

RHF Celebrates 25 Years of Humanitarian Achievements



Eng. Ebrahim Dalhan Aldoseri

The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) has marked its 25th anniversary, celebrating a journey of humanitarian service and sustainable development initiatives under the leadership and support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Acting Secretary-General Eng. Ebrahim Dalhan Aldoseri said the foundation has established itself as a leading humanitarian institution in Bahrain and the region, providing social and developmental support to orphans and widows while implementing innovative programmes and projects.

Since its establishment in 2001, RHF has supported 32,423 orphans and widows and delivered more than 75,000 humanitarian assistance interventions. The foundation has also expanded its humanitarian efforts internationally, carrying out relief and de-

Condemns Houthi Attacks



Bahrain strongly condemned the Houthi militia's ballistic missile attacks targeting southern Saudi Arabia, as a serious escalation that threatens regional security and stability. The Kingdom reaffirmed its unwavering solidarity with Saudi Arabia, praised the effectiveness of its air defense systems.

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“A Brother, Friend and Leader”

Bahrain Mourns Qatar's Father Amir



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa paid his respects to Qatar's Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani following the passing of the Father Amir, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani.

The king visited Lusail Palace in Doha, where he offered condolences to senior Qatari

leadership and members of the Al Thani family, including Deputy Amir Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Thani and Personal Representative Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad Al Thani.

HM King Hamad praised the late Father Amir's role in transforming Qatar and strengthening Gulf Cooperation Coun-



cil ties, describing him as “a brother, friend and leader” who dedicated his life to his country and the Arab and Islamic world.

Crown Prince and Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa also travelled to Doha, heading a senior Bahraini delegation to the

funeral that included Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa and Finance Minister Sheikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

HM King Hamad expressed confidence that Sheikh Tamim would carry forward the legacy of development and progress established by his father.

HM King Sends Greetings to Macron



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable of congratulations to His Excellency Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic, on the French National Day.

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Condolences at Qatar Embassy



Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, accompanied by Bahrain's Ambassador to Belgium Dr. Mohamed Ali Behzad, visited the Qatari Embassy in Brussels to offer condolences on the passing of His Highness the Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani.

Highest Level of Readiness



The Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) announced that its air defence systems successfully intercepted and destroyed several missile and drone attacks targeting the Kingdom on Monday morning.

The BDF General Command said the attacks were part of continued hostile actions targeting civilians and confirmed that all military units remain at the highest level of readiness to safeguard Bahrain's security and protect citizens and residents.

National Labour Plan Shows Steady Gains

Cabinet Reviews Progress on Bahrain's Workforce Development Goals

● Cabinet condemns continued Iranian attacks

● Review on national labour market targets

● New commercial activities and GCC cooperation initiatives on track

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chaired the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday. Ministers strongly condemned continued Iranian hostile actions targeting Bahrain, other GCC states, and Jordan, describing the attacks as violations of Bahrain's sovereignty, international law, and United Nations Security Council Resolution 2817 (2026).

The Cabinet said the target-



ing of civilians, residents and infrastructure would not weaken Bahrain's determination, reaffirming the Kingdom's right under international law to protect its security and territorial integrity.

It also expressed full solidarity with allies facing similar threats and called on the international community to take measures to prevent violations of international law while ensuring the security of global maritime routes, including safe navigation through the Strait of Hormuz.

The Cabinet praised the readiness and efforts of the Bahrain Defence Force, the National Guard, the Ministry of Interior, and all military, security and civil authorities for their role in

Key Cabinet Reviews

- GCC Agriculture: Strategic sector integration discussions among GCC agriculture ministers.
- Energy Cooperation: Outcomes of the GCC Petroleum Cooperation Committee meeting.
- AI & Digital Future: Participation in global AI governance and digital technology forums.
- Water Security: GCC cooperation on water interconnection projects.

safeguarding national security.

During the meeting, the Cabinet reviewed progress on Bahrain's labour market targets un-

der the National Labour Market Plan (2023–2026).

The latest indicators showed continued progress toward employment and training goals. By the second quarter of 2026, Bahrainis reached 43% of the annual employment target of 25,000 and new Bahraini workforce entrants reached 33% of the target of 10,000. Training programmes achieved 40.5% of the target of 15,000 participants.

The Cabinet also approved several measures, including new commercial activities, financial allocations for municipal projects, draft agreements on GCC legal and judicial cooperation, and reports related to education quality and national examinations for Grades 9 and 12 for the 2025–2026 academic year.

GCC Minister Warns EU Partners

Gulf States Face Relentless Iranian Attacks

Tanker assaults, Hormuz seizure bid, and strikes on civilian shipping condemned as unjustifiable

Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs and President of the GCC Ministerial Council for the current session, led the Gulf Cooperation Council delegation at the third High-Level Forum on Regional Security and Cooperation between the GCC and the European Union, held at EU headquarters in Brussels.

Addressing regional security, Dr. Al Zayani warned that the Gulf continues to face serious challenges stemming from ongoing Iranian attacks. He welcomed European condemnation of Iranian aggres-



sion against GCC states, Jordan, and commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz, including direct strikes on the Saudi tanker Wadiyan and the Qatari tanker Al Rukayat. He stressed that attacks targeting civilians are wholly unjustifiable

under any circumstances.

Dr. Al Zayani further highlighted that the Council of the International Maritime Organization had strongly condemned Iran's attempt to assert control over the Strait of Hormuz. He urged all

countries to refuse recognition of any Iranian sovereignty claims over the strategic waterway, and to reject any permit or fee system Iran seeks to impose on vessels transiting the internationally vital strait.

Bahrain Goes Green at the Checkout

Cloth bags flood stores and social media as plastic ban looms

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Reusable cloth bags are quietly taking over Bahrain's retail landscape — from supermarket checkouts to Instagram storefronts — as the kingdom braces for a tightened ban on thin plastic bags due next month.

Walk into any major hypermarket today and you will find reusable bags sold at the till for a small fee, with insulated versions available for chilled or hot items. The message to shoppers is simple: buy one, keep it, bring it back.

Online, a parallel movement is gaining momentum. Small businesses on Instagram have carved out a niche selling handmade cloth bags with custom designs. Huda, who runs one such account, makes every bag herself from scratch — no factories, no outsourcing. Customers can request personalised text, drawings or patterns, or choose from her ready-made designs.

The regulatory backdrop is Resolution No. 7 of 2026, which bans single-use plastic bags thinner than 57 microns and clears four alternatives: reusable plastic bags of 57

microns or more, paper bags, cloth bags, and fully biodegradable bags.

Sayed Ali Shubbar, Director of the Inspection and Standards Directorate at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, said the response from the business community had been encouraging. Many companies had already begun modifying production lines or sourcing compliant suppliers.

He acknowledged transitional challenges — clearing old stock, finding new suppliers and understanding technical specifications — but said the ministry had issued a guidance manual and opened direct communication channels with affected businesses.



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- Approved alternatives: reusable plastic bags (57 microns+), paper bags, cloth bags, fully biodegradable bags
- Many retailers now sell reusable cloth bags at checkout for a nominal price
- Small Instagram-based businesses are increasingly making custom cloth bags by hand, to order
- Resolution No. 7 of 2026 bans single-use plastic bags under 57 microns, taking effect next month
- An earlier resolution (No. 14 of 2022) banned bags under 35 microns from September 2022

Bahrain and EU Agree to Negotiate Landmark Strategic Partnership



Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani held high-level talks with EU Foreign Policy Chief Kaja Kallas and Mediterranean Commissioner Dubravka Šuica on the sidelines of the GCC-EU Regional Security and Cooperation Forum.

The discussions covered bilateral cooperation, regional stability, and Iran's hostile actions against Bahrain and fellow Gulf states—including the ongoing closure of the Strait of Hormuz, which both sides identified as a critical threat to global navigation and economic security.

Following the talks, Bahrain and the EU formally announced the launch of negotiations toward a Strategic Partnership Agreement—a landmark development both parties described as reflecting the maturity of their relationship.

The joint statement recognised Bahrain's dual role as current GCC Chair and non-permanent UN Security Council member for 2026–2027, highlighting the Kingdom's contri-



FM Dr. Al Zayani and EU Foreign Policy Chief Kaja Kallas during their diplomatic meeting.

butions to peaceful conflict resolution and pluralism.

Both sides reaffirmed commitment to the rules-based international order, citing maritime security and freedom of navigation as priority areas. EU Commissioner Šuica pointed to untapped opportunities in trade, investment, and connectivity under the forthcoming agreement.

Al Zayani and Kallas pledged to advance political, security, and multilateral cooperation, with formal SPA negotiations set to chart new ground in the EU-Bahrain partnership.

Court Adjourns IRGC-Linked Terror Case

Defendants Accused of Seeking to Undermine State Institutions on Behalf of Tehran

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The High Criminal Court yesterday reviewed the case registered against a number of defendants accused of joining a terrorist group established with the aim of calling for the suspension of constitutional provisions and laws, preventing state institutions and authorities from performing their

duties, harming national unity, and seeking to alter the country's existing constitutional system and undermine its authorities.

The Public Prosecution stated that the group sought to spread and promote the ideology of Wilayat al-Faqih—aimed at full allegiance to Iran's Supreme Leader and political subordination to his authority—by influencing places of worship, mourning halls, and religious centres. The defend-

ants are also accused of inciting opposition to the system of government, encouraging terrorist acts, riots, sabotage, supporting activities aimed at destabilising the country, as well as collecting and allocating funds to support the group's activities.

The Attorney General, Head of the Terror Crimes Prosecution, said that the Public Prosecution had charged 18 defendants in the case, including 15 who are

in custody and three fugitives. He explained that investigations were conducted with the detained defendants in the presence of lawyers for some of them, while ensuring all legal rights and guarantees, including allowing them to contact their families, informing them of their status, and providing healthcare while in custody.

The Public Prosecution also confirmed that defence rights were guaranteed upon referring the case to court, with appointed lawyers assigned to represent the defendants alongside privately retained lawyers. The High Criminal Court conducted proceedings while ensuring all fair trial guarantees, with a representative from the National Human Rights

Institution attending the hearing.

During the hearing, the court heard from the defendants, who, along with their lawyers, presented their requests. The court adjourned the case until July 20, 2026, to allow the defence to review the case files and enable lawyers to visit the defendants in custody.

The Attorney General stressed that Bahraini law guarantees defendants' rights throughout the investigation and trial stages, requiring that detainees be treated with respect for human dignity, informed of the reasons for their arrest, allowed to contact their families, and granted access to legal representation.

He added that the Public Prosecution carries out its duties in



criminal cases with full impartiality and objectivity, stressing that its role is not to secure convictions without justification or rely on evidence obtained through unlawful procedures. He further noted that trials are conducted in accordance with the Criminal Procedures Law, with courts ensuring defendants' right to defence, access to lawyers, and the ability to challenge judgments and decisions through legally established appeals.

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Delivery Driver Used Dead Drops to Distribute Synthetic Cannabis

Suspect admitted placing drug-laced paper strips in Salmaniya

A 27-year-old Asian delivery driver appeared before Bahrain's High Criminal Court charged with possessing, selling and trafficking synthetic cannabis (CPD) through a covert "dead drop" operation. Officers acting on intelligence deployed to Salmaniya at 7 p.m. on April 21, where they spotted the suspect behaving nervously. He immediately confessed to placing CPD-soaked paper strips at the location moments earlier. A search uncovered seven drug-laced sheets on his person and four bottles of suspected liquid CPD at his home, along with adhesive tape used in preparing the substances. Prosecutors said the suspect worked as a courier for an Asian national believed to be overseas, receiving smuggled drugs, dividing them and distributing them via dead drops for payment. He admitted all charges before the Public Prosecution. The case is adjourned to July 28, 2026.

Traffic Crash Uncovers Drug Smuggling Network

Methamphetamine and marijuana found hidden beneath vehicle suspension

A minor traffic accident in Bahrain inadvertently exposed an organised drug network after officers discovered two socks packed with methamphetamine and marijuana concealed beneath a vehicle's front suspension. Authorities had prior intelligence on the network's operations, which involved importing, storing and distributing drugs via dead drops. Officers placed a suspect under surveillance and watched him retrieve an object from under his vehicle before driving off—only for the driver to jump a red light and trigger a collision that prompted a police search. The socks yielded 21 packets of methamphetamine weighing 22.13 grams and marijuana weighing 12.07 grams. A search of the second suspect's home uncovered a further 20 methamphetamine packets totalling 21.09 grams. Both defendants—Asian job seekers in their 30s and 40s—admitted possession with intent to sell. The case resumes July 19.



The Ministry of Labour extends its gratitude and appreciation to companies that have employed Bahraini nationals during the period between (April 1 - June 30, 2026).

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Plan to Register ‘Jaeiri Dog’ as Bahraini Heritage

Researchers say the often-dismissed breed has lived in Bahrain for more than 200 years

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Mohammed Darwish

An often-derided Bahraini dog breed is being put forward for formal recognition as part of the kingdom's national heritage.

Researchers and breed specialists are building a scientific and historical dossier on the Jaeiri dog, which they say has lived in Bahrain for more than 200 years.

Legal consultant and researcher Salman Felaifel discussed the plan with Dr Hanaa Kanoo, President of The Cat Society of Bahrain and Pet Animals, and the society's vice-president, Mohammed Al Maas.

The group plans to gather old records, photo-



graphs, oral accounts and field research before submitting a full file to the relevant authorities.

Mr Felaifel described the Jaeiri as a tall, strongly built dog with a broad face and drooping ears. It was once commonly seen across Bahrain and was widely used to guard homes and farms.

He said the breed became known for its loyalty to its owners and remains part of Bahrain's folk memory.

Formal recognition, he added, would help preserve an overlooked strand of the kingdom's animal heritage.

Dr Kanoo said any registration bid must rest on firm scientific evidence and verified historical records.

She said the society was ready to work with researchers, historians and the relevant bodies to complete the studies needed for the application.

Mr Al Maas said a working group would be created to collect



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DR. HANAA KANOO



Preserving Bahrain's native breeds means preserving a vital part of our heritage and history.

MOHAMMED AL MAAS

evidence linked to the breed and prepare the registration file.

He said preserving local breeds was part of protecting Bahrain's heritage and documenting its animal and rural history.

The meeting ended with agreement to continue work between researchers, specialist groups and government bodies to secure a place for the Jaeiri dog in Bahrain's national records.

Bahrain Goes Digital for ‘I Do’

Marriage contracts now processed in minutes via smart tablet

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New service cuts marriage contract processing time by around **70%**

Contract sessions, certification, and delivery to parties are now handled electronically via smart tablets

Rollout begins with several accredited Sharia marriage officials in phase one

Paper copies of the marriage contract remain available on request

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Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf has launched an electronic marriage contract service, slashing processing times by 70 percent.

Licensed marriage officials can now complete contracts on smart tablets — from the signing session with the couple and witnesses, through to certification by the Sharia court and digital delivery to both parties.

The overhaul eliminates paper forms, digitises all data entry, and streamlines the user experience end to end.

Ministry Counsellor Dr Mohammed Ahmed Mijbel said the service will roll out in phases, initially to a select group of accredited officials. Couples who prefer a paper copy of their



Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Mijbel, Counsellor, Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf

contract may still request one.

The launch is part of a broader government push to modernise public services. To date, more than 1,300 government services have been documented and published, with 800 undergoing active development — informed by citizen feedback through the national Tawasul platform, investor input, and mystery shopper evaluations.

Young Visitors Explore Bahrain's Legislative Process

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The General Secretariat of Bahrain's Shura Council welcomed a group of children participating in the Injaz Bahrain Summer Camp as part of its efforts to strengthen community engagement, promote national identity, and raise awareness of the Kingdom's legislative process among young people.

The visit introduced the children to Bahrain's democratic journey and the role of the legislative authority through interactive activities designed to explain how laws are drafted and developed. The programme aimed to encourage dialogue, participation, and a better understanding of Parliament's role in serving the nation while inspiring the next generation to contribute



to Bahrain's continued development.

During the visit, the participants learned about the Shura Council through a mul-



timedia presentation and an interactive session led by legal researcher Hawra Sabt. The children also toured the Council's main chamber and

expressed their love for Bahrain by creating artwork on a collaborative mural titled “With My Colours, I Draw My Love for My Homeland.”

Housing Ministry Advances Equal Opportunities Agenda



The Equal Opportunities Committee at Bahrain's Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning held its second regular meeting of 2026. The meeting was chaired by Dunya Faisal Sarhan, Assistant Undersecretary for Resources and Information, who also heads the committee.

Innovation Hub for Bahraini Youth



Capital Governor His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Humood Al Khalifa inaugurated the Technology Innovation Exhibition organised by Gulf University in cooperation with the Alumni Club, as part of the initiatives marking “Manama Arab Capital of Entrepreneurship 2026.”

Future Investment Starts with Skills

Bahrain's focus on youth development and future-ready skills aligns with a global shift

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Bahrain's efforts to equip young people with future-ready skills are becoming more important as global investment priorities shift.

Programmes such as Youth City 2030, which gives young people hands-on experience in technology, entrepreneurship, media and innovation, reflect this growing focus on talent.

The need for skilled workers is also being felt globally. At a recent MSME conference in Sarajevo, experts warned of worsening labour shortages across parts of Europe in the years ahead.

That trend is echoed in the World Investment Report 2026 by UN Trade and Development, which shows companies are changing how they choose



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where to invest.

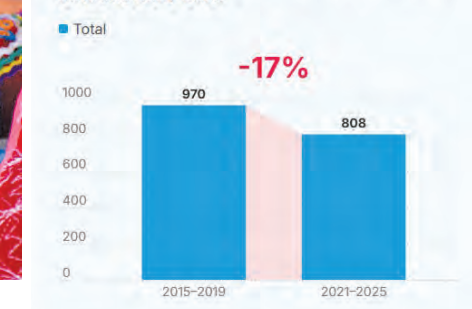
For years, manufacturers mainly sought countries with low labour costs. Textiles, consumer goods and basic manufacturing expanded across developing economies, creating jobs, boosting exports and linking countries to global supply chains.

That is no longer enough. Companies are now looking

for skilled workers, reliable infrastructure, digital connectivity and strong supply chains. Capital is flowing into artificial intelligence (AI), semiconductors, clean energy, critical minerals and other advanced sectors.

The report found that announced greenfield investment in these strategic industries rose from \$109 billion in 2020 to \$576 billion in 2025. AI infrastructure

Announced greenfield investment in manufacturing outside strategic sectors, billions of dollars, 2015–2019 and 2021–2025



World Investment Report 2026 shows investment in traditional manufacturing fell 17%, with sectors like textiles, consumer goods and agribusiness seeing the biggest decline.

alone attracted \$341 billion last year, driven by demand for data centres, cloud computing and digital services.

In contrast, traditional manufacturing is losing momentum.

Greenfield investment in textiles, consumer goods and agribusiness fell by 17 per cent between 2015–2019 and 2021–2025.

UNCTAD says technology, innovation and skilled talent now matter more than low production costs alone. Automation and AI are also reshaping factories, increasing demand for robotics, digital systems and specialised skills.

Governments are responding with incentives for clean energy, digital infrastructure, advanced manufacturing and semiconductor production.

The shift poses challenges for

many developing economies. UNCTAD found that low-income countries' share of global manufacturing investment has fallen from 2 per cent to 1 per cent, while the value of manufacturing projects has dropped by 70 per cent.

Some countries are adapting. India and Vietnam are attracting electronics manufacturing, Brazil, Morocco and Thailand are drawing electric vehicle projects, while Mexico is strengthening its role as a manufacturing hub linked to the US market.

For Bahrain, the message is clear: as competition moves from cheap labour to skilled talent and innovation, investing in people will matter as much as investing in infrastructure. A workforce with the right skills could be key to attracting the next wave of global capital.

NBB Enhances Trade Finance Risk Management Framework Through Strategic Agreements with ICIEC

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has signed various agreements with the Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC), a member of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group. The agreements were formalised and signed on 19 June 2026 during the IsDB Group Annual Meetings in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Through these agreements, the bank will further strengthen its ability to finance international trade transactions and scale its activities in markets while maintaining strong risk discipline.

Commenting on the occasion, Ali Abdulkarim, Group Chief Executive – Corporate & Commercial Banking at NBB, said, “For many businesses, entering new markets depends on the

availability of trusted banking support that can help them manage counterparty, country, and transaction risks with greater clarity. This partnership gives us added capacity to provide that support and facilitate cross-border business in a way that is commercially responsive, and aligned with the Bank’s risk management mandates.”

Dr. Khalid Khalafalla, Chief Executive Officer of ICIEC, added, “The ICIEC’s mission centres on enabling trade and investment flows across Member Countries by helping financial institutions manage risk in a responsible and effective manner. Our collaboration with NBB reflects the important role of credit insurance in unlocking business opportunities across challenging and complex markets, while sup-



porting the wider development of more resilient trade corridors. We are pleased to partner with NBB, and contribute to enhancing its capacity to serve clients engaged in international commerce.”

Through this initiative, NBB

continues to advance its trade finance platform to better serve clients with international growth ambitions, while maintaining the governance and compliance standards that underpin its approach to sustainable business expansion.

Zain Bahrain Completes Advanced ICT and ELV Project for The Indian School Bahrain



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Zain Business, the B2B arm of Zain Bahrain (BSE: ZAINBH), announced the successful completion of its advanced Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Extra-Low Voltage (ELV) project with The Indian School Bahrain across its Isa Town and Riffa campuses.

To mark the project’s completion, The Indian School Bahrain hosted a special event to showcase the newly implemented solutions and highlight the school’s enhanced digital learning environment. As part of the project, Zain Business equipped the school with 350 smart interactive screens, transforming traditional classrooms into smart classrooms

that support interactive learning, improved collaboration, and digital skill development.

The project also included enhancing the school’s ICT and ELV infrastructure, which includes IP-CCTV and improved connectivity between its Isa Town and Riffa campuses. The upgraded infrastructure supports computer labs, libraries, auditoriums, and other key facilities with advanced technologies designed to enhance connectivity, security, and the overall learning experience for students, teachers, and staff.

Zain Business continues to invest in cutting-edge technologies designed to support organizations across sectors in staying competitive and future-ready in an evolving digital landscape.

ASB Capital Deepens UAE Capital Markets Presence with JLM Role in Dubai Islamic Bank’s USD 1 Billion AT1 Sukuk Issuance

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ASB Capital, a purpose-driven asset and wealth management firm with assets under management (AUM) of USD 9.1 billion, acted as Joint Lead Manager and Bookrunner in Dubai Islamic Bank’s (DIB) USD 1 billion AT1 Sukuk issuance, joining a syndicate of leading regional and international financial institutions on one of the largest GCC bank capital transactions in recent years.

The transaction attracted investor orders exceeding USD 2.3 billion, representing 2.3 times oversubscription, and was priced with a profit rate of 6.25%. The issuance enabled DIB to refinance its existing USD 1 billion Sukuk redeemed in May 2026 and marks the largest GCC AT1 issuance completed since DIB’s previous AT1 issuance in 2024.

Dubai Islamic Bank, the UAE’s largest Islamic bank and

the world’s first Islamic bank, attracted participation from a diversified regional and international investor base. Investors from the MENA region accounted for 83% of allocations, while investors from the UK, Europe, and other international markets represented 17%. The breadth and quality of the investor base, which comprised banks and private banks (77%), fund managers (21%), as well as insurance companies, pension funds, and sovereign wealth funds (2%) reflects the strength of the distribution platform and investor relationships that ASB Capital and its co-managers brought to the transaction.

The transaction further reinforces ASB Capital’s growing presence within regional debt capital markets, positioning the firm alongside globally recognized financial institutions on complex and systemically



This mandate represents another important milestone in ASB Capital’s continued expansion across regional capital markets.

HICHEM DJOUHRI, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER AT ASB CAPITAL



The ability to attract more than USD 2.3 billion in orders, achieve strong oversubscription, and secure pricing at the tight end of guidance.

HUSSAIN ABDULHAQ, CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER AT AL SALAM BANK

important capital market transactions across the GCC.

Commenting on this transaction, Hichem Djouhri, Senior Executive Officer at ASB Capital, said: “This mandate represents another important milestone in ASB Capital’s

continued expansion across regional capital markets. Participating in consecutive AT1 issuances across two of the region’s largest banking markets highlights the breadth of our growing distribution capabilities, execution expertise, and

the trusted relationships we continue to build with issuers and investors across the GCC. We remain focused on combining regional connectivity, investor access, and disciplined execution to support leading issuers across their strategic funding and capital objectives.”

Hussain Abdulhaq, Chief Treasury Officer at Al Salam Bank, added: “The strong demand for this transaction reflects the continued depth of liquidity available for high-quality GCC financial institutions and demonstrates the resilience of investor confidence across regional capital markets. The ability to attract more than USD 2.3 billion in orders, achieve strong oversubscription, and secure pricing at the tight end of guidance despite a challenging market backdrop further highlights the strength and maturity of capital markets across the region, as well as

sustained investor appetite for well-positioned issuers.”

The transaction follows ASB Capital’s recent role as Joint Lead Manager and Bookrunner on Alinma Bank’s USD 500 million AT1 Sukuk issuance, marking back-to-back AT1 mandates across Saudi Arabia and the UAE. Together, the transactions reinforce the firm’s expanding presence across the GCC’s largest banking markets and its growing role in supporting sophisticated capital solutions for regional issuers.

ASB Capital has participated in several landmark debt capital markets transactions across the region, including issuances by Kuwait Finance House, Kuwait International Bank, Bapco Energies, Solidarity Bahrain, and Al Salam Bank. The firm continues to expand its investment banking and capital markets activities as part of its broader platform spanning asset management and advisory services.

Total CX and Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company Sign Strategic Partnership Agreements to Enhance Customer Experience and Digital Transformation

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Total CX, part of the Beyon Group, has announced the signing of three strategic agreements with Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company (BKIC), covering Manpower Outsourcing Services, Tele-Sales Services, and AI Solutions.

The agreements, signed by Total CX Interim CEO Aseel Mattar and BKIC General Manager Mohamed Al Maraj, mark a significant milestone in the developing partnership between the two organizations.

Through these agreements, Total CX will provide integrated support across people, sales, and AI powered services, enabling BKIC to scale its customer experience operations while maintaining high service



standards. Key benefits include enhanced operational capacity, stronger sales performance, improved customer engagement, and increased efficiency and scalability across customer-facing functions.

The partnership reflects the shared commitment of Total

CX and BKIC to deliver exceptional customer experiences through skilled talent, proven sales capabilities, and advanced technology. By bringing together expertise in manpower outsourcing, tele-sales, and AI-driven solutions, the collaboration will support BKIC’s

operational performance and long-term digital transformation objectives.

The collaboration also aligns with BKIC’s focus on continuously enhancing customer experience and operational excellence, while supporting its future growth ambitions

through innovative customer-centric solutions.

At the same time, it reinforces Total CX’s position as a trusted partner for customer experience excellence, reflecting the growing demand for integrated solutions that deliver measurable business outcomes.

U.S.-Iran Clashes Spark 4% Oil Price Spike



Global energy markets erupted as crude oil prices skyrocketed by over 4%, shattering recent stability. As of July 13, 2026, Brent crude jumped to \$79.21 per barrel, while WTI hit \$74.42. This sudden rally follows a dramatic military escalation, with the United States and Iran trading heavy retaliatory airstrikes. With the critical Strait of Hormuz now facing severe supply disruption risks, traders are frantically pricing in conflict premiums, threatening immediate retail gasoline inflation worldwide.

Yemen government says attacked
Sanaa airport, reviving conflict



Airstrikes hitting Sanaa airport

AFP | Sanaa, Yemen

Yemen's internationally-recognised government said it struck Houthi-controlled Sanaa airport on Monday, its biggest flare-up in years with the rebels, who blamed the authorities' Saudi backers for the attack and threatened retaliation.

The government said it had wanted to prevent an Iranian plane from landing in the capital, after failing to convince a Houthi delegation that went to Tehran for the late Iranian

supreme leader's funeral to board a Yemenia flight instead.

The head of the Presidential Leadership Council, Rashad al-Alimi, said he had "ordered that the scope of the confrontation not be expanded in a manner that would achieve Iran's objective of dragging Yemen and its people into wars".

The United Nations Special Envoy for Yemen, Hans Grundberg, urged the parties to turn to diplomacy, saying his office has "contacted military representatives from all sides".

EU sanctions target Russian
state-backed messaging app

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

The European Union on Monday announced sanctions against the company behind Russia's state-backed messaging app Max, which it said had been used to help clamp down on dissent.

Moscow has for months been pushing Russians to install Max -- a super-app that lacks encryption and that critics say could be used to track people.

The authorities have throttled WhatsApp and Telegram, the country's two largest mes-

saging apps, and forced civil servants, state companies, schools and government agencies to move their communications onto Max.

The EU announced sanctions on Russian media giant VK and its daughter company Communication Platform, which it said ran the Max app under the supervision of the FSB intelligence agency.

"The app comes pre-installed on all mobile devices sold in Russia and includes extensive surveillance features," the EU said.

'Jurassic Park' star
Sam Neill dies aged 78

AFP | Sydney, Australia

"Jurassic Park" star Sam Neill died in Australia on Monday aged 78, his family said in a statement that described the beloved actor's death as "sudden and unexpected".

"Sam was surrounded by family and passed with the dignity that has characterized his whole life," the statement said.

The New Zealander, who starred as Dr Alan Grant in the 1993 blockbuster "Jurassic Park", revealed in a 2023 memoir he was "possibly dying" with stage-three non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

However, he declared this year that he was cancer-free thanks to a genetic therapy that modified his immune system.

The family statement said that Neill "remained cancer free".

"The loss was sudden and unexpected but blessed by the fact that Sam remained cancer free," it said.

His family said he was being treated at St Vincent's Private Hospital in Sydney at the time.

Neill's acting career began in the 1970s and spanned dozens of roles in TV and film, including "Peaky Blinders", "The Hunt for Red October" and "The Piano".

When he was not acting, Neill also ran vineyards in the picturesque Central Otago region of New Zealand's South Island.

EU countries push for trade
ban with Israeli settlements

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

A majority of European Union countries yesterday called for the bloc to put forward a proposal on banning the import of products from Israeli settlements, top diplomat Kaja Kallas said.

"The option that got the most support was banning the trade with the illegal settlements," EU foreign policy chief Kallas said after a meeting of the bloc's foreign ministers.

"We tasked ambassadors to take this work forward, and also ministers agreed that if necessary, we can also reconvene an extraordinary meeting," she added.

Several EU countries -- including Ireland, the Netherlands, and Spain -- have already imposed their own trade restrictions on Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories, considered illegal under international law.

Under pressure for the EU as a whole to take measures, the

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Israel has occupied the West Bank since 1967. More than 500,000 Israeli settlers live in the territory, excluding east Jerusalem, among some 3mn Palestinians.

bloc's executive last week laid out options to curb trade with settlements, including a ban.

"These are not options against Israel. These are options against the illegal settlements that undermine the two-state solution," Kallas said, after calling the situation in the Israeli-occupied West Bank "intolerable".

The slow pace of the discussion has angered countries keen to curb trade -- with some diplomats accusing the European Commission of dragging its feet.

Belgium's foreign minister

Maxime Prevot said ahead of the meeting that the options laid out appeared to be more "a bone to gnaw on than a genuine desire to move forward."

"We are calling for concrete proposals," he said.

Even if the commission does now come up with a proposal, it does not mean that a ban will be adopted.

There is disagreement in Brussels as to whether the move would need backing from all 27 member states or just a weighted majority.

UN chief Antonio Guterres has condemned the "relentless" expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank, saying in a report seen by AFP last month that they are contributing to the territory's worst displacement crisis since 1967.

The EU has long been hampered by divisions over its approach towards Israel, with some members staunchly backing the country and others supporting the Palestinians.

Over 2,700 may
have died due
to England
heatwaves

AFP | London, United Kingdom

At least 2,700 people could have died in England and Wales as a result of heatwaves that struck in May and June, according to a study released Monday.

Experts from Imperial College London, the Met Office and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine used weather data, climate models and studies on excess mortality during heatwaves to arrive at their estimate.

"More than 2,700 people are thought to have died from heat-related causes during the May and June heatwaves in England and Wales," a statement said.

"Of those, it's estimated that 42% died as a result of the extra heat caused by human-induced warming," it added.

The UK and most of Europe experienced two unprecedented heatwaves in May and June, with monthly records set at 35.1°C and 37.7°C, respectively.

US says will charge cargo ships in Hormuz

We're taking over
the Strait, says Trump

US would "become the guardian" and "get paid"

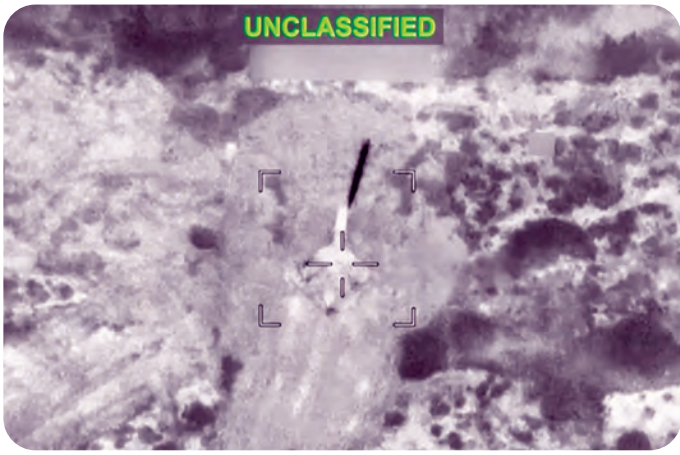
AFP | Tehran, Iran

The United States is "taking over" the Strait of Hormuz and will be paid for protecting it, US President Donald Trump declared yesterday, as Washington and Tehran once again fought over the vital waterway.

Iran's military command, however, insisted it would not allow the US to "interfere" in the key conduit for oil and gas, while also warning its Gulf neighbours -- who have borne the brunt of its retaliatory attacks -- against cooperating with Washington.

The competing claims came as the two sides traded attacks of a scale unseen since an April ceasefire. The US military said it hit dozens of targets on Monday.

"We're taking over the Strait. They have nothing. They've got nothing," Trump said in an interview with Fox. He said the US would "become the guardian" of Hormuz and "get paid" for doing so. But the spokesman of Iran's Khatam Al-Anbiya military



This screen grab taken from video footage shared by the US Central Command on social media platform X and made available via AFP TV purportedly shows US strikes against Iranian military installations.

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OIL PRICES JUMP
Brent North Sea Crude (UP 4.7 percent at \$79.56 a barrel)
West Texas Intermediate (UP 4.9 percent at \$74.85 a barrel)

US STRIKES REPORTED
US military says an offshore coastal radar installation, capabilities and small boats were targeted.

CASUALTIES REPORTED
Iranian state media: 1 killed and 4 injured in Khuzestan.

UN CALLS FOR RESTRAINT
UN chief Antonio Guterres urges the US and Iran to halt fighting.

QESHM ISLAND HIT
Iranian state media reported more than 10 projectiles targeted described as military.

Developing situation - Reported by AFP, BBC and CBS/24hr

The Hormuz Strait is OPEN. We are reinstating THE IRANIAN BLOCKADE, so named because it is only stopping Iran's ships or customers from entering or leaving. The United States "will be reimbursed, at the rate of 20% on all cargo shipped, for any and all costs necessary to do the job of providing safety and security" through the vital waterway.

TRUMP

command countered that Tehran "under no circumstances will allow... the United States to interfere in the management" of the strategic waterway.

Despite last week declaring the ceasefire with Iran over,

got nothing," Trump said in an interview with Fox. He said the US would "become the guardian" of Hormuz and "get paid" for doing so. But the spokesman of Iran's Khatam Al-Anbiya military

Trump has said negotiations aimed at finding a permanent settlement would continue. He told Fox that there were hours of talks on Sunday, but accused Iranian negotiators of going back on what they had agreed.

"Futile efforts" Pakistan, a key intermediary in negotiations, expressed "deep concern at escalation in regional tensions", according to its foreign office.

Iran's foreign ministry said the US attacks had "caused the return of insecurity in the Strait of Hormuz" and "rendered futile all efforts" at establishing peace in the region.

But analyst Bader Al-Saif said the escalating attacks would merely delay a permanent agreement.

1789

The French Revolution begins with the storming of the Bastille prison in Paris, now celebrated as Bastille Day, France's national day

1798

US Sedition Act prohibits "any false, scandalous, and malicious writing" about the government



1850 1933

First public demonstration of ice made via refrigeration by Florida physician John Gorrie

All non-Nazi political parties are banned in Germany

Trump presses for late US senator's sister to fill vacant seat

Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump on Monday urged South Carolina's governor to appoint Lindsey Graham's sister as his temporary replacement in the US Senate after the Republican died at the weekend.

"I recommended, to Governor Henry McMaster, Lindsey Graham's wonderful sister, Darline, to serve as interim Senator from the Great State of South Carolina,"



Trump posted on his Truth Social platform. "This would be a fabulous tribute to Lindsey, who loved her dearly!"

Graham, a prominent foreign-policy hawk and close Trump ally, died unexpectedly over the weekend at 71, leaving McMaster responsible for appointing someone to serve until the senator's term expires in January. The Republican governor was expected to announce his choice later Monday.

Nine European countries and Ukraine form anti-ballistic missile coalition: statement

Paris, France

Nine European countries and Ukraine on Monday announced the formation of a coalition to develop "purely defensive" anti-ballistic capabilities in Europe, citing the growing threat of ballistic missiles.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky was in Paris on Monday

for a meeting of Kyiv's allies to reaffirm support for the country and step up pressure on Russia to end the war, now well into its fifth year. "We believe that the protection of Europe, requires a global solution of integrated missile defence architecture to deter and defeat future missile threats," said the joint declaration by Denmark.

UK unveils plan to ban Iran Guards

● The banned groups would also include proxies and volunteers of Russia's GRU military intelligence agency

AFP | London, United Kingdom

The UK government announced plans yesterday to ban Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a threat to national security, alongside an Iran-linked group accused of a series of attacks against the Jewish community.

"Anyone found supporting or assisting these groups will now face up to 14 years in prison," Prime Minister Keir Starmer said of a proposed law to be presented to parliament this week.

The banned groups would also include proxies and volunteers of Russia's GRU military intelligence agency, and the Islamic Movement of Companions of the Right (IMCR), an Iran-linked group which has claimed attacks on Jewish properties in London.

The new legislation gives the British government "proscription-like" powers to designate for-



foreign state proxies deemed a threat to Britain's national security.

"The move will step up the government's ability to counter state threats linked to foreign powers including espionage, foreign interference in our democracy, sabotage and physical attacks," the Home Office said in a statement.

The new legislation will mean that prosecutors do not need to establish a foreign power connection in cases involving designated groups. "The United Kingdom has identified activity linked to the IRGC involving threats to life and intimidation on UK soil," Home Office minister Angela Eagle said in a written statement.

US vows campaign to end ICC 'threat' to Americans

Washington, United States

The United States yesterday announced a campaign against the Hague-based International Criminal Court (ICC), accusing the tribunal of posing "an intolerable threat to US sovereignty" and threatening sanc-

tions.

"The ICC and its friends are waging a war against our country, not with bullets or missiles, but with statutes, compacts and the force of so-called international law," Secretary of State Marco Rubio said in a video statement.



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The agreement that paves the way for the UK to join our 90 billion Ukraine Support Loan. This will give Ukraine access to a wider range of defence suppliers. So they can get what they need on the battlefield.

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Fight. Fight. Fight. Two years ago today, in Butler, PA, an assassin opened fire on President Donald J. Trump. By the grace of God, his life was spared. As he rose to his feet - blood on his face, fist raised high - that moment became an enduring symbol of resilience, courage, & unbreakable determination for an entire nation.

@WhiteHouse

03



Workers around the world who, though marked by separation from their loved ones and sometimes by fear of the conflicts occur on the seas, sustain trade and the lives of many peoples through their patient and quiet labor.

@Pontifex

04



Just 36% of the Sustainable Development Goals targets are on track or making progress. Our mission is clear: to accelerate progress at scale & speed. Together, let's summon the leadership, financing & solidarity this mission requires, and build a brighter future for all.

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France and Bahrain, United by Trust and Cooperation



ERIC-GIRAUD TELME, AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE TO THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

As France marks its National Day, this is an opportunity to reflect not only on the values that have shaped our Republic, but also on the friendships and partnerships that continue to shape our future.

The last few months have been difficult for all of us and I want to express once again, on my own behalf and on behalf of France, our full support to the Kingdom of Bahrain. We extend our solidarity and friendship to both its leaders and its people after the unjustified and unacceptable attacks from the Iranian regime.

As in the previous year, 2026 began very well for the Franco-Bahraini relation, with a Royal visit to France. His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa travelled to Paris on 6 February for talks with President Emmanuel Macron. The visit marked a new milestone in the strengthening of our bilateral relationship, notably with the signing of a defense cooperation agreement.

A few weeks later, the regional context changed profoundly. Since 28 February 2026, France has honored all its commitments across the Gulf, including those relating to Bahrain. In times of crisis as in more favorable circumstances, France has remained true to its commitments and to its friendship with the Kingdom.

This mutual confidence has also been reflected in the intensity of the political dialogue between our two countries. On 24 July 2025, the Fourth Franco-Bahraini High Bilateral Joint Committee met in Paris under the co-chairmanship of our Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani and Jean-Noël Barrot.

France remains deeply committed to multilateralism and to the rule of law. It is in this spirit that we work closely with Bahrain at the United Nations Security Council. Our cooperation began well before Bahrain assumed its seat as a non-permanent member, following its election, and has continued to deepen through regular exchanges when Bahrain held the presidency of the United Nations Security Council last April.

Multilateralism is expressed not only through international institutions but also through the defense of the common rules that govern relations between States. Foremost among these is respect for international law.

This commitment to multilateralism is also reflected in the broad international coalition supporting a just and lasting peace in Ukraine. Thirty-five countries from the Coalition of the Willing, an initiative led by France and the United Kingdom to help secure a just and lasting peace in Ukraine after the end of hostilities, will be represented on the Bastille Day Parade in Paris. This broad participation demonstrates the commitment of France and its partners to the security of Ukraine and the European continent.

This commitment to multilateralism, naturally extends to freedom of navigation, which must be upheld in the Strait of Hormuz in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. It is in this spirit that France and the United Kingdom have brought together a coalition of non-belligerent countries prepared to undertake a maritime security and mine-clearance mission when conditions allow. I would like to thank Bahrain for taking part in this initiative.

Our partnership continues to grow in the economic sphere as well. Last month's Choose France and Vision Golfe events gave fresh momentum to our economic exchanges. Alba's acquisition of a majority stake in Aluminum Dunkerque, together with the partnership between Mumtalakat and a French fund called Trail, are tangible examples of this growing cooperation. This momentum is also reflected in our trade's figures. Indeed, France was the leading European supplier to Bahrain in 2025.

The vitality of our relationship is also reflected in parliamentary exchanges, most recently through the visit to Bahrain of a delegation from the French Senate's friendship group for the Gulf led by Senator Olivier Cadic.

France remains a valued partner for Bahrain across a wide range of strategic sectors, including healthcare, justice, sport, culture, innovation, the creative industries and higher education. One example is Terra Academia, a French continuing education institution and an accelerator for skills and professions essential to ecological transformation. It has chosen Bahrain to establish its regional hub, from which it will work with some of Bahrain's leading industrial companies.

Student mobility, scholarships, archaeological cooperation, French language programs and professional training continue to strengthen the ties between our two countries.

This cooperation was further demonstrated just a few weeks ago, when we laid the foundation stone of the new Alliance Française, which will open in Adliya next year.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all my fellow citizens who work every day to strengthen the ties between France and Bahrain. I am particularly thinking of our "Team France" - the The French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Bahrain, the The French Foreign Trade Advisors, the Alliance Française, the French Lycée, and the The Bahrain French Speaking Society - as well as all those who, in their own way, contribute to this collective effort.

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Doha Reaffirms Support for Bahrain, Jordan and Kuwait

Foreign Ministry urges de-escalation and renewed diplomatic efforts



Qatar has strongly condemned what it described as Iran's repeated attacks on Bahrain, Jordan and Kuwait, calling them a blatant violation of the sovereignty of the three countries and a breach of international law.

In a statement issued on Monday, the Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the attacks contravene the international rules-based order and the United Nations Charter. The ministry

stressed the need to protect the region from the consequences of such attacks and urged all parties to prioritize dialogue, diplomacy and de-escalation to strengthen regional and global peace and stability.

Qatar also reaffirmed its unwavering solidarity with Bahrain, Jordan and Kuwait, expressing full support for all measures taken by the three countries to safeguard their sovereignty, security and stability.

Kuwait Demands Accountability After Attacks Targeting Basra Consulate



Kuwait strongly condemned ongoing attacks targeting its Consulate General in the Iraqi city of Basra, describing the incidents as an unacceptable violation of the mission's security and diplomatic protections.

In a statement, Kuwait's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the attacks undermine Iraq's responsibility to fulfill its international obligations under the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, particularly Article 31, which requires host countries to ensure the protection and inviolability of consular premises.

The ministry acknowledged the Iraqi government's efforts to address the attacks but called for immediate and decisive action to hold all those responsible accountable.

Kuwait urged Iraqi authorities to take additional measures to prevent similar incidents in the future and ensure the safety and security of Kuwaiti diplomatic and consular personnel operating in Iraq.

The ministry reaffirmed the importance of safeguarding diplomatic missions and respecting international laws governing relations between states.

GCC, Germany Stress Need for Coordinated Efforts to Enhance Regional Security



Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Secretary General Jassem Mohamed Albudaiwi held talks with German Federal Foreign Minister Dr. Johann Wadepuhl in Brussels, focusing on strengthening GCC-Germany relations and enhancing cooperation across various fields.

The meeting, held on Monday during Albudaiwi's official visit to the Belgian capital, addressed ways to further develop bilateral ties and expand partnership areas in line with the shared interests of both sides.

The two officials also ex-

changed views on the latest regional and international developments, focusing particularly on the evolving situation in the Middle East.

They stressed the importance of continued coordination, consultation and joint efforts to support security and stability in the region, while highlighting the need to reduce tensions and promote diplomatic solutions to ongoing crises.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to working together to advance peace, stability and prosperity for the peoples of the region.



Bahrain's cycling revolution begins in Japan

Kingdom's track riders return from intensive 13-day camp as federation plots course toward Asian glory

Mohammed Darwish
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National cycling team has returned from a landmark training camp in Japan, completing a gruelling 13-day programme that officials say marks the foundation of the kingdom's first serious bid to compete at Asian and world track level.

Riders Mohammed Hassan and Hassan Thamer spent July 1 to 13 at the Shuzenji velodrome under the guidance of team captain Jassim Mohammed Hussein, putting in long hours across sprint work, race craft, fitness conditioning and track tactics.

The camp concluded with both Bahrainis lining up in a 200-metre sprint alongside cy-

clists from Saudi Arabia, Oman, China, Chinese Taipei and Japan—a significant international test for a programme still in its early stages of development.

Shaikh Dr Khalid bin Hamad bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, president of the Bahrain Cycling Association, described the camp as a cornerstone moment for the sport in the kingdom.

"Overseas training gives our riders the chance to work with specialist coaches, train at high-grade facilities and use modern track cycling equipment," he said, adding that such programmes were critical to preparing Bahraini cyclists for forthcoming Asian championships and international competitions.

He thanked HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Dep-



A Bahraini cyclist in action during the Shuzenji camp

uty Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport and president of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, along with committee staff for their support in securing the team's place at the camp.

The riders themselves said the experience had sharpened their technical understanding of track racing, teaching them to manage their effort, time their bursts of power and read the tactical nuances of velodrome competition. Training alongside athletes from several nations, they said, also raised their discipline and competitive awareness.

Captain Jassim said the programme blended the latest methods in track cycling, balancing technique, tactics and physical conditioning. He said both

riders had applied themselves with discipline throughout.

"These camps give our cyclists direct access to high-level riders and coaches," he said. "They are essential to building a stronger base in track racing for Bahrain."

Mohammed Hassan and Hassan Thamer received participation certificates at the camp's closing ceremony. Captain Jassim was also recognised, and the Japanese hosts praised the Bahraini delegation's professionalism throughout the fortnight.

The association said the camp formed part of a broader strategy to develop younger cyclists and steadily raise Bahrain's profile in an increasingly competitive regional cycling scene.

Golden rush in Portugal as Bahrain boxers blitz braga

● Seven-medal haul from 77-nation tournament puts national programme in the spotlight

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The Boxing team delivered one of its strongest international performances in recent memory, returning from Portugal with seven medals—including four golds—from the Braga International Open.

Mohammed Harib, Sayed Alawi Hashim, Mohammed Attiya and Jayden Price all claimed gold at the tournament, which ran from July 10 to 12. Mohammed Moamen added silver, while Rashid Waheed and Mariam Jassim secured bronze. Price earned additional recognition, being named the best boxer in his age group.

The competition attracted more than 700 male and female fighters representing over 77 countries, underlining the weight of Bahrain's achievement.

Bahrain Boxing Federation president Rashid Isa Felaifel said the results confirmed the quality and direction of the national boxing programme.

"This reflects the gains made through our training system and the standard we've set for the national squad," Felaifel said, linking the performance to the sporting vision of Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khal-



ifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport and president of the Bahrain Olympic Committee.

Felaifel said the federation's focus remained on building a strong and deep pool of boxers across all age groups, giving fighters regular international

exposure to sharpen their competitive edge.

He praised the coaches, administrators and boxing centres across the kingdom for their role in developing young talent for national squad selection, calling Braga a strong indicator of where Bahrain's boxing programme is headed.



Tazhudinov leads Bahrain hunt for Budapest glory

● Olympic champion heads six-man squad to Hungary ranking event as kingdom targets fresh medal podium

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Olympic champion Ahmed Tazhudinov headlines Bahrain's six-strong wrestling team at this week's Budapest Ranking Series, as the kingdom targets a repeat of the medal haul it delivered at the same event a year ago.

The tournament runs from July 13 to 17, drawing top-ranked wrestlers from around the world chasing points on the international circuit. Bahrain arrive sharpened by a two-week training camp in Baku, Azerbaijan, where the squad worked under coach Eldar Eldarov from June 28 to July 12.

Tazhudinov will compete in the 97kg category — the same weight class in which



Bahrain wrestling team

he claimed gold in Budapest last year. Shamil Sharipov, also a 2025 gold medallist in the Hungarian capital, returns at 125kg. The squad is completed by Mohammed Sharipov at 92kg, Khidir Saibudinov at 86kg, Mohammed Rasul Asluyev at 74kg and Ali Bek at 65kg.

Bahrain Wrestling Federation president Abdulredha Haji said the tournament was a significant test for the squad. He said the team aimed to demonstrate the kingdom's growing strength

in wrestling and continue delivering results that reflect the support given to sport by the national leadership.

Haji said the Baku camp had gone to plan and that wrestlers and coaching staff were fully prepared for competition.

Bahrain's 2025 Budapest performance saw Tazhudinov win 97kg gold, Sharipov claim the 125kg title and Asluyev take bronze at 74kg — a benchmark the squad will be eager to match or surpass this week.

Bahrain fall to Philippines in straight sets

● Second defeat leaves U18 side on brink of elimination

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Bahrain's under-18 boys' volleyball team suffered a second consecutive defeat at the Asian Championship in Haikou, China, going down 3-1 to the Philippines in Pool B on Monday.

The Philippines edged the opener 25-22, before Bahrain responded sharply to take the second 25-13. The Filipinos regained control with a narrow 25-23 third set win, then sealed the match 25-15 in the fourth.

The loss follows a 3-1 opening



defeat to India. Bahrain now faces Iran in a must-win final group match, only the top two sides advance to the quarter-finals.

With India and the Philippines both having beaten Bahrain, only a win over Iran can keep their knockout hopes alive.



Yamal aims to steal Mbappe’s World Cup **thunder** in semi-final showdown

Spain and France collide as Yamal seeks to emulate Mbappe’s teenage triumph

● **Yamal aims for teenage World Cup glory**

● **Mbappe targets a third consecutive final**

● **Golden Boot race intensifies**

AFP | Arlington



Lamine Yamal is hoping to emulate Kylian Mbappe by winning the World Cup as a teenager, but first his Spain side will have to get the better of France and their superstar captain in Tuesday’s semi-final. When Mbappe scored in France’s win over Croatia in the deciding match of the 2018 tournament, he was just 19 years and 207 days old. He therefore became only the second teenager to score in a World Cup final after a 17-year-old Pele in 1958. Mbappe’s love affair with the World Cup began then, while this is Yamal’s first experience of the competition. He has already had his big breakthrough in a major tournament, however -- Yamal’s stunning goal in the Euro 2024 semi-final against Mbappe’s France helped Spain to a 2-1 victory. That came four days before he turned 17. His birthday was the day before the final. Spain beat England, and Yamal was named young player of the tournament. This time his 19th birthday comes on the eve of the semi-final in A r -

World Cup Schedule (Semifinals)		
Today		
Time	Match	Venue
10:00 PM	France vs Spain	Dallas Stadium
Tomorrow		
10:00 PM	England vs Argentina	Atlanta Stadium
(All games in Bahrain time)		



lington. Such a young player with his best years to come. But he is clearly eager to leave a firm mark on this World Cup. Perhaps too eager, having at one point been a doubt for the tournament after missing the end of the season with Barcelona due to a hamstring injury. “I was afraid it might be serious and, above all, that even if it wasn’t serious, I could suffer a setback and end up missing the World Cup,” Yamal admitted in late May. **Anxiety?** After coming off the bench in Spain’s opening 0-0 draw with Cape Verde, Yamal started against Saudi Arabia and scored before being replaced at half-time in a 4-0 victory. He has started every game since, without adding to that solitary goal -- that might be getting to him. “I think Lamine needs to calm the anxiety he sometimes has because he wants to show how important a player he is for us,” Spain captain Rodri said Sunday. “Given he was able to show that level of maturity at that European Championship, when he is two years older you are not so impressed by what he is able to do,” he added. With Yamal not as decisive, Spain have lacked the deadly verticality that made them so hard to stop at the Euros. France, meanwhile, have rediscovered a cutting edge that evaded them at the Euros, and have the most thrilling attack at this World Cup. Mbappe, now 27, is the talisman and seems intent on leaving a legacy as an all-time World Cup great. With eight goals here, he is level with Lionel Messi in the golden boot race and is one behind the Argentine’s all-time World Cup record of 21 goals.

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meetings between Lamine Yamal and Kylian Mbappe have produced eight wins for Yamal and just two for Mbappe

Lamine Yamal

He can therefore match the achievement of the great Brazil full-back Cafu, who played in three in a row from 1994 to 2002. Pele and Diego Maradona each only graced two finals. His apparent obsession with the World Cup may explain why he missed a chunk of the second half of the season with Real Madrid. As he nursed injuries, some supporters questioned his commitment to their club. “I know people talk about the stats. I watch the TV too. But my only focus is on helping the team and getting us back here on July 19,” he said after beating Sweden in the last 32 at the MetLife Stadium, the venue for the final. “I have won a World Cup and been a runner-up. This team has done neither of those things, but it is the team with the greatest potential,” he added after defeating Morocco in the quarter-finals. Yamal and Mbappe are already icons in their home countries and beyond, two young men representing the modern face of multicultural Europe. Mbappe has the greater experience, has already won the World Cup and is confident speaking publicly in English -- those factors help make him one of the faces of this tournament in the US. The dazzling Yamal is still catching up off the field, but his record against Mbappe on the pitch is impressive. They have met frequently across the Clasico divide in the last two years -- so far Mbappe has eight defeats and just two wins in 10 games against Yamal with club and country.



Kylian Mbappe

French frenzy expected on Bastille Day Tour de France stage

● **French riders chase Bastille glory**

AFP | Thiezac

Nothing captures the imagination of the French cycling public more than a home winner on Bastille Day. “It’s the national celebration. It’s extremely important for us French. It’s our day,” said Warren Barguil, the last Frenchman to win on 14 July, back in 2017. This year, most of the 29 remaining Frenchmen in the Tour de France will have been dreaming of winning Tuesday’s 10th stage, a 166.6km run from Aurillac to Le Lioran in the central Cantal region. Winning on Bastille Day makes a Frenchman an instant Tour legend -- and their name is forever associated with the date. “In the moment, we enjoy the victory, but after that, to the fans,



The pack of riders (peloton) cycles during the 8th stage

people started to call me ‘the July 14th winner,’” David Moncoutie, who claimed the hilly 12th stage on that date in 2005, said a few years ago. “When I won in Figeac in 2004, no one called me ‘the July 15th winner!’ “Usually, you don’t remember the date of your wins, but I know that one by heart.” Tuesday’s stage includes seven categorised climbs, although no behemoth mountains. Still, the highest peak, the Puy Mary - Pas de Peyrol, rises over 1500-metres above sea level. The stage lends itself to a breakaway of tough specialists who have the strength to get over the energy-sapping climbs. Although much will depend on

whether race leader Tadej Pogacar’s UAE Emirates-XRG team decide to set up the reigning champion for a stage victory by riding at a break-neck pace. They have already won three stages in this 113th edition of the Grande Boucle, leading to some complaints from teams and fans alike that they are not giving anyone else a chance. Pogacar has won twice on Bastille Day, in 2021 and in 2024. The latter victory has special memories for him in the shape of the cuddly toy that was given to the stage winners. “I have the best lion that I keep in my parents house, (it) has a French flag around the chest because I got it on that day, with the yellow jersey,” he said on Sunday. “It’s not probably as special a day as for the French riders, but it’s been always every year like this. “For sure, on Tuesday, we can expect a big fight for stage victory from French riders.”

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French riders remain in the Tour de France, all dreaming of a Bastille Day stage victory

‘A different day’

Barguil is the only French rider in the race this year to have won on Bastille Day -- in fact, the only active French rider to have done so. That 2017 Tour was extra special for Barguil as he won two stages as well as the polka-dot ‘King of the Mountains’ classification. But simply being a Frenchman competing at the Tour on Bastille Day -- even without winning the stage -- is unforgettable. Barguil rode the Tour in 2019 as French champion and he said that riding in that jersey on July 14 was as special as winning a stage on that date.

“It’s different to other days,” Barguil said before the Tour started. “I won a stage (on July 14) and I managed to do it (the Bastille Day stage) in the French champion’s jersey. “With the French champion’s jersey, it was (also) completely crazy. “It’s just a different day.” As former sprint king Mark Cavendish used to say, winning any Tour stage can make a rider’s entire career. For a Frenchman, to do so on Bastille Day elevates that by another degree. But just being a Frenchman riding the Tour on Bastille Day is special, and Barguil cannot wait to do so again. “They’ve designed another perfect stage for a breakaway, so we can be out in front on July 14,” said Barguil. “Of course, it’s an objective of mine to be out in front on this 14 July too.”

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