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## Shura panel opposes 30-day grace period to renew work permits

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

A parliamentary proposal to give employers an extra 30 days to renew work permits is being resisted by a Shura Council committee, which argues that recent legal changes already deal with the issue and warns the grace period could fuel irregular employment.

The Services Committee of the Shura Council has studied a draft law to amend Article (26) of Law No. (19) of 2006 on the Regulation of the Labour Market.

The text is based on a bill earlier approved by the Council of Representatives, and the Shura Council is due to debate and vote on it at its sitting next Sunday.

According to the memorandum of the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission, the draft aims to give employers extra time to renew work permits so that the penalty laid down in Article (36) is not applied the moment a permit expires.

It also seeks to reduce cases brought by the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) before the courts and to avoid suspending business activities when permits lapse.

## Fourth office for consular services

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has opened its fourth legalisation office on Abdullah bin Jabr Al Dosari Street in Gudaibiya, as part of efforts to enhance the quality and reach of government services.

The new office will provide a full range of consular attestation services, including apostille and traditional attestation, to ensure faster, accurate, and streamlined procedures for citizens and residents.

The Consular Services Sector at the ministry said the expansion forms part of a broader plan to continue improving performance, strengthening staff capabilities, and accelerating digital transformation across consular services.

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## Royal support spurs Bahrain-Japan strategic partnership

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Bahrain and Japan's strategic partnership continues to advance in line with the unwavering support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

This was emphasised by His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court and Chairman of the High Committee of the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club (REHC), as he met yesterday with Hiroshi Ito, the Counselor at the Japan Racing Association.

HH Shaikh Isa noted that the recent visit of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince



HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa with Hiroshi Ito

and Prime Minister, to Japan represented a significant milestone in Bahraini-Japanese

relations, further enhancing the partnership across various fields, including the equestrian

and horse racing sectors.

His Highness highlighted the importance of the equestrian sec-

tor and emphasised the Kingdom's commitment to further strengthening partnerships that support its sustainable development.

### Cooperation

HH Shaikh Isa underscored that the REHC High Committee remains dedicated to expanding international cooperation, further reinforcing Bahrain's position as a distinguished global destination for horse racing.

Hiroshi expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to meet with His Royal Highness, commending Bahrain's notable progress in organising horse racing events.

He also extended his best wishes to the Kingdom for continued progress and prosperity.

# Eco-friendly push for clean energy

New EWA transition plan aims for 'greener' power to meet 45% of demand by 2040

● Targetting 30% cut in natural gas use

● Eyeing solar-powered electricity systems

● Switching to solar power can lower electricity bills

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A new energy transition plan drawn up by the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) aims to cut natural gas use by more than 30 per cent and meet over 45 per cent of the country's power demand from clean sources by 2040, even as electricity consumption is expected to rise by about 40 per cent to around 28 terawatt-hours in the same year.

The Authority says the plan, completed in November 2023, is a roadmap for moving from fossil fuels towards more sustainable energy sources.

It places strong weight on security of supply, a wider mix of energy sources, lower carbon emissions and cost control through higher efficiency in power generation, while setting out how rising demand is expected to be covered up to 2040.

Carbon emissions

By 2035, the project is intended to reduce carbon emissions



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by 30 per cent and ensure that at least 20 per cent of energy comes from clean sources, as part of a wider strategy for renewable power.

The plan ties these targets to Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 and to national goals linked to sustainable development.

According to figures published by the Authority, 323 renewable energy projects have already been completed and work is in progress on a further 47.

Together, these schemes have reduced annual carbon emissions by about 75,000 tonnes.

### Renewable capacity

More than 65 megawatts of renewable capacity are in oper-



The plan, completed in November 2023, is a roadmap for moving from fossil fuels towards more sustainable energy sources.

ation, alongside over 90 megawatts of centralised renewable

power, with further increases planned under the National Renewable Energy Action Plan and the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan.

A key plank of the programme is the Net Metering / Net Billing system, which allows customers to generate electricity from solar panels and export surplus power to the national grid.

The Authority is extending this scheme across the residential, commercial and industrial sectors to widen distributed generation and help meet national clean energy targets.

All related services have been moved onto the 'Benayat' platform, so applications for solar projects and other services are

323

Renewable energy projects that have already been completed.

now handled electronically.

### Technical support

The Authority lists more than 90 certified consultants and over 50 certified contractors for solar-powered electricity systems, providing technical support for new rooftop and other installations.

The Authority states that switching to solar power can lower electricity bills by covering part of consumption with on-site generation, while also reducing reliance on fossil fuels and helping to keep the environment cleaner.

It adds that solar systems can provide a steady and locally generated source of power for homes and businesses.

In its public statements, the Electricity and Water Authority presents the Energy Transition Plan, together with solar and digital projects, as the means to expand clean energy, manage rising demand and cut emissions in line with Bahrain's stated environmental and economic targets.



# Bahrain’s Luxury Marina Shift

Seaside luxury meets national yachting goals

● **Edict 9 boosts yacht tourism permits**

● **Ritz-Carlton unveils ‘Luxury Boat Culture’**

● **Royal Marina aligns with Vision 2030**

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A new chapter in Bahrain’s maritime story is unfolding at The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, where the launch of the ‘Luxury Boat Culture’ experience at the Royal Marina echoes the Kingdom’s growing focus on nautical tourism.

Rooted in the recently issued Edict (9), which allows sea vessels to secure navigation permits for multiple visits to Bahraini waters, the initiative ties luxury hospitality directly to the nation’s evolving yachting framework.

**Bold beginnings**

Anchored within the Royal Beach Club, the Royal Marina extends an open invitation to seafaring guests from across the region. Its new offering com-



His Excellency Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, with The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain officials

bines modern elegance with personalised docking assistance and seamless immigration coordination, reflecting the hospitality standards that define The Ritz-Carlton name.

The collaboration, the resort notes, pays tribute to Bahrain’s rich maritime heritage while reinforcing the national ‘Yachting in Bahrain’ agenda. By linking the hotel’s facilities to the wider Economic Vision 2030, the project mirrors the Kingdom’s aim to strengthen its reputation as a premier destination for yacht enthusiasts.

**Strategic shift**

‘Luxury Boat Culture’ goes beyond docking, unfolding



Royal Marina’s ‘Luxury Boat Culture’ initiative boosts the Kingdom’s growing tourism sector

into curated excursions that span dolphin watching, coastal discovery, and scenic cruises. Guests can access the resort’s 17 award-winning restaurants and the Royal Beach Club’s wellness facilities, blending adventure, gastronomy, and recreation in one seamless experience.

The move marks a visible reflection of Bahrain’s evolving tourism strategy, where luxury hospitality partners take the lead in realising national ambitions for marine leisure and economic diversification.

**Cultural current**

At its core, the Royal Marina’s new experience celebrates the timeless bond between the King-

**The Royal Marina at The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, can berth vessels from 8 to 29 metres, offering full resort access and on-boat dining through 24/7 room service.**

dom and the sea. It combines the seafaring spirit of the Gulf with a contemporary sense of exclusivity and comfort, offering guests both relaxation and exploration in equal measure.

In doing so, the initiative reflects how Bahrain’s tourism narrative is increasingly defined by the fusion of heritage and innovation.

Every arrival at the Royal Marina now tells a story of tradition meeting transformation, with The Ritz-Carlton’s hallmark hospitality setting the tone for Bahrain’s next wave of luxury tourism.

## UNESCO hails Kingdom’s ‘readiness’ to adopt AI technologies

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The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has commended the Kingdom of Bahrain’s promising progress in the artificial intelligence (AI).

This came as UNESCO released its global report on assessing the Kingdom of’s readiness in this technological area.

Bahrain is the second GCC country to have such a report issued.

The report forms part of UN-

ESCO’s initiatives to support member states in measuring their readiness to adopt AI technologies through the Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM) in line with internationally recognised standards.

The announcement was

made during an official meeting between the Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA) and UNESCO representatives to launch the AI Readiness Assessment Report on the Kingdom of Bahrain, published on IGA’s official website.

## Bahrain Maps Future Talent

● **Skills Bahrain unveils HR Skills Report**

● **Three top roles identified for future demand**

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Bahrain’s human resources sector is entering a new phase of growth, with Tamkeen unveiling the Human Resources Skills Report under its ‘Skills Bahrain’ initiative to identify emerging priorities and strengthen workforce capabilities.

The report highlights how technological progress and changing employee expectations are transforming HR practices, calling for greater integration of tools such as artificial intelligence in CV screening, data-driven recruitment metrics, and Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) platforms for performance management and employee benefits.



**Amer Marhoon**

writing and development, and organisational development, alongside core attributes like adaptability, communication, empathy, initiative, and digital literacy.

Amer Marhoon, Managing Director of Skills Bahrain, said the insights from the report will guide Tamkeen’s programmes to strengthen national competencies and prepare Bahrain’s workforce for the future. He noted that the HR field is evolving rapidly, requiring innovative, technology-driven practices and data-based decision-making to ensure business competitiveness.

**Sector alignment**

The Skills Bahrain initiative operates under Tamkeen to bridge the skills gap in the local labour market through collaboration with employers, education and training providers, and government entities. By providing sector-specific data and tools, it seeks to support a smoother transition from education to employment and foster globally competitive Bahraini talent.

**Key insights**

Developed in collaboration with private-sector partners and key stakeholders, the report pinpoints the three most in-demand HR roles - Compensation and Benefits Manager, Learning and Development Professional, and Organizational Design and Development Professional. It also outlines technical skills such as data analysis, policy

### Interactive Rewards



Al Baraka Islamic Bank has launched an interactive promotional stand at Marassi Galleria as part of its BD 37,500 cash-prize campaign for over 800 winners. Chief Retail Officer Mazin Ali Dhaif said the platform reflects the Bank’s commitment to engaging customers directly and rewarding their trust through innovative, Sharia-compliant products and promotions.

### CBB and CBK Governors Visit BENEFIT’s Pavilion

As part of the ongoing cooperation between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the State of Kuwait in advancing banking services and digital payments, H.E. Khalid Humaidan, Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain, accompanied by H.E. Basel A. Al-Haroon, Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait, visited the pavilion of BENEFIT, the Kingdom’s leading innovator in financial technology and electronic transaction services, during the Singapore FinTech Festival 2025 (SFF). The event held from 12 to 14 November at the Singapore Expo Convention and Exhibition Centre, stands as one of the world’s premier platforms for FinTech advancement and banking innovation. During the visit, the governors were briefed on the latest technological innovations and advanced solutions offered by BENEFIT in digital payments,





## Panel rejects three-year accounts rule on layoffs

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A Shura Council committee has urged the chamber to reject a parliamentary plan that would force employers to submit up to three years of financial reports before laying off staff on economic grounds, warning it would burden struggling firms and turn the Labour Ministry into a shadow audit office.

The bill, based on a revised text sent from Parliament, would amend Article 110 of the Labour Law in the Private Sector, Law No. 36 of 2012, and add a new Article 110 bis.

Its drafters say it is meant to regulate termination of em-

ployment contracts for economic reasons in a way that serves social justice, by requiring employers to attach financial reports to any notice of dismissal on economic grounds and by reinforcing workers' rights to compensation where legal grounds for termination are not met.

Under the current wording of Article 110, an employer may end a worker's contract if an establishment closes fully or in part, if activity is reduced, or if a different production system is brought in and this affects staff numbers.

The employer must inform the Labour Ministry of the reason thirty days before telling the worker.

## Renewable energy draft law set for Shura Council vote

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A draft renewable energy law that would scrap customs duties on solar and wind equipment and lay down clear rules for feeding private power into Bahrain's electricity grid has been judged admissible by a Shura committee ahead of a plenary debate on

Sunday.

The proposal, put forward by members Talal Al Menai, Dalal Al Zayed, Dr Mohammed Ali Hassan Ali, Jumaa Al Kaabi and Ali Al Aradi, is framed as a way to encourage electricity production from renewable sources, narrow carbon emissions and give investors a more settled legal setting.

# Bahrain Named First Hub for GCC ‘One-Stop’ Travel

Ashen Tharaka  
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The Gulf region is stepping into a new era of unity and digital transformation, as the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) continues to roll out major regional projects connecting nations through travel, trade, technology, and infrastructure.

After years of planning and discussions, several of these long-term initiatives are finally becoming a reality shaping the GCC into a more connected and collaborative economic bloc.

### “One-Stop” Travel System

One of the most talked-about developments this week came as the GCC approved the first phase of a “one-stop” travel system, a move aimed at simplifying travel for Gulf nationals. The system allows citizens to complete all travel procedures, passport control, customs, and security checks, at a single point, eliminating the need to repeat the same steps at arrival destinations.

According to GCC Secretary-General Jasem Al-Budaiwi, the pilot phase will begin in December, connecting Bahrain and



H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani, GCC Secretary-General Jasem Al-Budaiwi, and H.E. Ramzan bin Abdulla Al Nuaimi, Minister of Information, pose with ambassadors of GCC countries at the event



Ribbon-cutting ceremony of Bahrain's Pavilion

the UAE through air travel. If successful, it will later be implemented across all six GCC member states. “The one-stop system will simplify travel for citizens,

reduce waiting times, and improve coordination across the region,” said Al-Budaiwi.

Under this system, a Bahraini traveler departing from Mana-

ma to Dubai will complete all exit and entry checks in Bahrain, and upon arrival in Dubai, can proceed directly as if arriving from a domestic destination. This landmark initiative is expected to reduce airport congestion, strengthen regional security, and boost tourism and business connectivity, marking a major step toward the GCC's long-term vision of economic and logistical integration.

### GCC Pavilion Opens in Bahrain

Shortly after the announcement, Jasem Al-Budaiwi visited Bahrain for the inauguration of the GCC Pavilion at the National Museum, coinciding with the lead-up to the 46th GCC Summit set to be hosted in Bahrain this December.

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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 September 2025

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2025 [Reviewed]

	Reviewed 30 September 2025 BD'000	Audited 31 December 2024 BD'000
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with banks and financial institutions	56,235	58,986
Receivables	247,169	177,556
Ijara muntahia bittamleek and ijara receivables	212,449	217,460
Musharakat	85,356	74,358
Investments	408,316	377,729
Investment in joint venture	-	6,511
Investments in real estate	3,227	2,911
Premises and equipment	29,888	29,920
Intangibles and goodwill	9,007	8,251
Other assets	18,589	16,535
TOTAL ASSETS	1,070,236	970,217
LIABILITIES, QUASI EQUITY AND OWNERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current accounts	116,201	109,954
Murabaha and other payables	11,339	45,939
Other liabilities	39,552	40,331
Total liabilities	167,092	196,224
Quasi equity		
Participatory investment accounts	823,429	692,335
Subordinated mudaraba	2,399	2,361
Total quasi equity	825,828	694,696
Owners' equity		
Share capital	57,100	57,100
Perpetual equity-type instruments	36,192	36,192
Reserves	(9,412)	(9,068)
Accumulated losses	(16,386)	(14,638)
Equity attributable to parent's shareholders	67,494	69,586
Non-controlling interests	9,822	9,711
Total owners' equity	77,316	79,297
TOTAL LIABILITIES, QUASI EQUITY AND OWNERS' EQUITY	1,070,236	970,217
OFF-BALANCE SHEET ITEMS:		
ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT	459,347	339,724
CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS	80,378	74,088

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

For the nine month period ended 30 September 2025 [Reviewed]

	Three months ended 30 September		Nine months ended 30 September	
	2025 BD'000	2024 BD'000	2025 BD'000	2024 BD'000
Income from financings contracts	9,924	13,158	27,934	33,361
Income from investments	7,416	10,387	23,290	32,035
Share of income from investment in joint venture	-	127	-	327
Income from banking services	843	633	2,316	1,938
Other income	624	858	2,538	2,411
Group's mudarib / agency fee from off-balance sheet equity of investment accountholders	7	10	24	34
TOTAL INCOME	18,814	25,173	56,102	70,106
Cost of murabaha and other payables	(359)	(2,467)	(1,182)	(7,071)
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	18,455	22,706	54,920	63,035
BEFORE ATTRIBUTION TO QUASI EQUITY	(11,028)	(14,023)	(31,576)	(40,595)
Net income attributable to quasi-equity				
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	7,427	8,683	23,344	22,440
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Staff expenses	(3,168)	(2,980)	(9,455)	(9,098)
Depreciation and amortizations	(1,166)	(998)	(3,292)	(2,995)
Other operating expenses	(3,015)	(3,092)	(9,116)	(9,027)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	(7,349)	(7,070)	(21,863)	(21,120)
NET OPERATING INCOME	78	1,613	1,481	1,320
Allowances for impairment - net	75	(841)	293	(1,358)
NET INCOME / (LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION	153	772	1,774	(38)
Taxation	(543)	(1,968)	(2,395)	(4,329)
LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	(390)	(1,196)	(621)	(4,367)
Attributable to:				
Equity of the parent's shareholders	(627)	(1,959)	(1,676)	(6,142)
Non-controlling interest	237	763	1,055	1,775
	(390)	(1,196)	(621)	(4,367)

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the nine month period ended 30 September 2025 [Reviewed]

	Nine months ended 30 September	
	2025 BD'000	2024 BD'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income / (loss) before taxation	1,774	(38)
Adjustments for :		
Depreciation and amortizations	3,292	2,995
Allowances for impairment - net	(293)	1,358
Gain on sale of premises and equipment	(3)	(6)
Gain loss on sale of investments	(356)	(441)
Share of income from investment in joint venture	-	(327)
Operating profit before changes in operating assets and liabilities	4,414	3,541
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Balances with central banks in mandatory reserves	(4,828)	1,500
Receivables	(9,292)	9,166
Ijara muntahia bittamleek and ijara receivables	5,010	17,954
Musharakat	(10,817)	2,590
Other assets	(2,042)	(306)
Other liabilities	638	(5,369)
Murabaha and other payables	(34,601)	(22,300)
Current accounts	6,247	8,637
Participatory investment accounts	131,093	77,316
Tax paid	(3,783)	(3,959)
Net cash generated from operating activities	82,039	88,770
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of investments	(354,331)	(221,749)
Proceeds from sale / redemption of investments	323,150	217,843
Net purchase of premises and equipment	(4,042)	(9,311)
Disposal of investment in joint venture	6,510	-
Net cash used in investing activities	(28,713)	(13,217)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Net movement in subordinated mudaraba	38	(2,019)
Dividend paid by subsidiary	(286)	(73)
Zakah paid	(68)	(73)
Net cash used in financing activities	(316)	(2,092)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(328)	393
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	52,682	73,854
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	47,437	72,491
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD	100,119	146,345
Additions to the right-of-use assets during the current period were BHD 0.887 million (2024: BHD 0.675 million).		
For the purpose of the interim condensed consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:		
Cash in hand	8,152	8,911
Balances with central banks in unrestricted accounts	100	144
Balances with other banks and financial institutions (with original maturity of 3 months or less)	8,483	18,406
Receivables - Commodities and Wakala placement with FIs (with original maturity of 3 months or less)	83,384	118,884
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	100,119	146,345
These statements have been extracted from financial statements reviewed by PricewaterhouseCoopers, who expressed an unqualified conclusion on 13th November 2025		
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# Prices stable

Bahrain food inflation eases despite heavy reliance on imports

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Food prices in Bahrain have stayed relatively steady in 2025 even though the Kingdom imports about 90 per cent of its basic food needs and is closely tied to swings in world markets, according to recent economic data.

Trading Economics figures show that Bahrain’s food inflation rate fell by 0.60 per cent year-on-year in September 2025.

Prices of food and non-alcoholic drinks dropped by 1.7 per cent in March 2025, while the general level of food prices between January and May 2025 was down by around 1.6 per cent.

### Economic front

On the wider economic front, overall inflation in November 2024 stood at about 0.4 per cent.

This reading was linked to a 2 per cent fall in food and non-alcoholic drink prices, alongside



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price control and market supervision measures applied by the government.

Data from Prices in Bahrain and Numbeo show that basic food items stayed within a narrow price band in 2025.

A litre of milk cost about BD0.62, 500 grammes of white bread around BD0.50, a kilogram of white rice roughly BD0.99, a dozen eggs about BD0.95 and a kilogram of chicken roughly BD2.66.



A report on the Zawya website notes that seasonal offers in local supermarkets also played a part in lowering shelf prices.

One example is a cut in the price of a carton of long-life milk from BD1.955 to BD1.390.

Bahraini traders say the domestic market has been partly shielded from swings in world food costs by the exemption of more than 94 basic goods from value added tax, a step they argue has helped keep prices in check and supported household purchasing power.

### World prices

Bahrain’s food bill is closely linked to world prices because of its reliance on imports.

The global food price index rose by 8.2 per cent in February 2025 as sugar, vegetable oils and dairy products became more expensive, then eased by 1.6 per cent in October 2025 as grain and vegetable supplies increased. Movements in world markets pass through directly to Bahrain.

## Asian nightclub manager jailed

### Three years for human trafficking

Rehab Mohammad  
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The High Criminal Court sentenced an Asian nightclub manager to three years in prison and fined him BD2,000 after convicting him of trafficking two Asian women and coercing one of them into sexual activity.

The court also ordered his deportation from Bahrain following the completion of his sentence and required him to cover the victims’ repatriation costs.

According to case details, the defendant brought the two women to Bahrain in 2025 under the pretext of employing them as singers and dancers at a hotel nightclub he managed.

Upon arrival, he confiscated their passports, confined them to the hotel, and forced them to work daily without breaks.

Investigations revealed that he later pressured the victims to engage in prostitution, threatening to prevent one from returning to her country or re-entering Bahrain if she refused.

Exploiting her financial vulnerability, he coerced her into prostitution and collected the proceeds.

## Bahrain residential land allocation up for housing

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Residential land in Bahrain edged up in October 2025, with areas set aside for housing increasing by 108,000 square metres compared with September, a rise of 0.13 per cent.

Land allocated to Housing Ministry projects grew by 61,500 square metres over the same month, an increase of 0.31 per cent.

Data from the Urban Planning Authority show that the total residential area in the kingdom reached 80.52 million square metres by the end of October 2025, up from 80.41 million square metres in September.

The total area assigned to Housing Ministry projects rose to 20.19 million square metres, compared with 20.13 million square metres a month

earlier.

By governorate, the Northern Governorate recorded almost all of the additional residential land, adding 102,800 square metres, an increase of 0.28 per cent.

### Governorate

Its total rose from 37.23 million square metres in September to 37.33 million square metres in October, keeping it as the largest governorate in terms of residential space, with 46.4 per cent of Bahrain’s total.

The Capital Governorate came next, with its residential area increasing by 8,200 square metres, or 0.05 per cent, from 16.57 million to 16.58 million square metres over the month.

Muharraq Governorate saw only a small rise of 137 square metres, with its residential area steady at 9.79 million square metres.

## ‘Bridge 26’ concludes

Riyadh

The Royal Bahraini Naval Force, concluded the joint naval exercise “Bridge 26,” conducted with the Royal Saudi Naval Forces, represented by the Eastern Fleet, which took place in Saudi Arabia.

This joint naval exercise

forms part of the ongoing “Bridge” series, conducted regularly within the framework of the strong military cooperation between the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) and the Armed Forces of Saudi Arabia. It aims to further strengthen operational integration.

## Memorial service for Dr. Araya today

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A memorial service will be held for Dr. Gebreslassie Araya, an Eritrean who faithfully served the royal family for 46 years, at the Salmabad Christian Cemetery at 2 p.m. today.

Lovingly known as Dr. G. Araya, he lived a life marked by purpose, integrity, and devotion—to his work, his faith, his family, and his deep love for animals.

Born on September 29, 1949, in Asmara, Eritrea, he began his education there before



Dr. Gebreslassie Araya

continuing his studies at the Agricultural Technical High School in Jimma, Kaffa.

## ESTERAD BANK B.S.C. (C)

Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Information - For the Nine-months ended 30 September 2025



Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 September 2025

USD '000

30 Sept 2025 (Reviewed)

31 Dec 2024 (Audited)

ASSETS

Balances with banks 772 1,127

Placements with financial institutions 2,777 650

Investments 2,901 17,127

Funding to project companies 319 1,939

Other assets 2,419 2,163

Right-of-use asset 3,058 3,175

Property and equipment 3,781 3,874

TOTAL ASSETS 16,027 30,055

LIABILITIES

Employee accruals 374 308

Ijarah liability 3,446 3,519

Other liabilities 11,338 21,460

Total liabilities 15,158 25,287

EQUITY

Share capital 1,005 1,005

Statutory reserve 249 249

Accumulated losses (26,906) (22,742)

Equity attributable to Shareholders (25,652) (21,488)

Subordinated Mudharaba (ATI) 26,521 26,256

Total equity 889 4,768

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 16,027 30,055

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income

Nine-months period ended 30 September 2025

USD '000

Nine-months ended 30 Sept 2025 (Reviewed)

Three-months ended 30 Sept 2024 (Reviewed)

REVENUE

Asset Management fee 5,155 4,721 450 1,270

Net change in fair value of investments carried at fair value through income (677) (479) (64) 1,495

Net realised (loss) / gains on exit of investments (4,185) 1,129 40 (1,529)

Other investment income 156 143 4 34

Rental and other income 2,181 2,070 684 734

Total revenue 2,630 7,584 1,114 2,004

EXPENSES

Staff cost 2,843 2,333 1,089 851

Legal and professional fees 515 562 246 159

Finance expense 126 130 42 43

Depreciation 281 278 95 89

Loss on settlement of liabilities - 1,131 - 583

Other expenses 2,510 1,407 350 574

Total expenses 6,275 5,841 1,822 2,299

(LOSS) / PROFIT BEFORE IMPAIRMENT ALLOWANCES (3,645) 1,743 (708) (295)

Impairment charge on investments - (291) - (141)

Reversal / (impairment) for credit losses 225 469 (113) (77)

Reversal of impairment on property and equipment 49 60 19 -

(LOSS) / PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD (3,371) 1,981 (802) (513)

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Nine-months period ended 30 September 2025

USD '000

2025 (Reviewed)

2024 (Reviewed)

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net (loss) / profit for the period (3,371) 1,981

Adjustments for: Impairment of investments - 291

Provision for credit losses (225) 469

Reversal of impairment on property and equipment (49) (60)

Gain on sale of property and equipment - 117

Fair value loss on investments carried at fair value through profit or loss - net 677 479

Realised fair value loss / (gains) on exit of investment 4,185 (1,129)

Restricted cash for AUM investors (2,278) -

Depreciation 281 278

Finance cost on right-of-use asset 126 130

Loss from investment swaps - 671

Operating profit before changes in operating assets and liabilities (651) 3,227

Investments 9,364 (1,203)

Funding to project companies 1,800 14,844

Property and equipment (26) (105)

Other assets (220) (1,295)

Employee accruals 66 (14)

Other liabilities (9,235) (11,887)

Placements with financial institutions (original maturity more than 3 months) (151) (244)

Net cash from operating activities 947 3,323

FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Murabaha financing to investee company (875) (1,608)

Profit distribution attributable to Subordinated Mudharaba (ATI) (528) (1,170)

Rent paid towards right-of-use asset (199) (999)

Net cash used in financing activities (1,602) (2,977)

NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (655) 346

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period 1,392 3,591

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD 737 3,937

Represented by:

Balances with banks 772 3,331

Less: Restricted cash from exit of investments (233) -

Net balances with banks 539 3,331

Placements with financial institutions (original maturity less than three months) 2,240 606

Less: Restricted cash from exit of investments (2,042) -

198 606

737 3,937

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Owner's Equity

Nine-months period ended 30 September 2025

USD '000

2025 (Reviewed)

Share capital

Statutory reserve

Investment fair value reserve

Accumulated losses

Equity attributable to shareholders

Subordinated mudharaba ATI

Total

Balance at 1 January 2025 1,005 249 - (22,742) (21,488) 26,256 4,768

Loss for the period - - - (3,371) - - (3,371)

Subordinated Mudharaba (ATI) 2% profit capitalised - - - (265) 265 -

Profit distribution attributable to Subordinated Mudharaba (ATI) - - - (528) 528 - (528)

Balance at 30 September 2025 1,005 249 - (26,906) (25,652) 26,521 889

2024 (Reviewed)

Balance at 1 January 2024 1,005 5,441 45 (29,252) (22,761) 22,803 42

Profit for the period - - - 1,981 - - 1,981

Subordinated Mudharaba (ATI) - - - - - 3,063 3,063

Subordinated Mudharaba (ATI) 2% profit capitalised - - - (390) 390 -

Profit distribution attributable to Subordinated Mudharaba (ATI) - - - (780) 780 - (780)

Movement in equity-type investments at fair value through equity - - (45) - (45) - (45)

Movement in statutory reserve - (5,441) - 5,441 - -

Balance at 30 September 2025 1,005 - - (23,000) (21,995) 26,256 4,261



# Bahrain Flour Mills Company announces Financial Results

For the Period ending 30th September 2025

Manama

The Board of Directors of Bahrain Flour Mills Company B.S.C. (Al-Matahin) trading symbol (BFM), held their board meeting yesterday, chaired by Mr. Basim Al Saie, Chairman of the Board of Directors. At this meeting, the Board took a number of decisions, including the approval of the company's financial statements for the nine months period ended 30 September 2025.

Mr. Al Saie extended his sincere thanks and gratitude to the



Mr. Basim Al Saie, Chairman

Board of Directors, the Executive Management and all of the company employees for their

support and continuous endeavors to achieve the best results, wishing Al-Matahin further progress and prosperity.

Bahrain Flour Mills company B.S.C. announces a net Profit of BD 538,388 for the third quarter of 2025, versus a net profit of BD 358,905 for the same period in 2024 with an increase of 50%.

The increase in the net profit for the third quarter of the year 2025 in comparison to the same period in 2024 is attributed to the increase of fair value of investments and in addition the compensation for the increase

in conversion cost per ton.

The Company reported Basic and Diluted profit per Share of fils 21.69 for Q3 2025 versus Basic and Diluted Earnings per Share of fils 14.46 for the same period in 2024.

Operating profit for Q3 2025 was BD 264,630 versus operating loss of BD 107,594 for the same period in 2024, due to the compensation described above.

With regards to sales in Q3 2025, BFM generated BD 1,825,024 versus BD 1,800,558 in Q3 2024 - increased by 1%.

For the period of nine months

of 2025, BFM has reported a Net Profit of BD 1,215,035 versus BD 528,444 for the same period in 2024-increase by 131% attributed to the same factors driving the rise in the third quarter.

The Company reported Basic and Diluted Earnings per Share of fils 48.94 for the period of nine months of 2025 versus fils 21.29 profit for the same period in 2024.

Operating Profit for the period of nine months of 2025 was BD 935,621 versus BD 114,178 for the same period in 2024 - increased by 719%, resulting from com-

pensating the elevated cost of conversion cost.

BFM generated during the nine months of 2025, sales of BD 5,518,193 versus BD 5,737,441 for 2024 -with a decrease of 4% derived from decrease in quantity sold by 3%.

The Company's total equity increased by 2% to BD 27,433,011 compared with BD 26,863,596 recorded as of 31 December 2024. The total assets for the period reached BHD 40,660,223 compared to BD 39,713,717 at the end of 2024, being an increase of 2%.

# GFH reports US\$ 101.27 Million in net profit attributable to shareholders for nine months

Manama

GFH Financial Group yesterday announced its financial results for the third quarter and first 9 months of the year ended 30 September 2025.

Net profit attributable to shareholders was US\$34.03 million for the third quarter of the year, compared to US\$27.20 million in the third quarter of 2024. The increase of 25.1% was driven by strong performance across investment management, commercial banking, and treasury, and proprietary investment activities. Earnings per share for the Q3 2025 was US Cents 0.94 compared with US Cents 0.73 in the Q3 of 2024, an increase of 28.8%. Total comprehensive

income attributable to shareholders was US\$36.34 million for the third quarter, compared with US\$46.59 million in the third quarter of 2024, reflecting a decrease of 22.0%. Total income for Q3 2025 increased by 29.6% to US\$199.92 million from US\$154.26 million a year earlier. Consolidated net profit for Q3 2025 reached US\$35.23 million compared with US\$ 27.66 million in the Q3 of 2024, an increase of 27.4%. Total expenses for the quarter were

US\$ 105.76 million compared with US\$ 70.02 million in the prior-year

Abdulmohsen Rashed Al Rashed, Chairman, GFH Financial Group

period, an increase of 51.0%.

For the first 9 months of 2025, the Group reported a net profit attributable to shareholders of US\$101.27 million, an increase of 15.1% compared with US\$87.95 million for the same period in 2024. The increase was primarily due to contributions from investment management activities, profit share from the Group's commercial banking subsidiary, and income generated from treasury and proprietary investments.

Earnings per share rose by 16.5% to US Cents 2.83, compared with US Cents 2.43 in the 2024 period, while total comprehensive income attributable to shareholders stood at US\$115.25 million, compared with US\$113.9 million in the 2024 period, an increase of 1.19%. Total income reached US\$556.98 million, an increase of 14.5% compared with US\$486.49 million for the same nine-month period last year. Consolidated net profit for the period was US\$104.95 million compared with US\$ 95.56 million in same period of 2024, an increase of 9.8%. Total expenses for the nine-month period were US\$ 287.11 million compared with US\$ 233.89 million in same period of 2024, an increase of 22.8%.

Total equity attributable to shareholders stood at US\$1.04 billion as Hisham Alrayes, CEO and Board Member, GFH Financial Group

of 30 September 2025, up 6.4% from US\$980.94 million as of 31 December 2024. Total assets increased to US\$12.26 billion, compared with US\$11.03 billion at year-end 2024, representing growth of 11.1%, supported by the Group's expanding operational activities and ongoing investment initiatives.

The Group currently manages over US\$22.51 billion in assets and funds, comprising a diversified global portfolio of investments in logistics, healthcare, education, and technology sectors across the MENA region, Europe, and North America.

Mr. Abdulmohsen Rashed Al Rashed, Chairman, GFH Financial Group

"The Group continues to deliver balanced performance that reflects the resilience of its business model and its ability to adapt to regional and global economic shifts. Our focus remains on enhancing asset efficiency and diversifying income streams to ensure sustainable

returns for shareholders over the long term. The Group has also expanded its presence across key markets in the US, Europe and the GCC, while maintaining its commitment to governance and corporate responsibility."

Mr. Hisham Alrayes, CEO and Board Member, GFH Financial Group

"The Group's financial results for the third quarter of 2025 reflect the outcome of a disciplined institutional approach focused on operational efficiency and effective risk management, alongside a prudent diversification of investments across multiple geographies. The Group achieved a 29.6% increase in total income to US\$199.92 million, while net profit attributable to shareholders rose by 25.1% to US\$34.03 million, underscoring the strength of our operating strategy and the balanced performance across our core business lines."

# Esterad Reports a 17% Increase in Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders for the First Nine Months of 2025

Manama

Esterad Investment Co. yesterday announced its financial results for the third quarter of 2025 and first nine months of the year ending 30 September 2025, reporting growth in net profit driven by its diversified portfolio and strategic initiatives.

Net profit attributable to shareholders was BD 1,180,834 for the third quarter of 2025, compared to BD1,001,936 for the same quarter in 2024, an increase of 18%. Earnings per share for the quarter was 7.3 Fils, compared with 6.5 Fils in the third quarter of last year. Total comprehensive income attributable to shareholders

for the third quarter was BD 1,162,567, compared with BD 836,421 in the same period of 2024, an increase of 39%. Total income for the quarter was BD 2,156,754, compared to BD 2,737,180 in the third quarter of 2024, down by 21%.

For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2025, Esterad reported net profit attributable to shareholders of

BD 2,712,196, compared to BD 2,323,582 in the prior-year period, an increase of 17%. Earnings per share for the first nine months of 2025 was 16.8 fils, compared with 15.1 fils in the

first nine months of 2024. Total comprehensive income attributable to shareholders amounted to BD 2,876,814 for the period, an increase of 70%, compared with BD 1,691,731 for the corresponding period of 2024. Total income for the nine-month period was BD 6,244,307, compared to BD7,431,925 in the first nine months of 2024, down by 16%.

Total equity attributable to shareholders at 30 September 2025 was BD 44,303,880 versus BD 43,377,483 at 31 December 2024, a change of 2%. Total assets stood at BD 82,739,890 at 30 September 2025, compared to BD 93,100,840 at 31 December 2024, down by 11%.

Commenting on the Company's performance, Mr. Nabeel Noorudin, Board Chairman of Esterad, stated: "Our results for the third quarter underscore Esterad's consistent ability to deliver strong performance and create long-term value for shareholders. The growth in net profit during this Period reflects the

success of our disciplined investment approach and our continued focus on unlocking value across a well-diversified portfolio. Over the past few months, we have taken significant steps to strengthen our foundations and drive sustainable growth. The establishment of Esterad Capital Limited in the DIFC represents a major milestone in our regional expansion journey, providing access to a dynamic financial and regulatory environment and reinforcing our ambition to extend Esterad's presence in key GCC markets. This initiative marks a pivotal step toward realizing our vision of becoming a leading regional investment partner."

He added: "We are also in the advanced stages of several strategic transactions expected to conclude by year-end, which will further enhance our profitability and operational momentum. Our strategy continues to prioritize prudent capital

deployment, selective diversification, and steady growth. The progress achieved throughout 2025 has positioned Esterad on a firm trajectory, supported by a portfolio designed for resilience, adaptability, and long-term value creation. We remain committed to sustaining this positive momentum through sound governance, disciplined execution, and a forward-looking strategy."

Mr. Ahmed Abdulrahman, Chief Executive Officer of Esterad, added: "We are pleased with the Company's solid performance during the third quarter, which reflects the successful execution of our strategic roadmap. The improvement in income and overall portfolio performance demonstrates the tangible outcomes of our ongoing initiatives."

He continued: "As we move into the final quarter of 2025, our focus remains on accelerating the turnaround and repositioning of key assets, unlocking further value across our global portfolio, and deploying capital into high-potential opportunities. Guided by a disciplined investment philosophy and a commitment to performance excellence, we are confident in Esterad's ability to continue delivering strong, sustainable returns to our shareholders."

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Mr. Nabeel Noorudin, Board Chairman of Esterad

Mr. Ahmed Abdulrahman, Chief Executive Officer of Esterad



News in brief

◆ **Germany's coalition**

government has agreed a new voluntary military service model, politicians said yesterday, after weeks of wrangling over whether there should be a compulsory element. Under the plan, all 18-year-old men will from next year have to fill in a questionnaire on whether they would want to serve and undergo an armed forces physical test. No one will be compelled to join the Bundeswehr, however, said Defence Minister Boris Pistorius. He has advocated instead a campaign to make military service more attractive to draw more male and female recruits. Chancellor Friedrich Merz has made bolstering Germany's ill-equipped military a major priority, citing a hostile Russia and doubts about future US security commitment to Europe.

◆ **A British couple** detained in Iran for nearly a year on suspicion of espionage have gone on hunger strike having "lost all hope", a relative said yesterday. Lindsay and Craig Foreman, both in their early fifties, were seized in

**UK couple held in Iran launch hunger strike: family**

January as they passed through Kerman, in central Iran, while on a round-the-world motorbike trip. "My mum and Craig shouldn't have to starve themselves to be seen," said Lindsay's son Joe Bennett in a statement. "They're exhausted, frightened, and feel abandoned. If this doesn't wake our government up, what will?" he added. The couple's family, who after their detention only spoke to them for the first time in early August, have grown increasingly frustrated at the handling of their case in Iran as well as at the support received from the British government in London.

◆ **Twenty-five** countries shipped oil to Israel during its two-year offensive in Gaza, according to a report published yesterday by the nonprofit Oil Change International, which argued the same fossil-fuel system driving the climate crisis is also enabling "genocide." Released at the UN climate summit in Brazil, the analysis found Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan were by far the largest suppliers of crude, accounting for 70 percent of shipments between November 1, 2023 and October 1, 2025. Russia, Greece and the United States were the top providers of refined petroleum products -- with the US standing out as the sole supplier of JP-8, a jet-fuel blend designed for military aircraft. "The states that have supplied Israel with fuel during this period have done so in full knowledge of its atrocities," said Oil Change International, which advocates for a global phase-out of fossil fuels. "Their complicity is documented here to hold these states accountable. These states must address their role in the genocide and cease their complicity."

**Study flags 'complicity' of oil-supplying states in Gaza war**



SPOTLIGHT

**Pakistan grants lifetime immunity to president, current army chief**



Asif Ali Zardari  
AFP | Islamabad, Pakistan



Asim Munir  
or admiral of the fleet will now retain rank and privileges for life, remain in uniform, and enjoy immunity from criminal proceedings. Such protections were previously only reserved for the head of state. "This constitutional amendment will increase authoritarianism and whatever little semblance of democracy existed in this country will fade away," said Osama Malik, an Islamabad-based lawyer. "It will not only remove civilian oversight from the military's activities, it will also completely destroy the military hierarchy where all service chiefs were considered equal under the joint chief system," he told AFP. The amendment also shields President Asif Ali Zardari from any criminal prosecution, although that immunity will not apply if he or any other former president later holds another public office.

Pakistan's parliament approved a sweeping constitutional amendment yesterday granting lifetime immunity to the president as well as the current army chief, a move critics warned would erode democratic checks and judicial independence. The 27th amendment, passed by a two-thirds majority, also consolidates military power under a new Chief of Defence Forces role and establishes a Federal Constitutional Court. The changes grant army chief Asim Munir, promoted to field marshal after Pakistan's clash with India in May, command over the army, air force and the navy. He and other top military brass will enjoy lifelong protections. Under the amendment, any officer promoted to field marshal, marshal of the air force,

# Pakistan blames **Afghans** for Islamabad suicide attack

● **Relations hit a new low last month after the worst cross-border clashes in years killed more than 70 people**

AFP | Islamabad, Pakistan

Pakistan yesterday blamed Afghan citizens for a suicide bombing in the capital Islamabad this week, and a separate deadly attack near the frontier.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi told a Senate session that the bomber behind Tuesday's blast outside the district court buildings was from Afghanistan.

"We have traced the Islamabad blast culprits. The suicide bomber was from Afghanistan," he said, without offering any evidence.

"It will be decided on a government-level what to do," the minister told reporters when asked how the government would proceed with regards to



Pakistani military troops guard outside the damaged entrance after an attack on the Cadet College Wana, a military-linked school, in the South Waziristan district near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border

Afghanistan.

A faction of the Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, the first to hit the capital in nearly three years.

A dozen people were killed and 27 wounded.

Naqvi told reporters on Monday that Afghan nationals also took part in an assault the same

day on Cadet College Wana, a military-linked school in north-west Pakistan. The attack left three people dead.

The accusations come amid a sharp deterioration in ties between Islamabad and Kabul, with Pakistan blaming what it says are Afghan-based militants -- particularly the Tehreek-e-Tal-

iban Pakistan (TTP) -- for a surge in attacks since the Taliban returned to power in 2021. Kabul denies the charge.

Relations hit a new low last month after the worst cross-border clashes in years killed more than 70 people, including dozens of Afghan civilians, according to the United Nations.

"We have told them (the Afghan government) about our concerns but they still support terrorists," Naqvi said in remarks broadcast on live television.

Kabul has not commented on the allegations.

Pakistan's information ministry repeated the claims Thursday, saying the Wana attack was "planned and controlled from Afghanistan" and that all those involved were Afghan citizens.

"The identities of the Afghan terrorists killed in the attack firmly establishes the links of terrorists in their bases in Afghanistan," it said on X.

The TTP has threatened more attacks unless hardline Islamic law is implemented in Pakistan, a Muslim-majority country.

## YouTube superstar MrBeast opens pop-up park in Saudi

AFP | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

MrBeast, the world's most followed YouTuber with over 450 million subscribers, opened a temporary amusement park in Riyadh yesterday, the latest celebrity drawn to Saudi Arabia as it aspires to become a major entertainment hub.

"Beast Land", open from November 13 to December 27, features several obstacle course-like challenges similar to those that appear in his popular videos where contestants compete for massive pay days.

MrBeast's park will be part of Riyadh Season, a major annual festival launched to promote the capital city as a tourist hub, as Saudi Arabia seeks to attract high-profile celebrities to diversify its oil-reliant economy.

"The majority of our audience is outside of North America and



US YouTuber James Stephen "Jimmy" Donaldson, commonly known by MrBeast, smiles during an interview

we have a large concentration of people who watch our videos in the Middle East," he told AFP in the Saudi capital Riyadh.

"A lot of times when we do stuff, we do it in the West or in other places and I just really wanted to do something fun for our fans who live around here," he added. The influencer had earlier posted a video from the

gates of the new park in Riyadh, shaped like a blue tiger's head with flashing lightning bolts for eyes, reminiscent of his logo, with neon lights beaming on the attractions. "This thing is the craziest thing that I've ever done, I can't wait for you guys to experience this," he said in the clip.

With more followers across his social media platforms than

there are people in the United States, the 27-year-old influencer, whose real name is Jimmy Donaldson -- has built a digital empire over the years thanks to his prodigious output of content often featuring contests and challenges.



With more than 75 percent of Saudis under 35 years of age, the kingdom is the perfect playground for influencers like MrBeast, whose content is mostly watched by children and young people.

## Tata, Adani, Reliance power up Bhutan Hydroelectric ambitions in India-Bhutan energy collaboration

TDT | agencies

India and Bhutan have taken a big step forward in their ties and energy cooperation. During his visit to Bhutan on Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a 4,000 crore (about \$455 million) line of credit to support new energy projects, Reuters reported. He also joined King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck to inaugurate the 1,020-megawatt Punatsangchu-II hydroelectric power project, which has been built with Indian support.

Private Indian companies



such as Tata Power, Adani Group, and Reliance Power have also signed agreements with Bhutan's Druk Green Power Corporation to develop more hydroelectric projects in the coming years, according to Reuters.

This visit comes amid India's effort to strengthen its ties with

Bhutan, at a time when Beijing has been working to establish diplomatic relations and settle its border dispute with Bhutan. Hydropower project to boost Bhutan's capacity

The leaders of the two countries inaugurated the Punatsangchu-II project, which will boost Bhutan's total hydropower capacity by nearly 40%. The project is the fifth major hydropower initiative supported by India in Bhutan. This brings the combined generation capacity of Indian-assisted projects to nearly 3,000 megawatts.

Both leaders also discussed

ways to improve connectivity, which they said is essential for trade and regional growth. "Connectivity creates opportunity. And opportunity creates prosperity," PM Modi said, announcing that India will link Gelephu and Samtse in Bhutan to India's rail network. Once completed, this will help Bhutanese farmers and industries get access to India's large markets easily. Former Bhutanese energy minister Lok Nath Sharma said that after meeting its own energy needs (around 1,000 megawatts), Bhutan will export the surplus electricity to India.



Gottfried Kirch discovers the Great Comet of 1680 (Kirch's Comet/Newton's Comet)

American Gail Borden is issued a patent for technology related to his invention of condensed milk



Power plant at Niagara Falls begins operation

First public trains run through the Channel Tunnel, linking England and France under the English Channel



TOP  
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TWEETS

01



I congratulate the people of Iraq on the holding of parliamentary elections. The @UN is committed to supporting Iraq on its journey toward consolidating democratic gains & fulfilling the aspirations of all Iraqis for a peaceful and prosperous future.

@antonioguterres

02



Catholic Social Teaching is neither an abstract theory nor an unattainable utopia. Rather, it offers a path to transform the lives of people and institutions by placing Christ at the center of every human activity.

@Pontifex

03



We would welcome implementation aligned with the G20 Joint Finance & Health Task Force and the Pandemic Agreement. Together, we can create a safer, healthier world for all citizens.

@vonderleyen

04



India's fight against TB is achieving remarkable momentum. The latest WHO Global tuberculosis report 2025 highlights that India has recorded a commendable reduction in TB incidence since 2015 and it is nearly twice the global rate of decline. This is one of the sharpest drops seen anywhere in the world

@narendramodi

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# Trump signs **bill to end** record-breaking shutdown

The 43-day funding freeze had paralyzed Washington



US President Donald Trump (C) shows the signed bill package to re-open the federal government in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, DC

● **Trump lashed out at Democrats as he put his signature to the bill**

● **Around 670,000 furloughed civil servants will report back to work**

● **Almost 1,000 flights cancelled yesterday**

AFP | Washington, United States

The US government was set to take the first tentative steps towards re-opening yesterday after President Donald Trump signed a bill to end the longest federal shutdown in US history.

The 43-day funding freeze had paralyzed Washington and left hundreds of thousands of workers unpaid while Republicans and Democrats played a high-stakes blame game.

The Republican-led House of Representatives voted on Wednesday, largely along party lines, to approve a Senate-passed package that will re-open federal departments and agencies, as many Democrats fume over what they see as a capitulation by party leaders.

Trump lashed out at Democrats as he put his signature to the bill later in the Oval Office, urging Americans to remember the chaos when voting in hotly contested US midterm elections in a year's time.

"Today we are sending a clear message that we will never give in to extortion," said Trump, surrounded by gleeful Republican lawmakers including House Speaker Mike Johnson.

Johnson had earlier pointed the finger at the minority party in a withering floor speech before the vote.

"When we come up to mid-terms and other things, don't forget what they've done to our country," Trump said. "So with my signature, the federal government... will now resume normal operations."

The package funds military construction, veterans' affairs, the Department of Agriculture, and Congress itself through next fall, and the rest of government through the end of January when lawmakers will again need to reach a funding agreement.

Around 670,000 furloughed civil servants will report back to work, and a similar number who were kept at their posts with no compensation -- including more than 60,000 air

traffic controllers and airport security staff -- will get back pay.

Several federal agencies, including the Justice Department and the Department of Health and Human Services, told their staff to return to the office on Thursday, according to US media.

Travel delays looked set to improve but not disappear with almost 1,000 flights cancelled on Thursday, according to tracking website FlightAware. Authorities said air traffic controller shortages were easing and the transportation secretary on Wednesday released a fresh order for six percent of flights to be frozen -- lower than the eight to 10 percent expected under the previous emergency directive.

The deal also restores federal workers fired by Trump during the shutdown, while air travel that has been disrupted across the country will gradually return to normal.

Trump falsely accused Democrats of costing the country \$1.5 trillion. While the full financial toll of the shutdown has yet to be determined, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that it has caused \$14 billion in lost growth.

BY INVITATION

## Toward a National Authority for Construction and Skilled Trades to Empower Bahraini Workforce



EBRAHIM ALASMAKH (BO ALAA)

Despite the commendable efforts of the Labour Ministry and Tamkeen to train and qualify Bahraini citizens in technical and industrial fields, the Kingdom of Bahrain's labor market still shows a heavy dependence on foreign workers -- particularly in the construction sector.

According to recent official data, the construction industry employs around 138,000 foreign workers, representing roughly 35% of all expatriate labor in the Kingdom, which reached over 630,000 workers by mid-2024. This makes construction the most foreign-labor-dependent sector in Bahrain.

Meanwhile, most advanced economies -- such as the United States, China, Germany, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Japan -- rely primarily on their national workforce in construction and skilled trades, supported by robust vocational training systems that preserve and develop local expertise.

In light of this, it is time for Bahrain to consider establishing a "National Authority for Construction and Skilled Trades", operating under a governmental framework and responsible for executing public and housing projects using qualified Bahraini professionals.

Such an authority could serve as a national hub for employment, training, and production, offering fair and safe job opportunities for Bahraini youth while gradually reducing reliance on foreign labor and improving overall quality in local craftsmanship and construction.

Establishing this entity would mark a strategic shift in Bahrain's labor landscape -- restoring the social and economic value of skilled trades, and positioning the Bahraini worker as a direct builder of the nation, not merely an overseer.

This initiative aligns perfectly with Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030, which emphasizes the development of the Bahraini citizen as the foundation of national prosperity.

Truly, the building of Bahrain must be carried out by the hands of its own people.

This proposal is a step forward toward a productive, sustainable, and Bahraini-driven economy.

(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Daily Tribune)

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## NATO allies ditch Boeing for new **surveillance planes**

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

NATO countries have ditched plans to buy US-made Boeing aircraft to replace the alliance's ageing fleet of surveillance planes, after Washington pulled out of the programme, the Netherlands said Thursday.

The Western military alliance had announced in 2023 that members would acquire



six Boeing Wedgetail jets in one of its "biggest-ever" joint pur-

chases as it looked to bolster its capabilities against Russia.

But the Dutch defence ministry said that a consortium of six NATO countries had now decided not to go ahead with buying Boeing after the United States ended its involvement in July.

The move opens the door for the purchase of European-made aircraft as Washington's allies look to bolster their own pro-

ducers amid doubts over the reliability of US support under President Donald Trump.

"The withdrawal of the US demonstrates the importance of investing as much as possible in European industry," deputy Dutch defence minister Gijs Tuinman said.

The current fleet of NATO AWACS surveillance planes -- dubbed the alliance's "eyes in

the sky" -- will reach the end of their service in 2035.

NATO chief Mark Rutte said Thursday that he "will do everything to make sure that we speed up" the decision on their replacements.

The jets are operated centrally by the alliance out of its Geilenkirchen airbase in Germany, with intelligence shared among NATO's 32 members.



BACA LAUNCHES 4TH 'INSPIRED BY A BOOK' EXHIBITION



The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) launched the exhibition, co-organized with the "We All Read" Association, featuring artworks inspired by Nikolai Gogol's novel, *The Overcoat and the Nose*. H.E. Alexei Skosyrev, Russian Ambassador to Bahrain, and Ms. Farah Mohammed Mattar, BACA Director General of Culture and Museums, inaugurated the event. The exhibition is a creative initiative merging literature and visual arts, where artists—guided by Areej Rajab—transform the novel's essence into unique pieces. Two panel discussions, including "From Novel to Sculpture," highlighted the crucial link between literature and artistic expression, aiming to enrich Bahrain's cultural scene and encourage the imaginative intersection of word and image.

UAE Education Undersecretary and AGU President Discuss Gulf Educational Integration

H.E. Engineer Mohammed Al Qasim, UAE Ministry of Education Undersecretary, and H.E. Dr. Saad bin Saud Al-Fuhaid, President of the Arabian Gulf University (AGU), met in Manama to deepen cooperation and enhance Gulf integration in higher education. The UAE delegation's visit aimed to exchange expertise on advanced academic programs and digital learning solutions. Dr. Al-Fuhaid affirmed AGU's commitment to strategic Gulf issues and welcomed UAE students, noting the university's high global rankings and research output. Al Qasim praised AGU's innovation-based medical and technical education, emphasizing that empowering youth is key to Gulf development. The visit included tours of the Medical Simulation Center and the Sheikh Zayed Chair for Environmental Sciences.



Ministry of Works Committee Visits UoB Cloud Innovation Center



The Ministry of Works' Youth Innovation and Excellence Committee, accompanied by several officials, visited the Cloud Innovation Center (CIC) at the University of Bahrain (UoB) to explore the center's latest advanced technologies and systems. The committee reviewed the CIC's key projects, research capabilities, and achievements in developing innovative solutions supporting education and scientific research. They were also briefed on current joint initiatives with Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Tamkeen, undertaken in partnership with government entities. This visit underscores the Ministry's commitment to adopting advanced practices and smart transformation in infrastructure and public services.

ISB '96 Batch Celebrates 30-Year Reunion on Campus

The 30-Year Reunion of the Indian School Bahrain (ISB) Class of 1996 was successfully hosted on the Isa Town campus. Over 100 alumni returned to their Alma Mater for the nostalgic event, permitted by the school administration. The day began with a bus journey from Juffair, leading to mandatory group photo sessions outside the school gate and Auditorium. The program, held in Jashanmal Auditorium, featured an emotional Remembrance segment and the ISB Prayer Song. A campus walk and a lunch followed, before the batch departed, concluding a memorable reunion that successfully rekindled three decades of friendship. ISB Chairman Binu Mannil also graced the occasion.



PAACT Honors Amad Group MD Pambavasan Nair



Mr. Pambavasan Nair, Chairman & Managing Director of Amad Group, being honored by the Palakkad Arts And Cultural Theatre (PAACT) at his residence in Manama. PAACT honored Mr. Nair for receiving the Dr. Mangalam Swaminathan Pravasi Bhartiya Excellence Award. Through the C.M.N. Trust, the Palakkad native provides extensive philanthropic support, including housing, medical aid, and pensions, making his achievements a source of pride for PAACT. PAACT Chief Coordinator Jyothi Menon, President Ashok Kumar, General Secretary Shivas Nair, and members Sajitha Satheesh, Usha Suresh, Ramya Gopakumar, Moorthy Noorani, and others were present during the felicitation.

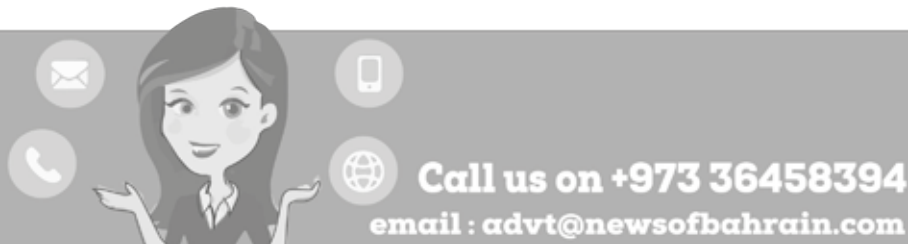
Diwali Milan 2025: A Vibrant Cultural Showcase!



The Rajasthanis in Bahrain (RIB) celebrated Diwali Milan 2025 with grandeur at the Art Hotel, Amwaj Islands. HE Vinod K. Jacob, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, graced the event as Chief Guest. The venue, vibrant with traditional Rajasthani décor, reflected the region's rich culture. H.E. Jacob extended Diwali greetings, praised the Rajasthani community's contributions, and emphasized strengthening cultural ties, also noting the 150th anniversary of "Vande Mataram." Rajasthan Foundation (Dubai Chapter) President Amraram Jangid and Saudi representatives attended, highlighting global outreach. A special video message from the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla was featured. Ramesh Patidar, Chairman of RIB, expressed gratitude for the success of the memorable event, which concluded with a captivating cultural extravaganza and festive dinner.



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Bahrain International Trophy

will line up and the challenges that lie ahead for both horse and rider.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court and Chairman of the REHC High Committee, was on hand for the draw. He praised Bahrain's growing reputation as a host of world-class equestrian events, noting that the race attracts top stables from across Europe and the Middle East. "The Bahrain International Trophy has become a benchmark for international competition, reflecting the Kingdom's ability to deliver

top-tier racing," HH Shaikh Isa said.

The post-position draw set the stage for a captivating evening. Lion's Pride (UK) will start from Gate 1, Military Order (UAE) from Gate 2, and Royal Champion (UK) from Gate 3. The remainder of the field features Bright Picture (France) in Gate 4, Galen (Ireland) in Gate 5, Pride of Arras (UK) in Gate 6, Persica (UK) in Gate 7, and Calif (Bahrain) in Gate 8. Calif is a six-year-old gelding with international experience, representing Bahrain's Victorious Forever stable, founded by HH Shaikh Nasser

bin Hamad Al Khalifa. The lineup also features some of the world's most accomplished trainers, including Andre Fabre, Richard Hannon, Joseph O'Brien, Karl Burke, Charlie Appleby, John and Thady Gosden, and Bahrain's own Fawzi Nass.

The Bahrain International Trophy is not the only highlight of the weekend. The card also features seven additional races sponsored by leading brands including Beyon Group, Bapco Energies, the Bahrain Economic Development Board, Brown Advisory, Grand Seiko - Bahrain Jewellery Centre, Gulf Air, and Ebrahim Khalil Kanoo - Lexus.

UK's Lion's Pride in final pre-race preparations



## Bahrain Claim Mixed Doubles Bronze at Islamic Solidarity Games



Rashed Rashed and Mohamed Kenda in action during their mixed doubles semi-final

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Bahrain's Rashed Rashed and Kenda Mohamed secured a bronze medal in mixed doubles table tennis at the sixth Islamic Solidarity Games yesterday in Riyadh, adding to the Kingdom's strong showing across multiple sports.

The pair advanced to the semi-finals with a convincing 3-0 win over Saudi Arabia in the quarter-finals, but were edged out 3-1 by Bangladesh's Ahmed Md Javed and Marma Khoy Khoy Sai. Bahrain lost a tight first game 13-11, bounced back to take the second 11-7, but Bangladesh held their nerve to claim the final two games 12-10 and 11-3.

Rashed and Kenda were consistent throughout the tournament. Rashed helped Bahrain progress in the men's team event, while Kenda impressed in both the women's and mixed doubles brackets. In the end, their strong teamwork carried them to a well-deserved podium finish.

The bronze boosts Bahrain's overall medal tally at the Games to 11 medals, including five golds, three silvers, and three bronzes, as the Islamic Solidarity Games enter their final week, set to conclude on November 21. With medals now in volleyball, weightlifting, judo, esports, and table tennis, Bahrain has once again shown its athletes can compete across a wide range of disciplines.



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## 'Preserve GCC rich horseracing heritage'

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His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court and Chairman of the High Committee of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC), yesterday met with members of the Gulf Horseracing Council.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman affirmed the importance of preserving the GCC's rich horseracing heritage and enhancing its contribution to the Kingdom's sports and economic sectors. His Highness further emphasised that ongoing efforts to advance equestrian sport reinforce the region's standing as a leading hub for horseracing and strengthens its international position.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman emphasised the Kingdom's commitment to supporting plans and initiatives that promote GCC cooperation and strengthening the development of equestrian sport, aligned with the GCC leaders' aspirations.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman commended the efforts of the Council in unifying visions and strengthening partnerships among member states, in line with enhancing the region's capabilities in hosting and organising prestigious horse racing competitions.

HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman underscored the importance of sharing expertise to advance equestrian sports and strengthen the GCC's regional and international presence.

For their part, members of the Council expressed their gratitude for His Highness's commitment to strengthening GCC cooperation.

# Muharraq Begin Title Defence with Convincing Win Over Nuwaidrat

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Fresh off their Super Cup win over Manama, defending champions Muharraq began their Zain Bahrain Basketball League title defence in style with a 92-78 win over Nuwaidrat last night at the BBA Arena.

Muharraq came out sharp and purposeful, riding the momentum from their recent cup success. They built an early 27-15 lead in the first quarter through Mohamed Buallay's playmaking and Maytham Jameel's control in the paint. Ahmed Hasan added a strong defensive presence, denying Nuwaidrat easy looks inside.

Nuwaidrat responded in the second quarter, with Ali Abbas and Hassan Abdulla finding their range to narrow the gap to 46-38 at halftime. But Muharraq's composure and bench depth told after the break. Buallay and Mohamed Ameer hit consecutive three-pointers to spark a 12-0 third-quarter run that restored control and put the champions firmly ahead.

In the closing minutes, Nuwaidrat's late push wasn't enough to change the outcome. Ameer led Muharraq with 24 points, Buallay added 18, and Jameel finished with 16. Abdulla paced Nuwaidrat with



Muharraq's Wayne Chism drives to the basket for a layup

20 points, supported by Abbas on 15.

With back-to-back wins in both league and Super Cup competition, Muharraq have sent a clear early message in their pursuit of another title.

Earlier in the evening, Samaheej defeated Sitra 79-68, fuelled by Joe-Junior Mvuezolo's all-around display and Salman Alkaibi's perimeter shooting, which turned the tide in the third quarter.

## Spinners decide Tests in India, Gill says before South Africa opener

AFP | Kolkata, India

India captain Shubman Gill said on Thursday fast bowlers could play a key role in the opening Test against South Africa, although spinners usually have the final say in home conditions.

The pitch at Kolkata's Eden Gardens is expected to behave like a typical Indian surface -- offering good batting conditions over the first couple of days when the Test begins on Friday before assisting spin from day three.

However, the early morning moisture in eastern India could bring the quicks into play.

With Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj in the lineup, India will be counting on their ability to exploit reverse swing.

"I think generally fast bowlers get a little help in the morning and evening," Gill told reporters on the eve of the two-match series.

"Whenever we play in India, more or less the spinners decide the game. The better the quality of the spin attack you have, the better chances you have of winning the match," he said. India's spin options for the opener include Ravindra Jadeja (left-arm orthodox),

Washington Sundar (off-spin), Axar Patel (left-arm orthodox) and Kuldeep Yadav (left-arm wrist spin).

It could be a toss-up between fielding a third seamer or an extra spinner in the India XI.

"Even the England series that we played in 2024, the crucial wickets in between were taken by the fast bowlers -- even though the wickets were spin-friendly," said Gill. "So if you can get the ball reversing, the fast bowlers are always in the game."

India boast of a strong Test record at home and registered a 2-0 whitewash against the West Indies last month.

It was Gill's first home assignment as Test captain after he led the team to a 2-2 draw in a five-Test series in England as new skipper.

Gill, 26, is one of the few players in the current Indian set-up to play all three formats, and is fresh from a 2-1 T20 triumph in Australia.

"The challenge is definitely more mental than it is physical," Gill said. "Bodily, I feel fine. Mentally, it can be challenging at times because the requirements for different formats in different places of the world is different... it's a good challenge and a good learning curve for me."



India's captain Shubman Gill (L) attends a practice session

## Islamic Solidarity Games

# Bahrain Celebrate First Volleyball Medal

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Bahrain's men's volleyball team captured the bronze medal at the sixth Islamic Solidarity Games yesterday with a 3-1 win over Qatar at Riyadh's Boulevard Arena.

It was a fitting conclusion to a resilient campaign under head coach Arnaud Jossereand, who guided the team to bounce back from early challenges and finish on the podium. Having already beaten Qatar in the round-robin stage two days earlier, Bahrain entered the rematch with confidence and purpose.

They started strongly, taking the first set 25-18 with disciplined defense and sharp attacking play. Qatar levelled the contest by claiming the second 25-20, but Bahrain regrouped and closed out the third and fourth sets 25-21 and 25-20 to seal a well-deserved victory.

Team captain Naser Anan, who has led the national side for more than eight years, reflected on the result with pride and perspective.

"Alhamdulillah for this bronze — Bahrain's first-ever volleyball medal at the Islamic Solidarity Games. As captain, I am proud of what we have achieved and how far this team has come. We've faced Qatar many times in recent years and lost to them more than once, so this win means a lot to us. Of course, we wanted the gold, but this medal is a step forward. I'm proud of all the championships we've won under my leadership, and inshAllah we will keep working to make the Kingdom proud."

With the bronze medal secured, Bahrain will now turn their focus to the Arab Challenge Cup, which will be held in Jordan from November 28 to December 5. The quick turnaround leaves little time

to rest, but Jossereand's men will be eager to carry their momentum forward and continue their strong form on the regional stage.

Skipper Naser Anan leads the fulltime celebrations

