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Dar Kulaib spikers win the prestigious Crown Prince Cup after beating Al Najma | P 12

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**Indian embassy flag hoisting**

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The Indian embassy is organising a flag hoisting ceremony at its premises tomorrow at 7.30 am on the occasion of 74th Independence Day of India.

Ambassador-designate Piyush Srivastava will read a message of Indian President on this occasion, which will be telecast live on its social media accounts. There will be no physical participation this year due to coronavirus outbreak.

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IndianInBahrain>

Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/IndianInBahrain>

Youtube - <http://www.youtube.com/c/EmbassyofIndiaBahrain>

**American Music Band "Vocal Trash" at Summer Festival**

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As part of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities' (BACA) annual Bahrain Summer Festival, the US Embassy presents the Vocal Trash music band, which will participate virtually in the festival.

The five-member band will conduct two virtual workshops on August 17 and 18, from 6-9 pm followed by a performance on August 19 is also from 6-9 pm. The workshops and the performance are all pre-recorded. Music fans and the public are welcome to view the workshops and attend the performance on the following YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQvaBntRljuhICWHD-PAQmJg>

**BAHRAIN COVID-19**

- TOTAL CASES: 45,726
- ACTIVE CASES: 3,379
- DEATHS: 167
- DISCHARGED: 42,180
- NEW CASES: 462
- CRITICAL: 40

210 files (includes VAT)



# Historic peace deal 'Nightmare' for Iran

Israel, UAE agree to normalise relations, with help from Donald Trump

● Israel suspends West Bank annexation

● Similar deals with others in the region on way, says Trump

● Deal pledges greater access to the Al-Aqsa Mosque

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Israel and the United Arab Emirates reached a historic peace deal yesterday that will lead to full normalisation of ties and suspension of Israeli annexation of West Bank.

The accord, brokered by US President Donald Trump, to be known as 'Abraham Accords', according to Trump's special envoy Brian Hook is also a "nightmare" for Iran.

The UAE said it would remain a strong supporter of the Palestinian people and that the normalisation agreement maintained the viability of a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

Netanyahu said the agreement represented a "historic day" for his country.

"This historic diplomatic breakthrough will advance peace in the Middle East region and is a testament to the bold diplomacy and vision of the three leaders and the courage of the United Arab Emirates and Israel to chart a new path that will unlock the great potential in the region," a joint



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**This deal is a significant step towards building a more peaceful, secure and prosperous Middle East. Now that the ice has been broken, I expect more Arab and Muslim countries will follow the United Arab Emirates' lead ... and normalise relations with Israel**

DONALD TRUMP  
THE US PRESIDENT



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**We salute the UAE for its rights-preserving stance, and its serious step towards peace and laying the foundations for common prosperity for the peoples of the region**

SHAIKH KHALID BIN AHMED AL KHALIFA  
ADVISOR TO HM KING FOR DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS



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**The tripartite contact between the UAE, the United States and Israel made a qualitative breakthrough to preserve peace in the region, and obligated Israel to freeze the annexation of Palestinian lands**

DR ANWAR GARGASH  
THE UAE FOREIGN MINISTER

**Bahrain congratulates UAE**

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Bahrain congratulated the UAE announced by the United Arab Emirates halting the annexation of the Palestinian territories with the United States and Israel as a step towards "peace in the Middle East."

In a statement, the Kingdom commended the diplomatic ef-

forts of the UAE and stressed that the "historic step would contribute to the consolidation of stability and peace in the region."

The Kingdom hailed the efforts of the United States of America and said it's looking forward to reaching "a just, comprehensive and lasting solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict."

statement issued by Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Trump said.

In a separate statement, the UAE crown prince stressed that the agreement would stop further Israeli annexation of Palestinian territories, which Israel has said had been awaiting a green light from Washington.

"HUGE breakthrough today!

Historic Peace Agreement between our two GREAT friends, Israel and the United Arab Emirates," Trump wrote on Twitter.

Delegations from Israel and the United Arab Emirates will meet in the coming weeks to sign agreements regarding investment, tourism, direct flights, security, telecommunications and other issues, the statement said.

The two countries are expected soon to exchange ambassadors

and embassies.

In the White House Oval Office, Trump said similar deals are being discussed with other countries in the region. A signing ceremony including delegations from Israel and the United Arab Emirates will be held at the White House in the coming weeks, Trump added.

"Everybody said this would be impossible," Trump said. "After 49 years, Israel and the United

**49 years**

After 49 years, Israel and the United Arab Emirates will fully normalise their diplomatic relations

Arab Emirates will fully normalise their diplomatic relations. They exchange embassies and ambassadors and begin cooperation across the border."

The agreement envisions giving Muslims greater access to the Al-Aqsa Mosque in the Old City of Jerusalem by allowing them to fly from Abu Dhabi to Tel Aviv, White House officials said.

"We are already discussing this with other nations, very powerful, very good nations that want to see peace in the Middle East so you will probably see others of these," Trump added. "Things are happening that I can't talk about, but they're extremely positive."

# Iranian aggressions continue in Hormuz!

Iranian soldiers board Liberian-flagged civilian ship by force

● Iranian forces used two ships and a helicopter

● The Wila was eventually released after several hours

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Iranian guards force-entered and captured a Liberian flagged civilian vessel for several hours in an military styled operation involving two ships and a helicopter near the Strait of Hormuz.

The dramatic moments were captured



Wila vessel has been floating off of eastern UAE for about a month, according to ship-tracking data compiled by Bloomberg. Inset, a screengrab of twitter video

by US military's Central Command which posted a grainy black-and-white video on Twitter showing a helicopter near a large ship. A tweet by the US Central Command said, "Today in international waters, Iranian forces, including two ships and an Iranian 'Sea King' helicopter, overtook and boarded a ship called the 'Wila'."

The incident occurred in international waters of the Gulf of Oman, just 32 kilometres (20 miles) off the coast of the United Arab Emirates.

"Iranian special forces fast roped from the Sea King on to the ship," the official said yesterday.

"A coalition ship monitored the event but did not receive a distress call from

M/T Wila."

According to Refinitiv tracking data, Wila is a Liberian-flagged oil tanker and was currently anchored near the United Arab Emirates' port of Khor Fakkan. With a capacity of about 50,000 barrels, the Wila is relatively small compared to the tankers that ship Middle East crude, which are usually up to 2 million barrels.

A US official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the incident took place near the Strait of Hormuz and the ship was eventually released by Iranian forces.

The official said the United States military was not involved in anything other than monitoring the situation.