

New Ceasefire Talks

Pakistan is working to arrange a new round of talks after an initial session ended without a deal, while international aid continues to move into Iran and maritime tensions escalate in the Strait of Hormuz. | P9

Stability Remains Strong

Chamber leadership reaffirms commitment to economic growth and private sector development

● **Historic Economic Role**

● **Compensation for Affected Citizens Pledged**

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, affirmed the important role the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry plays in supporting and developing the commercial and industrial sectors, describing it as a key

partner in the Kingdom's economic progress.

This came as His Majesty received the newly formed Board of Directors of the Chamber, headed by Nabil Khalid Kanoo. The King congratulated the members on gaining the confidence of the commercial and industrial sectors, praising the Chamber's long-standing contribution to Bahrain's economy since its establishment in 1910.

His Majesty emphasized continued support for the business and economic community to strengthen its role in national development plans, stressing the importance of joint efforts to safeguard national achievements and further enhance the

national economy.

The King also commended the efforts of the previous Board of Directors, chaired by Sameer Nass, for their contributions to supporting and developing the commercial sector and advancing economic progress.

His Majesty noted that Bahrain had successfully overcome difficult circumstances and challenges, praising the unity of the Bahraini people and their confidence in the leadership and the Bahrain Defence Force. He affirmed that Bahrain will remain a country of security and stability, continuing its development through national cohesion and dedication.

He also stated that, God will-

ing, all citizens affected by property damage resulting from the recent Iranian attack on Bahrain and the region will be compensated. The attack reportedly targeted civilians, infrastructure, and public facilities.

For his part, the Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry expressed gratitude for the King's continued support, reaffirming the Chamber's commitment to strengthening the private sector's role in driving economic development in the Kingdom.



Youth Empowerment Plans Strengthened



Youth development and national empowerment initiatives took centre stage as HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, led the latest meeting of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports.

Discussions began with an update on the National Project "La'aim," presented by Shaikha Dua bint Khalid Al Khalifa, Chairperson of the General Sports Authority. She highlighted the pro-

ject's achievements since its launch in 2021, noting its success in becoming a leading national platform for discovering and developing youth talent, as well as its growing participation rates and local and international achievements.

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad praised the initiative and approved the launch of its sixth edition. The Council also reviewed the 2025 Youth Hope Index and broader

youth development frameworks, focusing on indicators such as safety, optimism, and confidence among young people amid ongoing social and economic changes.

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad instructed the Ministry of Youth Affairs to intensify programmes and initiatives aimed at improving these indicators, supporting the psychological and social well-being of youth across Bahrain.

CASE OF NEGLIGENCE

Hidden Birth, Silent Death

Neglect Case Ends in Jail Sentences

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A tragic case of neglect has ended in prison terms after a Bahraini court convicted three individuals in connection with the death and secret burial of an infant born without medical assistance.

The High Criminal Court sentenced an Asian man and woman to three years in prison each after finding them guilty of neglecting their newborn child, who was less than seven months old, leading to his death. A female friend

of the mother was also sentenced to one year in prison for assisting in the secret burial of the infant. All three were additionally given one month in jail for unlawful residency and will be deported after completing their sentences.

According to case details, the mother arrived in Bahrain in early 2024 after an online relationship with the co-accused that began in 2022. She later moved

in with him in October 2024.

In March 2025, she discovered she was pregnant but did not seek medical care due to her expired residency status, and the couple chose to continue the pregnancy without medical supervision.

On 23 August 2025, she went into labour inside an apartment while alone, delivering the baby without any medical assistance. The umbilical cord was

cut in an unsterile condition. The father and a friend briefly visited during the incident but did not take steps to secure medical help.

Investigations revealed the baby was born alive but died shortly after due to lack of essential neonatal care. Despite attempts to feed the newborn, the infant's condition worsened rapidly.

The court found that the death was a direct result of severe negligence and failure to seek medical attention before and after birth. Authorities also noted that the birth and death were not re-

ported as required by law.

Following the infant's death, the mother and her friend transported the body to the A'ali area, where they secretly buried the child near a mosque.

The Public Prosecution charged the parents with causing death by negligence, failing to provide medical care, and failing to report the incident. The mother and her friend were additionally charged with unlawful burial, while the father was charged with aiding the act through agreement and participation.



Labour Systems Back Online



Ministry of Labour

The Ministry of Labour announced that its electronic systems have returned to normal operation after resolving a recent technical fault.

The statement added that appointments affected during the outage will be automatically rescheduled, ensuring minimal user inconvenience.

The ministry also reassured beneficiaries that their rights remain fully protected, stressing that the technical issue did not impact entitlements such as unemployment benefits or compensation.

Five Years Jail in Malikiya Stabbing Case

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A man has been sentenced to five years in prison after being convicted of stabbing another man at Malikiya coastline, leaving the victim with a permanent 1% disability.

The First Major Criminal Court also ordered the confiscation of two knives used in the attack.

The incident took place on 20 October 2025 following a dispute that began over the phone. The victim agreed to meet the defendant at Malikiya, where the defendant later asked to speak privately before stabbing him in the chest.

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