I will be interacting with various world leaders and discussing a wide range of subjects. India will always focus on giving voice to the aspirations of the Global South. @G7

@narendramodi

02



Spoke to US Secretary of State Marco Rubio this evening. I reiterated India's strong protest at the attacks by the US Navy in the Gulf that killed three Indian mariners. Such lethal actions against commercial shipping are not justified.

@DrSJaisankar

03



If I were ever abducted by Aliens, the first thing I'd ask is whether they came from a planet where people also deny science.

@neiltyson

04



Canada and France share history, values, and increasingly, the same interests.

@MarkJCarney

Trooping the Colour marks King's official birthday

TDT | Agencies

Crowds have gathered for the annual Trooping the Colour to mark King Charles III's official birthday.

The parade set off from Buckingham Palace, with King Charles and Queen Camilla making their way in a carriage along The Mall to Horseguard's Parade.

As royal colonels, the Prince of Wales, the Princess Royal and the Duke of Edinburgh rode on horseback, while other attendees included the Princess of Wales and her three children while the Duchess of Edinburgh travelled by carriage.

The celebrations culminated with a Red Arrows flypast, watched by the Royal Family from the balcony at Buckingham Palace. Cooper has also issued a temporary block on Trump's demand to close the Kennedy Center for two years of renovations, which was due to start in July.



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1381

Richard II in England meets leaders of the Peasants' Revolt on Blackheath. The Tower of London is stormed by rebels who enter without resistance



1645

Battle of Naseby, Leicestershire: Parliament's New Model Army under Oliver Cromwell and Thomas Fairfax defeats the Royalist forces of English King Charles I

1777

US Continental Congress adopts the Stars & Stripes flag, designed by Francis Hopkinson, replacing the Grand Union flag

1982

Argentina surrenders to the United Kingdom, ending the 74-day Falklands Islands conflict

Israel strikes south Lebanon after warnings

● Nabatieh largely emptied of residents

● Hezbollah claims drone attacks

● Ceasefire remains largely ignored

AFP | Beirut

Lebanon reported Israeli strikes on the country's south yesterday as the Israeli army issued evacuation warnings for more than 20 locations including the city of Nabatieh ahead of raids there.

The state-run National News Agency (NNA) said Israeli airstrikes hit several areas covered by the warning, including the villages of Rihan and Sujud, located not far from Nabatieh, and other areas not mentioned in the evacuation notice.

It said an Israeli strike killed a local official in Rihan, located in the southern region of Jezzine.

An AFP correspondent in Nabatieh said the city was almost deserted, and also reported artillery shelling there and in nearby areas overnight and yesterday.

A day earlier, the NNA reported explosions and artillery shelling near the Ali Taher hills overlooking the city.

The Israeli army warned residents in 24 locations, both in and around Nabatieh and nearer to the coast, to "evacuate your homes immediately and move to the north of the Zahrani River," around 45 kilometers (28 miles) from the southern border with Israel.

Last month it declared all areas south of the river "combat zones," and has been heavily striking the area.

Israel's military also said its air force yesterday "intercepted a suspicious aerial target that crossed from Lebanon into Israeli territory."

Hezbollah, which has kept up



Smoke rises from the site of an Israeli airstrike that targeted the southern Lebanese city of Nabatieh

attacks on Israeli troops who have invaded south Lebanon, said its fighters launched drone attacks on Israeli military vehicles in the south.

Israel and Hezbollah have been at war since early March when the Iran-backed group drew Lebanon into the Middle East conflict with rocket fire at Israel to avenge the killing of Iran's supreme leader in US-Israeli strikes.

Iran insists that Lebanon must be part of any agreement to end the wider Middle East war, and a senior US official said Friday that a peace deal with Iran "includes Lebanon."

'Test'

Neither Israel nor Hezbollah have respected a ceasefire announced in April, and a conditional truce deal announced this month after a fourth round of direct Lebanese-Israeli negotiations in Washington has also failed to halt the fighting.

Lebanon says Israel's massive campaign of airstrikes and

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The Israeli military officially ordered residents to flee 45 kilometers away to the north of the Zahrani River, having recently designated all territory south of that waterway as an active combat zone

ground invasion have killed more than 3,700 people.

Hezbollah has rejected the direct talks and the conditional agreement, which requires it to cease attacks but makes no mention of Israel doing so or withdrawing troops from Lebanon.

Lebanon's leaders have instead accused Tehran of treating the country as a "bargaining chip."

Hezbollah lawmaker Ali Fayyad yesterday urged Lebanon to take advantage of any deal to end the Iran war that includes the country.

"We want the Lebanese state to negotiate for itself, and nobody is suggesting forfeiting this role," Fayyad said, "however, the state must abandon the policy of being crushed in the face of the Israelis and submission to the Americans."

Lebanese President Joseph Aoun said in a statement on X yesterday that Lebanon faces "a fateful test."

"Either its people unite around a sovereign state that monopolizes weapons, upholds the law and protects citizens irrespective of their affiliation or position, or it remains hostage to the logic of militias," the statement said.

Further Israel-Lebanon talks are scheduled for later this month.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Cohesion strengthens Bahraini resolve



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

In February, the initial spark of conflict brought an immediate wave of anxiety, shifting public focus heavily toward personal safety and individual survival. The sudden unpredictability of global and regional tensions triggered a visceral reaction, where families prioritized immediate security, economic stability, and basic readiness. Conversations were dominated by fear of the unknown, and the collective mood was fragile, reactive, and intensely localized. Today, that initial panic has transformed into a resilient, deeply nationalistic vision. The public meter has shifted from individual vulnerability to a collective determination to protect the nation as a unified whole. This evolution in public opinion acts as a protective shield, reinforcing the rightness of national policies and strategic decisions.

Instead of asking how to survive as individuals, citizens are now actively engaged in understanding how to strengthen national security, support defense measures, and secure long-term sovereignty. Public solidarity has become a vital asset, validating state actions and projecting an image of internal cohesion

to the outside world.

Central to this emotional and strategic shift is the calm, unwavering focus of Bahrain's leadership. By maintaining a steady and clear direction, the leadership has effectively neutralized public panic and replaced it with a calculated, structured resolve. This reassuring guidance has made the populace significantly less worried about the way forward. Citizens no longer view the future through a lens of crisis, but rather through a perspective of strategic management and national duty.

Ultimately, the past months have revealed a much stronger, surer, and more mature Bahrain. The nation has successfully transitioned from a state of shock to a state of sustained readiness. By aligning public opinion with national defense goals, Bahrain has built an intellectual and emotional fortress that complements its physical security, ensuring the country moves forward with confidence, unity, and absolute clarity.

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(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counter-terrorism)

Five killed in India military transport plane crash

AFP | New Delhi

Five Indian air force personnel were killed when a military plane crashed while landing at a base in the country's remote northeast yesterday, the military said in a statement.

"The Indian Air Force deeply regrets the loss of five personnel in the An-32 accident at Jorhat," a city in Assam state, the air force said in a statement.

It did not say how many people were on board at the time, or whether there were any survivors.

However, an air force official said the co-pilot had survived.

News channel NDTV broadcast images of the crash site,



Emergency responders inspect the wreckage of the aircraft

showing a thick black plume of smoke and the aircraft apparently broken into pieces.

The air force said it "extends

its deepest condolences to the bereaved families and stands firmly with them in this hour of grief."

It said earlier that the Russian-made Antonov An-32 was on a "routine sortie" when it crashed as it came in to land.

"A court of inquiry is being constituted, to ascertain the cause of the accident," the air force said.

The An-32, a twin-engine turboprop, is specially designed to perform well at high altitudes and in extreme climates.

The Indian air force operates about 100 of them for military supplies and civilian aid in the country's remotest mountain areas.

The last major crash involving the plane occurred in 2019 in Arunachal Pradesh state, near the border with China, when 13 people were killed.

Newly minted billionaire Musk under fire over Belfast riots

AFP | Washington

Elon Musk, newly crowned the world's first trillionaire, faced renewed criticism Friday over anti-immigrant riots in Belfast after researchers said violent narratives he amplified on his platform X amassed millions of views.

Clashes broke out in the Northern Irish capital after a brutal knife attack on Monday, with police charging a Sudanese national named Hadi Al-odid with attempted murder.

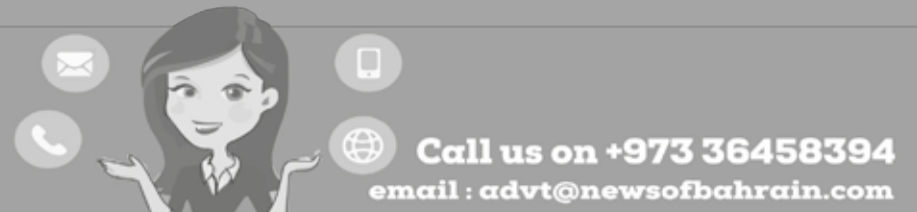
Musk amplified calls for protest across Britain from an-



ti-immigration activist Tommy Robinson and wrote to his 240 million followers on X: "Only by protesting REPEATEDLY and LOUDLY will there be any change."

He also boosted anti-immigration posts and messages from Rupert Lowe, leader of the fringe hard-right party Restore Britain, extending his reach to millions of users on the platform.

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region

UAE Rejects Claims of \$3 Billion Transfer to Iran

Confirms that no frozen Iranian assets have been released or transferred

The United Arab Emirates strongly denied media reports alleging it transferred funds to the Islamic Republic of Iran, including claims involving USD 3 billion.

In a statement, the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs described the allegations as “entirely false and unfounded,” stressing that no frozen Iranian funds have



been released, transferred, or facilitated through the country.

The Ministry further emphasized that the UAE has not been involved in any financial transactions related to frozen Iranian assets.

It also urged media organizations to ensure accuracy in reporting, rely on verified official sources, and avoid circulating unsubstantiated claims or misinformation.

Doha, Islamabad Discuss Mediation Progress

Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, Qatar's Minister of Foreign Affairs, held a telephone conversation with Shehbaz Sharif to discuss bilateral relations and ongoing regional diplomatic efforts.

During the call, both leaders reviewed cooperation between Qatar and Pakistan and explored ways to further strengthen ties across various fields. The discussion also covered recent regional developments, focusing particularly on Pakistani mediation efforts aimed at de-escalating tensions



and supporting stability.

The Qatari Prime Minister welcomed progress achieved in the negotiations, including reports that mediators had



reached a final draft of a peace agreement. He expressed anticipation that the agreement would soon be signed by the relevant parties.

He also reaffirmed Qatar's strong support for Pakistan's mediation initiative, emphasizing the importance of continued engagement by all sides to create conditions conducive to a comprehensive settlement

Kuwait Energy Shipment Completes Transit Through Hormuz Strait

An LPG shipment from Kuwait was transported through the Strait of Hormuz using a coordinated maritime operation involving a Kuwaiti tanker and a chartered vessel, according to shipping data and industry sources.



The tanker “Umm Al-Ruwaisat Gas” loaded the LPG cargo on May 28 from the Al-Ahmedi Port refinery. During part of its voyage, tracking signals from the vessel were reportedly disabled, before the ship reappeared on monitoring systems on June 7 near the Sikka region off India's northwestern coast.

After successfully crossing the Strait of Hormuz, the vessel carried out a ship-to-ship

transfer operation, offloading its cargo to the large tanker “Badrinath”, which is leased by the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, according to traders and maritime tracking data reviewed by Kepler.

Following the transfer, the receiving tanker “Badrinath” continued its voyage toward India's Paradip Port, where the cargo is

expected to be delivered. The movement highlights the use of complex maritime logistics operations, including mid-sea transfers and route coordination across key international shipping lanes.

Kuwait Petroleum Corporation and the Oil Tankers Company have not issued additional public details on the shipment

Arabian Sea Operations



U.S. Navy fighter aircraft and command and control aircraft prepare for takeoff aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) while transiting the Arabian Sea.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF COMPANY NAME

Commercial Registration (CR) No: 120986-2 Notice is hereby given that the General Assembly / Extraordinary General Assembly of **CONCQENIA MUSIC AND ARTS** has resolved to change the legal and trade name of the company. **Old Name: CONCQENIA MUSIC AND ARTS** **New Name: CONCQENIA CENTER.** This change has been provisionally approved by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC) in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Any person having an objection to this name change is requested to lodge their objection in writing to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Registration Directorate) or via the Sijilat Portal within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy forwarded to the company's address at **Flat-32, Bldg. 2956 Road. 5549 Block 0255, Qalali, Bahrain.**

NOTICE

I, **Mr. Rohit Harilal, S/o. Mr. Harilal Vattuparambil Chellappan**, holder of Indian Passport No. **R3532765**, issued at **Cochin on 31/08/2017**, permanent residence at **Moolayil House, Pathirappally P.O, Alappuzha, Pin 688521, Kerala, India** and temporary resident of **Manama, Bahrain** and **Ms. Farah Sirajudeen** holder of Indian passport No. **Y9533339** issued at **Manama, Bahrain** on **09/10/2023** permanent residence at **No. 12 E, K.P.I/578 (55), Menamkulam, Kazhakoottam Village, Trivandrum, Pin: 695582, Kerala** and temporary resident of **Manama, Bahrain** intend to solemnize our civil marriage during **August 2026** at the **Embassy of India, Building 1090, Al Seef, P.O.Box 26106, Kingdom of Bahrain** under the **Foreign Marriage Act 1969 of India.**

Objection(s), if any, may be forwarded to the Embassy of India, Kingdom of Bahrain within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

CAMPUS

Al Noor International School celebrates CBSE Graduation Day 2025-2026



Al Noor International School's CBSE Section celebrated its Graduation Day for the Academic Year 2025-2026 with great enthusiasm and grandeur at Al Murjan Ballroom, Movenpick Hotels & Resorts on June 2, 2026. The event marked a significant milestone in the lives of the graduating students of Grades X and XII, recognizing their academic achievements, perseverance and dedication.

The School Founder Chairman Mr Ali Hasan extended his heartfelt gratitude to His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa

and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister for their unwavering support and visionary leadership in advancing education across the Kingdom of Bahrain.

A highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of mementos and graduation certificates to the school toppers by the Founder Chairman, Mr. Ali Hasan, and Principal, Mr. Abdul Rahman Al Kooheji. Graduation certificates were also awarded to all students of the outgoing Grades X and XII batches of the Academic Year 2025-2026.

Mr. Ali Hasan commended the students for their achievements and extended his heartfelt congratulations to the graduating class. He also expressed his appreciation for the unwavering dedication of the teachers, coordinators and faculty members in nurturing and guiding the students.

Addressing the gathering, the School Director Dr. Muhammad Mashood lauded the exceptional academic accomplishments of the CBSE students and highlighted the school's notable achievements during the academic year.

Congratulating the graduates, he urged them to continue striving for excellence and to face future challenges with determination, confidence and integrity.

In his welcome address, Principal, Mr. Abdul Rahman Al Kooheji congratulated the school

community on the outstanding performance of students in the CBSE Board Examinations. He encouraged the graduates to embrace future opportunities with confidence, integrity and a commitment to purposeful growth as they pursue their aspirations.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. Monika Sethi, Head Teacher of the CBSE Section, who expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, staff members, parents and students for their contributions to the success of the event.

GRATEFUL HEARTS, LOYAL VOICES NMS FAMILY EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR BAHRAIN'S LEADERSHIP

In a demonstration of loyalty, patriotism, and gratitude to the Kingdom of Bahrain, the entire staff of New Millennium School, Bahrain, signed a document expressing their loyalty and support for the Kingdom's leadership and its continued vision for national progress, prosperity, and stability.

The initiative witnessed the wholehearted participation of all teaching and non-teaching staff members, reflecting their profound gratitude and steadfast loyalty to the wise leadership of

the Kingdom of Bahrain. Participants expressed their appreciation for Bahrain's welcoming and inclusive society, where people from diverse backgrounds can live and work in an atmosphere of safety, stability, and mutual respect. They conveyed sincere gratitude for the care, support, and opportunities extended to the expatriate community, which have enabled

many families to feel at home in the Kingdom and contribute meaningfully to its continued growth and development. Through this collective gesture, they reaffirmed their commitment to the values

of loyalty, respect, and gratitude that underpin Bahrain's continued progress and prosperity.

Principal Dr. Arun Kumar Sharma stated that the enthusiastic staff response reflects the deep

appreciation and respect the NMS family holds for the Kingdom of Bahrain. He further noted that the school is honoured to be part of a nation that places great emphasis on education, innovation, social harmony, and human development.

Chairman Dr. Ravi Pillai and Managing Director Mrs. Geetha

Pillai expressed their appreciation for the NMS family's wholehearted participation in signing the document. They stated that the collective gesture reflects the school community's unwavering loyalty to the wise leadership and governance of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

New Millennium School remains steadfast in its mission of nurturing responsible global citizens while instilling in students a profound respect for the Kingdom of Bahrain, its rich heritage, its values, and its visionary leadership.

Bahraini Students Shine on Global Stage with Top Honours Across Multiple Tracks at Huawei ICT Competition 2025-2026 Global Final in China

Bahrain has announced its arrival on the global technology map after students from three of the Kingdom's leading universities claimed top honours at the Huawei ICT Competition 2025-2026 Global Final in Shenzhen, China. Competing against more than 220,000 participants from over 2,000 institutions across 100 countries, Bahrain's teams emerged as one of the event's most decorated delegations in the competition's decade-long history.

Bahrain Polytechnic led the charge, securing First Prize in the Network Track. Mentored by Dr. Omar Bani Fayyad, Head of

School for Cybersecurity, students Yousif Alsayyad, Zahra Shubber, and Sayed Hasan Almosawi outperformed rivals from 49 competing nations to claim the top podium position.

Kingdom University delivered one of the competition's standout moments, winning Third Prize in

the Innovation Track alongside the coveted Global 'Women in Tech' Award. Under the guidance of mentor Ms. Marwah Assim Afyan, students Sarah Mohamed Sharif, Fathima Nazira Mohamed Naseer, and Riya Sharfraz were recognised for their groundbreaking contribution to female leader-

ship in STEM.

Ahlia University rounded out Bahrain's remarkable haul, earning Third Prize in the Computing Track. Led by Prof. Wasan Shakir Awad, students Aayat Mudassar and Mariam Salman demonstrated exceptional technical ability on the world stage.

Huawei Bahrain CEO Mr. Harry Yu praised the achievement, noting that the results validate the Kingdom's strategic investment in digital talent. "When we equip our youth with cutting-edge skills, they don't just compete globally — they win," he said.

The competition, now in its 10th

edition, spans multiple tracks including Practice, Innovation, and Programming, designed to bridge the global shortage of skilled professionals in AI, cybersecurity, and computing. UNESCO's Dr. Shafika Isaacs, addressing the closing ceremony, commended participants for applying emerging technologies responsibly to solve real-world challenges across cultural boundaries.

Bahrain's sweep of honours reflects the Kingdom's growing commitment to building a future-ready, knowledge-based economy.



Germany target winning start against World Cup debutants Curacao



Germany's national team train ahead of their opening match

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Four-time world champions Germany begin their FIFA World Cup 2026 campaign tonight when they face tournament debutants Curaçao in a Group E clash at Houston Stadium. Kick-off is scheduled for 8pm Bahrain time.

Germany arrive at the tournament determined to reassert

themselves on the global stage after disappointing group-stage exits at both the 2018 and 2022 World Cups. While they are not among the leading favourites for the title, Julian Nagelsmann's side have their sights firmly set on a fifth world crown and head into the competition in impressive form.

The Germans are currently riding a nine-match winning streak, highlighted by a 4-0 vic-



Curaçao players and fans celebrate after a goalless draw away to Jamaica secured World Cup qualification

tory over Finland and a 2-1 triumph over co-hosts the United States in their final warm-up matches before the tournament. National team director Rudi Völler has underlined the importance of making a strong start in a group that also features Ecuador and Ivory Coast.

"We are here and want to be a team that is difficult to beat," Völler said. "Our goal is to finish

top of the group and then make our mark in the knockout stages."

Germany's squad is packed with experience and quality, led by stars such as Kai Havertz, Florian Wirtz and veteran goalkeeper Manuel Neuer, who could add another milestone to his distinguished international career during the tournament.

For Curaçao, meanwhile, the

World Cup Schedule

Today

Time	Match	Group	Venue
8:00 PM	Germany vs Curacao	E	Houston Stadium
11:00 PM	Netherlands vs Japan	F	Dallas Stadium

Tomorrow

2:00 AM	Ivory Coast vs Ecuador	E	Philadelphia Stadium
5:00 AM	Sweden vs Tunisia	F	Monterrey Stadium
7:00 PM	Spain vs Cape Verde	H	Atlanta Stadium
10:00 PM	Belgium vs Egypt	G	Seattle Stadium

(All games in Bahrain time)

match marks a historic occasion. The Caribbean nation is making its first-ever World Cup appearance after becoming the smallest country, both by population and land area, to qualify for the finals.

Guided by veteran Dutch coach Dick Advocaat, Curaçao enter the tournament as clear underdogs. At 78, Advocaat is set to become the oldest coach in World Cup history when he takes charge of his side tonight.

"Germany are, of course,

clear favourites in the group," Advocaat said. "They remain a major football nation. Starting our World Cup journey against Germany is fantastic because we will immediately find out where we stand."

While Curaçao will be hoping to spring a memorable surprise on their World Cup debut, Germany will view anything less than three points as an early setback in their quest to return to football's elite and challenge for the sport's biggest prize.

Netherlands face in-form Japan in Group F opener in Dallas

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The Netherlands and Japan begin their FIFA World Cup 2026 Group F campaigns tonight when they meet at Dallas Stadium, with kick-off scheduled for 11pm Bahrain time.

Both sides are drawn into a competitive group that also includes Sweden and Tunisia, where a top-two finish is required to secure progression to the knockout stages.

The Netherlands arrive with high expectations as they pursue a first World Cup title, having finished runners-up three times in 1974, 1978 and 2010.

This marks their 12th appearance at the tournament, and they remain unbeaten in 16 World Cup group-stage matches dating back to 1994.

Ronald Koeman's side enjoyed a strong recent tournament cycle, reaching the semi-finals of Euro 2024 and the quarter-finals of both the 2022 World Cup and 2025 Nations League.

However, preparations have been mixed, including a defeat to Algeria and a narrow behind-closed-doors win over Uzbekistan, decided by two Cody Gakpo penalties.

Japan, meanwhile, arrive in excellent form and high on confidence after six consecutive wins, including statement friendly victories over Brazil and England.

Hajime Moriyasu's team also dominated Asian qualifying, scoring 54 goals and conceding just three as they became the first non-host nation to secure a World Cup place.



Netherlands in training ahead of their opening fixture



Japan continue preparations for their World Cup opener

The Samurai Blue are making their eighth straight World Cup appearance but are still chasing a first quarter-final, having fallen in the round of 16 on every occasion, including a penalty shootout defeat to Croatia in 2022 after memorable group-

stage wins over Germany and Spain.

The two sides last met at a World Cup in 2010, when the Netherlands won 1-0. Both enter tonight's clash in strong form and will view the opener as a key early test in Group F.

Najma face final outing after elimination from Asian campaign



Al Najma head coach Abdulrahman Mohamed



Al Najma player Uros Mitrovic

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Bahrain's Al Najma conclude their 28th Asian Men's Club League Handball Championship campaign tonight when they face Saudi Arabia's Khaleej Club at 8pm Bahrain time in Sabah Al Salem, Kuwait.

The match comes after Najma were mathematically eliminated following a 24-28 defeat to Kuwait's Burgan Sports Club in their penultimate fixture on Friday, a result that confirmed they could no longer finish inside the top four of the seven-team preliminary standings.

Najma remained in contention deep into a closely fought encounter; Mohammed Habib Ahmed converted a penalty to level the scores at 23-23 in the closing stages. However, Bur-

gan responded with a late surge to seal the win and end the Bahraini side's hopes of progression.

Their record now stands at one win, one draw and three defeats, a campaign that also ended their chances of qualifying for the 19th IHF Men's Handball Club World Championship in Egypt later this year.

The tournament has unfolded under newly appointed head coach Abdulrahman Mohamed, who took charge ahead of the competition.

Tonight's fixture against Khaleej carries no impact on qualification, with the preliminary phase concluding today before the top four teams advance to the semi-finals, which begin tomorrow.

The medal matches are then scheduled for Wednesday. Burgan Sports Club currently lead the standings on nine points, with Al Khaleej second on the

same tally but behind on goal difference. The two Qatari sides, Al Arabi and Al Duhail, sit third and fourth respectively on five points, separated only by goal difference.

Khaleej will also feature familiar Bahrain-linked names, including internationals Hussain Al Sayyad and Mohammed Habib Naser, both former Najma players.

Across the tournament, Najma showed spells of competitiveness but struggled to turn close games into consistent results, a pattern also reflected in their recent domestic league semi-final exit earlier this month.

This evening's match therefore brings the curtain down on a season that ends without silverware; attention now shifts toward rebuilding for future domestic and continental challenges.

Qatar snatch historic first World Cup point against wasteful Switzerland

Hussain Almaskati

Qatar produced a dramatic late equaliser yesterday to earn a 1-1 draw against Switzerland in their FIFA World Cup 2026 Group B opener at the San Francisco Bay Area Stadium in Santa Clara, California. After hosting the 2022 edition and exiting winless from the group stage, the Gulf side were adamant they were not in this campaign to make up the numbers under coach Lopetegui.

Switzerland started on the front foot and were rewarded in the 17th minute when Breel Embolo calmly converted from the penalty spot after a VAR review ruled that Remo Freuler had been fouled in the box. The decision followed a chaotic scramble involving Qatar goalkeeper Mahmoud Abunada, who lunged out with a flying fist that struck Freuler, leading to the spot-kick.

From that point, Switzerland controlled long stretches of the match, dominating possession and territory under Murat Yakin. They carved out a steady stream of chances but were repeatedly denied by wasteful finishing and inspired goalkeeping.



Qatar players swarm Boualem Khoukhi after his late equaliser

Dan Ndoye and Ruben Vargas both went close, while Denis Zakaria tested Abunada from distance as Switzerland pushed for a second goal.

Despite the early setback,

Abunada grew into the game and produced a series of crucial saves. He reacted sharply to deny Ndoye from close range and later stood firm after Switzerland pounced on a loose ball

inside the area. Michel Aebischer also somehow failed to convert at the back post after Embolo squared across goal, summing up Switzerland's wastefulness.

Qatar offered little in open play, with Almoez Ali — the country's all-time leading goalscorer with 60 international goals — left on the bench for much of the match, while Akram Afif remained their main outlet on the rare occasions they broke forward.

Just as Switzerland looked set to see out a deserved victory, Qatar struck in stoppage time. Homam Ahmed delivered a superb cross from the left, and Boualem Khoukhi rose above the defence to power a header beyond Gregor Kobel, sparking jubilant celebrations on the Qatar bench.

The result followed the earlier 1-1 draw between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Canada, leaving all four teams level on points after the opening round in a tightly balanced Group B.

The match drew an official attendance of roughly 67,000, though the figure raised eyebrows, with empty seats clearly visible in several sections of the stadium.

Russell back in 'the groove' as he takes pole for Barcelona Grand Prix



Mercedes' British driver George Russell celebrates pole position with British driver Lewis Hamilton and team-mate Kimi Antonelli

AFP | Barcelona

10th pole.

George Russell of Mercedes claimed pole position for the Barcelona-Catalunya Grand Prix after a thrilling end to the qualifying session on Saturday.

The Briton clinched his third pole of the season by finishing just 0.064 seconds ahead of Lewis Hamilton in his upgraded Ferrari, who bumped championship leader Kimi Antonelli in the other Mercedes on to the second row for Sunday's race.

After a difficult outing in Monaco last weekend and a disappointing start to the campaign for the pre-season title favourite, Russell said it was good to "feel the groove" again as he secured a career

Antonelli has won the last five races and is aiming for a sixth on Sunday, but he will have to start from third after a superb late run from Hamilton.

The seven-time champion had endured a tough weekend but looked far quicker in qualifying and came extremely close to claiming pole himself. It will be the first all-British front row in Barcelona.

"It's been a great weekend so far, I'm always fighting. I came into this weekend with a clean slate, felt good and it is great to be on pole," said Russell.

"It will be an interesting race tomorrow, Lewis did a great job to get up there so I'm sure there will be a fight. Tomorrow will not be easy."

US beat Paraguay 4-1 in dream start for World Cup co-hosts

AFP | Los Angeles

The United States could scarcely have scripted a better start to their World Cup as a Folarin Balogun brace and Gio Reyna curler fired the co-hosts to a 4-1 drubbing of Paraguay in front of Hollywood royalty in Los Angeles on Friday.

The hosts took the lead in the

tournament's first game on US soil within seven minutes thanks to an own goal, and by the end of an utterly dominant half the home fans were in dreamland, their side up by three.

Tom Cruise, Leonardo DiCaprio and Paris Hilton were among a sold-out 70,492 crowd as the US -- co-hosting the tournament with Mexico and Canada -- piled wave after wave of attacks on the South Americans, with Reyna polishing off the win late in stoppage time after Mauricio had pulled one back.

The win and emphatic scoreline puts the US in a favorable position already to progress from Group D, which also contains Australia and Turkey.

The night's only potential sour note was the half-time withdrawal of Christian Pulisic, the US attacking talisman who is carrying the hopes of the nation as they attempt a deep run into the World Cup knockouts for the first time since their quarter-final appearance in 2002.

But the Monaco striker had

Folarin Balogun #20 celebrates with Chris Richards #3



US midfielder #07 Giovanni Reyna (2nd R) scores his team's fourth goal

Paraguay could not have been more obliging guests from kick-off. In the seventh minute, Weston McKennie picked up the ball in the center circle and drove upfield, finding Pulisic.

Pulisic darted between two defenders and returned the ball to McKennie, whose pass to striker Balogun was bundled into his own net by a hapless Damian Bobadilla.

The stadium erupted, and a US onslaught began.

The hosts oozed confidence. Both McKennie and Tillman played backheel through balls into the area, while captain Tim Ream sprayed out passes from the heart of defense.

Balogun had a goal ruled out in the 28th minute. He had strayed offside, as had Pulisic in the buildup.

the ball in the net again three minutes later, thanks to a superb ball down the left flank by An-



Artists perform during the opening ceremony of the 2026 World Cup football tournament ahead of the Group D football match between USA and Paraguay at the Los Angeles Stadium in Inglewood US midfielder #07 Giovanni Reyna (2nd R) scores his team's fourth goal

tonee Robinson to Pulisic, whose cross to Balogun took a slight fortuitous deflection.

The US added a third on the cusp of half-time. Tillman found Balogun down the right, who evaded Omar Alderete's challenge, skipped inside Gustavo Gomez and curled his shot perfectly into the top left corner.

It could have been four or five, with Chris Richards -- returning from injury -- flashing a header barely an inch wide. The US had 75 percent possession in the first half.

Now without the dangerous Pulisic, the hosts sat back slightly in the second half.

Paraguay finally offered a threat. Their dangerous forward Julio Enciso, who started despite

a hamstring injury, picked up the ball on the edge of the area and fed in Brazil-born substitute Mauricio, who pulled one back.

Reyna scored a superb fourth with the outside of his right foot that curled just inside the far post.

The game had been preceded by a Tinseltown-style opening ceremony. Katy Perry delivered the headline performance, accompanied by singers Future, Tyla, Anitta and K-pop star Lisa.

Performers danced around a giant World Cup trophy beneath enormous "FIFA" letters in the gold favored by US President Donald Trump -- who did not attend, instead wishing the team luck via phone before kickoff.



The flashy opening ceremony featured Katy Perry and a massive trophy displayed in gold lettering favored by US President Donald Trump, who called the team with well-wishes before kickoff