

Drone Shot Down

NATO fighter jets shot down a drone that entered Latvian airspace, the second such incursion since June, prompting an investigation. | P11

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Korea Liberation Day Greetings



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable of congratulations to President Lee Jae-myung of the Republic of Korea on the occasion of his country's Liberation Day.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, also sent a congratulatory cable to President Lee Jae-myung on the occasion.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister sent a similar cable to Prime Minister Han Seung-sook, conveying his best wishes on the national occasion.

Condolences to Egypt



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed Bahrain's solidarity with Egypt following a traffic collision in Ismailia Governorate that left dozens of people dead and injured.

The Ministry conveyed sincere condolences to the Egyptian government, its people, and the families of those who died in the accident.

It also wished a speedy recovery to those injured in the collision.

Leaders congratulate India on Independence Day

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HM King Hamad and Crown Prince Salman extend greetings to Indian President and Prime Minister is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable of congratulations to Her Excellency Droupadi Murmu, President of the Republic of India, on India's Independence Day. His Royal Highness Prince Sal-



man bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, also sent a congratulatory



cable to President Murmu on the occasion. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister sent



a similar cable to His Excellency Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India.



Youth City participants visit Parliament



Participants in the Ana Qi-yadi 3 programme for persons with disabilities visited the General Secretariat of the Council of Representatives as part of Youth City 2030, in partnership with the Ministry of Youth Affairs.

The visit introduced participants to the Council's constitutional, legislative and oversight roles and provided an overview of parliamentary work and its role in addressing national issues.

During a discussion session, participants met Hussein Khalil Al Haddad, Director of the Council's Committees and Sessions Affairs Department, and presented observations and proposals aimed at improving services.

Parliament condemns attack

Speaker of the Council of Representatives Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam condemned the Iranian attack targeting two ADNOC tankers while transiting the Strait of Hormuz.

In a cable to Saqr Ghobash, Speaker of the UAE Federal National Council, Al Musallam described the attack as a serious threat to regional security, maritime navigation and global energy security, and called on the UN Security Council to take firm and deterrent measures against hostile acts.

He affirmed Bahrain's full solidarity with the UAE and support for measures taken to protect its security and vital interests.

Man Caught Stealing Company Cables



The Ministry of Interior announced that Capital Governorate Police have arrested a 39-year-old Asian man over the theft and damage of cables belonging to a company.

Following the report, police launched search and investigation efforts, gathering evidence and information that led to the identification and arrest of the suspect. A notice has also been issued for a second individual allegedly involved in the incident, who remains at large.

Bahrain urges UN action over Hormuz attack

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs strongly condemned the Iranian attack targeting two ADNOC tankers while transiting the Strait of Hormuz.

The Ministry described the attack as a serious threat to regional security and stability and the safety of maritime navigation, as well as a violation of international law, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, relevant UN Security Council resolutions, including Resolution 2817, and resolutions of the International Maritime Organization.

Bahrain affirmed its full solidarity with the United Arab Emirates and support for all measures taken by the UAE to protect its security, stability and vital interests.

The Ministry stressed that the security and stability of the UAE are an integral part



Vessels in the Strait of Hormuz, as seen from Musandam, Oman



of the national security of Bahrain and the GCC countries, reflecting the deep-rooted ties between the two countries.

Bahrain also called on the UN Security Council to fulfil its responsibilities by taking decisive and deterrent measures to compel Iran to immediately end hostile acts, respect freedom of navigation and ensure the safety of commercial

vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz and other international waterways.

The Ministry stressed that the Strait of Hormuz must not be used as a means of political pressure or economic blackmail, underscoring its importance to energy security, the flow of food and medicine supplies, global trade, and regional and international stability.

Fines for putting children in front seats

Drivers can face up to BD100 in fines and a 30-60-day licence suspension

● Under-10s barred from vehicle front seats

● Enforces child seat safety rules

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Traffic authorities reminded motorists and parents of the legal and safety risks of allowing children to sit in vehicle front seats.

Authorities stressed that parents and guardians must take all necessary safety measures for children at home, on the road and inside vehicles. Placing children in front seats can expose them to serious or fatal injuries in the event of a crash, sudden braking or an abrupt stop.

Children should instead be placed in appropriate child seats and properly secured with the required safety restraints.

Under Article 45 of Law No. (23) of 2014 issuing the Traffic



Law, motorists can face a fine of between BD20 and BD100 for allowing children under the age of 10 to ride in the front seats.

The same article also penalises drivers who allow a child to travel in a vehicle without being secured in a designated child safety seat in accordance with applicable standards.

The penalty can be doubled if

the offender repeats any of the specified violations within one year of the date of the judgment.

In addition, Article 39 allows the authorities to administratively suspend a driver's licence for between 30 and 60 days for allowing children under 10 to sit in the front seats.

Article 22 of Ministerial Decision No. (154) of 2015, issuing

the executive regulations of the Traffic Law, also prohibits drivers from allowing children under 10 to sit in the front seats while the vehicle is travelling on the road.

The measures form part of Bahrain's traffic safety regulations aimed at protecting children and reducing the risk of serious injuries in road accidents.



LuLu Exchange Celebrates 80th Independence Day of India & the Enduring India-Bahrain Bond

It was almost eight decades ago that India won its freedom and began writing one of the greatest stories of the modern world. LuLu Exchange Bahrain joins millions in celebrating this proud occasion, honouring the spirit that has carried the nation forward through decades of ambition and progress. Much of India's story now lives beyond its borders. Here in the Kingdom of Bahrain, a large Indian community has helped shape the friendship between the two nations, a bond felt as much in everyday homes and workplaces as in trade and diplomacy.

For the Indian community in Bahrain, the connection to home remains deeply personal. Every month, money sent back supports a parent, pays for an education or helps a family

move closer to its aspirations. LuLu Exchange has been part of these journeys for years, with a network of customer engagement centres and secure digital channels that make every transfer simple, transparent and dependable. The LuLu Money App brings that experience even closer, letting customers send money and settle bills in India from wherever they are. Features like Bharat Bill Payment integration have made staying connected to home a natural part of everyone's daily life.

“India's 80th Independence Day is a proud occasion for every Indian and for all of us at LuLu Exchange who serve this vibrant community. Every citizen's hard work and aspirations inspire everything we build, and we remain committed to making their financial lives simpler, safer and more rewarding — always,” said Mr. Adeeb Ahamed, Managing Director, LuLu Financial Holdings.

LuLu Exchange extends its warmest Independence Day wishes to every Indian in Bahrain. Here's to a future built on trust, shared progress and the enduring bond between India and the Kingdom of Bahrain.



“Every citizen's hard work and aspirations inspire everything we build, and we remain committed to making their financial lives simpler, safer and more rewarding — always.”

MR. ADEEB AHAMED, MANAGING DIRECTOR, LULU FINANCIAL HOLDINGS.

Parliamentary Ties with India Grow

Bahrain's long-standing relations with India continue to develop, with parliamentary cooperation emerging as an important area for closer coordination, Parliament Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam said as India marked its Independence Day.

Al Musallam congratulated Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Chairman C. P. Radhakrishnan on the occasion, wishing India and its people continued progress, prosperity and development.

He said the close relations between Bahrain and India have continued to grow with the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Indian President Droupadi Murmu.

The Speaker highlighted the two countries' shared interest in strengthening parliamentary relations and expanding coordination at Asian and international parliamentary forums.

He also sent a congratulatory message to Indian Ambassador to Bahrain H.E. Vinod Jacob, praising the depth of the ties between the two countries and their peoples.



“We remain committed to strengthening parliamentary relations with India to support our shared interests.”

- ALI BIN SALEH AL SALEH



“The two parliaments are keen to deepen bilateral ties and strengthen coordination at regional and international parliamentary forums.”

- AHMED BIN SALMAN AL MUSALLAM

Separately, Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh congratulated India's parliamentary leaders on the occasion, stressing the historic friendship and fruitful cooperation between Bahrain and India across various

fields. Al Saleh affirmed his keenness to strengthen parliamentary relations with India's Council of States and House of the People, supporting the shared interests of the two countries.

Celebrating India's journey, spirit and achievements, LuLu Exchange takes pride in a bond with India and its people that has grown stronger over the years and come to feel like family.

LuLu Exchange wishes all the Indians a happy Independence Day and honours the bond between two nations that grow stronger together.

Happy Independence Day India

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Gadeha Junior celebrates first graduation

500 participants complete youth training camp

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The Gadeha “Up to the Challenge” Junior Training Camp held a graduation ceremony for its first batch at Exhibition World Bahrain, attended by the participants’ parents and families.

The first batch included 500 of the 2,000 young participants enrolled in the camp. The ceremony marked the completion of several days of training and challenges designed to develop participants’ skills while promoting values including discipline, commitment, teamwork and responsibility.

The camp is held under the directives of Lieutenant General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, as part of His Highness’s commitment to supporting the development of Bahrain’s youth.

Speaking on behalf of the participants, Abdullah Sinan expressed pride in taking part in Gadeha Junior, saying the experience provided valuable lessons in discipline, commitment, teamwork and responsibility, as well as opportunities to gain new experiences.

He also expressed apprecia-

tion for the Kingdom’s leadership for supporting Bahrain’s youth and for HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad’s directives to organise the camp and provide young participants with the opportunity to take part.

All participants received certificates marking their successful completion of the camp in

the presence of Ahmed Al Shaikh, Chairman of the Organising Committee, and Major Ghali Saad Ghali, Head Trainer.

The ceremony featured the national anthem of Bahrain and the military chant, highlighting the camp’s emphasis on national identity, discipline and a sense of responsibility.



HH Lieutenant-General Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Commander of the Royal Guard, visited youth training camp, held at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre



University Supports Youth Development

HH Shaikh Khalid Praises Gadeha Camp Sponsorship

His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), Chairman of the General Sports Authority (GSA) and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), commended the Royal University for Women’s gold sponsorship of the Gadeha Junior Camp.

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad said the university’s support reflects the complementary role of community institutions in backing national initiatives focused on developing young people and equipping them with leadership and life skills.

His Highness highlighted the Royal University for Women’s role as a leading academic institution and its contribution to education and the development of Bahraini professionals.

He stressed that developing young people’s capabilities is a shared responsibility, noting that the partnership demonstrates the importance of cooperation between educational institutions and national initiatives in preparing a generation capable of leadership and contributing to the future.

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad also said the sponsorship supports the camp’s efforts



to promote continuous learning and ambition among participants, while developing self-confidence, initiative and the ability to overcome challenges. He expressed appreciation for the university’s partnership and its contribution to the camp’s success.

For his part, Professor Riyadh Yousif Hamzah, President of the Royal University for Women, said the university’s support for the Gadeha Junior Camp reflects its commitment to community service and investment in young people from an early age through initiatives combining education, training and personal development.

He said the camp provides a national platform for developing young people, stressing the importance of educational and training environments that foster creative thinking, encourage initiative and teamwork, and instil values of responsibility and excellence.

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Unity Marks Pakistan Day

Pakistan Independence Day marked with flag-hoisting ceremony in Bahrain



The Embassy of Pakistan in Bahrain held a flag-hoisting ceremony in Manama yesterday to mark Independence Day, bringing together Ambassador Saqib Kingdom.

Rauf live with freedom, honour and dignity, stressing the responsibility to protect and build the country.

Ambassador Rauf hoisted the national flag during the ceremony and extended his greetings to the Pakistani community in Bahrain, recalling the sacrifices and determination that led to Pakistan's creation.

He said Independence Day serves as a reminder of the historic struggle for a homeland where people could live with freedom, honour and dignity, stressing the responsibility to protect and build the country.

The Ambassador also highlighted Pakistan's commitment to peace and dialogue amid regional challenges, saying his country considers war detrimental to the interests of countries in the region and beyond. He stressed that dialogue and diplomacy remain the most effective means of resolving conflicts and addressing longstanding disputes.

Rauf called for greater international cooperation to address common global challenges, particularly climate change, poverty and terrorism, saying mutual respect and collective action are essential for a more peaceful and prosperous world.

He also praised the contribution of overseas Pakistanis,

noting their role in strengthening Pakistan's ties with their host countries through their hard work, integrity and commitment.

Highlighting the close Bahrain-Pakistan relationship, the Ambassador said Bahrain is home to more than 100,000 Pakistanis who consider the Kingdom their home. He expressed gratitude to Bahrain for the safety, shelter and support extended to the Pakistani community during the recent crisis, describing it as a reflection of the deep bonds between the two countries.

Rauf conveyed appreciation to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and the

government and people of Bahrain for their continued friendship and support for Pakistan and its people.

Meanwhile, Pakistan Club in Manama organised a separate celebration to mark Independence Day.

Club Chairman Mohammed Afzal Bhatti congratulated Pakistanis in Bahrain and around the world, recalling the sacrifices made for the country's freedom and calling for unity and collective efforts towards a stronger Pakistan.

Pakistan Club Gen-

eral Secretary Samiur Rahmad extended Independence Day greetings to Pakistanis, particularly those living in Bahrain, and wished the country continued strength and prosperity.



We remain profoundly grateful for the warmth, generosity and hospitality extended by Bahrain throughout.

SAQIB RAUF, AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN TO BAHRAIN



Let's stay united and work together for a better and stronger Pakistan.

MOHAMMED AFZAL BHATTI, CHAIRMAN, PAKISTAN CLUB



A very special greeting to all Pakistanis living in the Kingdom of Bahrain on Independence Day.

SAMIUR RAHMAD, GENERAL SECRETARY, PAKISTAN CLUB



Pakistan Club in Manama celebrated Pakistan's Independence Day, with Chairman Mohammed Afzal Bhatti and General Secretary Samiur Rahmad extending greetings and highlighting unity, sacrifice and a shared vision for a stronger Pakistan.

PAKISTAN DAY CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE REGION



Abu Dhabi

The Embassy of Pakistan in Abu Dhabi held a flag-hoisting ceremony to mark Pakistan's Independence Day, attended by embassy officials, members of the Pakistani community and their families. Messages from the Pakistani leadership were also read during the event. Ambassador Shafqat Ali Khan highlighted the strong and enduring ties between Pakistan and the UAE, praising the UAE leadership for hosting more than 2.2 million Pakistanis.



Lahore

People watch fireworks explode over the Minar-e-Pakistan national monument during celebrations ahead of Pakistan's 79th anniversary of Independence Day in Lahore on August 14, 2026. Women and children joined the late-night celebrations as roads and public spaces filled with people dressed in green and white. In Islamabad, crowds gathered along major roads as fireworks illuminated the night sky.



Kuwait

The Embassy of Pakistan in Kuwait commemorated the country's Independence Day with traditional spirit and enthusiasm, while also marking the 150th birth anniversary year of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. As part of the celebrations, children participated in a cake-cutting ceremony to mark Independence Day and honour the nation's founder. The event brought together members of the Pakistani community in Kuwait.

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Condensed Interim Statement of Financial Position

As at June 30, 2026

Condensed Interim Statement of Cash Flows

Six-Month Period Ended June 30, 2026

	(Reviewed) June 30, 2026	(Audited) December 31, 2025
	BD '000	BD '000
Assets		
Cash and deposits with Central Bank of Bahrain	42,445	320,881
Balances with banks and financial institutions	256	8
Balances with Head Office, other branches and affiliates	70,051	67,957
Investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	2,600	2,600
Investments at amortised cost	155,148	132,978
Derivative assets	1,250	2,861
Loans and advances	223,120	231,133
Interest receivable	3,463	2,834
Other assets	6,384	6,128
Premises and equipment	906	963
Total assets	505,623	768,343
Liabilities and Head Office Funds		
Liabilities		
Due to banks and financial institutions	1,016	283
Due to the Head Office, other branches and affiliates	12,191	250,857
Customers' deposits	446,461	474,773
Derivative liabilities	1,078	2,093
Interest payable	3,165	3,780
Other liabilities	4,718	3,456
Provision for income tax	251	279
Employees' end-of-service benefits	237	267
Total liabilities	469,117	735,788
Head Office Funds		
Head Office capital	20,058	20,058
Fair value reserve	299	299
Unremitted profits to the Head Office	16,149	12,198
Total Head Office funds	36,506	32,555
Total liabilities and Head Office funds	505,623	768,343

The condensed interim financial information was approved and authorised for issue on August 12, 2026, by Nadya Talhouni - Country Manager and Samer Haddad - Country Finance Head.

Condensed Interim Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

Six-Month Period Ended June 30, 2026

	(Reviewed) June 30, 2026	(Reviewed) June 30, 2025
	BD '000	BD '000
Interest income	18,875	23,306
Interest expense	(13,800)	(17,878)
Net interest income	5,075	5,428
Fees and commission income, net	1,818	2,183
Foreign exchange gain, net	321	406
Other income, net	941	334
Operating income	8,155	8,351
Staff expenses	(1,255)	(1,480)
Depreciation	(125)	(127)
Premises and equipment expenses	(497)	(389)
General and administrative expenses	(1,288)	(1,184)
Operating expenses	(3,165)	(3,180)
Operating profit before expected credit losses	4,990	5,171
Allowance for expected credit losses, net	(342)	(730)
Profit before tax	4,648	4,441
Income tax	(697)	(666)
Profit after tax	3,951	3,775
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	3,951	3,775

The aforementioned information was extracted from the financial statements reviewed by Deloitte & Touche - Middle East.

	(Reviewed) June 30, 2026	(Reviewed) June 30, 2025
	BD '000	BD '000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before tax	4,648	4,441
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of premises and equipment	53	48
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	72	79
Interest expense on lease liabilities	11	9
Loss on write-off of fixed assets	8	4
Allowance for expected credit losses, net	342	730
Provision for employees' end-of-service benefits	25	27
Net cash generated before changes in operating assets and liabilities	5,159	5,338
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Statutory reserve deposits	5,837	288
Balances with Head office, other branches and affiliates - with maturity more than three months	(621)	-
Derivative assets	1,611	2,463
Loans and advances	7,680	8,927
Interest receivable	(629)	(981)
Other assets	(256)	(403)
Due to banks and financial institutions	733	(16,908)
Due to the Head Office, other branches and affiliates	(238,666)	14,524
Customers' deposits	(28,312)	(48,417)
Derivative liabilities	(1,015)	(2,160)
Interest payable	(615)	(357)
Other liabilities	1,247	1,667
Provision for income tax	-	(666)
Employees' end-of-service benefits	(55)	(52)
Interest paid on lease liabilities	(11)	(9)
Tax paid	(725)	-
Net cash flows used in operating activities	(248,638)	(36,746)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Additions to premises and equipment	(76)	(355)
Purchase of investments at amortised cost	(22,119)	(63,853)
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(22,195)	(64,208)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Repayment on principal portion of lease liabilities	(44)	280
Net cash (used in) / generated from financing activities	(44)	280
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(270,877)	(100,674)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	351,253	518,103
Cash and cash equivalents at the closing of the period	80,376	417,429

Condensed Interim Statement of Changes in Head Office Funds

Six-Month Period Ended June 30, 2026

	Head Office Capital	Fair Value Reserve	Unremitted Profits to the Head Office	Total
	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000
Balance at January 1, 2026 (Audited)	20,058	299	12,198	32,555
Profit for the period	-	-	3,951	3,951
Balance at June 30, 2026 (Reviewed)	20,058	299	16,149	36,506
Balance at January 1, 2025 (Audited)	20,058	250	24,707	45,015
Profit for the period	-	-	3,775	3,775
Balance at June 30, 2025 (Reviewed)	20,058	250	28,482	48,790

India on Track for Developed Nation Status by 2047

President's address spotlights poverty reduction, security gains, and the rising role of women and youth

On the eve of India's Independence Day, the President delivered a wide-ranging national address, calling on citizens to unite in building a "Viksit Bharat"—a developed India—by the country's centenary in 2047. She said true freedom means giving every citizen the opportunity to fulfil their aspirations.

The President paid tribute to the sacrifices of the freedom struggle, invoking Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, and marked August 14 as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, honouring those who lost their lives or were displaced. She also praised Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel for integrating more than 550 princely states into independent India after 1947.

Extending gratitude to farmers, scientists, healthcare workers, soldiers, civil servants and the Indian diaspora, she said every citizen fulfilling their constitutional duties was a partner in nation-building.

Development gains highlighted

The President pointed to a decade of progress, citing more than 25 crore people lifted out of poverty, nearly 59 crore bank accounts opened under the Jan Dhan Yojana, and free healthcare coverage extended to 60 crore people under Ayushman Bharat. She said food security had been ensured for over 80 crore citizens through free rations, while In-



dia's economy continued to grow despite global instability, aided by the Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliance) initiative.

She also highlighted India's digital infrastructure, noting the country now accounts for more than half of the world's real-time digital transactions, alongside major investment in highways, railways, waterways and aviation.

Women and youth central to progress

Women's advancement featured prominently, with the President noting that women won 8 of India's 13 gold medals at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, and that over 10 crore women

are now part of Self Help Groups. She said the target of creating 3 crore "Lakhpati Didis"—women earning over a lakh rupees—had been achieved, with a new target now set. The 2023 Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, reserving 33% of legislative seats for women, was cited as a step toward more inclusive democracy.

"The true meaning of freedom lies in ensuring that all citizens are able to utilise opportunities. Young population is our most valuable asset. A nation is not just its land, a nation is all its people."

DROUPADI MURMU, PRESIDENT OF INDIA

On youth, the President noted 65% of India's population is under 35, calling it the country's greatest asset, and referenced a recent rocket launch led by a team with an average age of 28 as a symbol of youth-driven innovation.

National security and heritage

The President commended the

Key Figures

- 25 crore+ lifted out of poverty in the past decade
- 59 crore Jan Dhan bank accounts (32 crore held by women)
- 80 crore+ citizens receiving free food rations
- 60 crore covered under Ayushman Bharat free healthcare
- 8 of 13 Commonwealth Games gold medals won by Indian women
- 65% of India's population is under age 35
- 10 crore+: Women members of Self Help Groups
- 33%: Women's representation targeted in the Lok Sabha and state legislatures under the 2023 law

armed forces, referencing Kargil Vijay Diwas and the first anniversary of Operation Sindoor, describing it as a precision operation that sent a clear message to terrorism and its backers. She also cited the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty as a decisive step for national interest, and hailed India's Naxal-free progress, pointing to cultural revival through events like the Bastar Olympics.

She noted new UNESCO World Heritage recognitions—12 Maratha forts and the Buddhist site of Sarnath—as symbols of India's spiritual and historical legacy.

Environment and foreign policy

Citing the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family), the President said

India's foreign policy rests on peace, dialogue and a rules-based international order, alongside a push for greater representation of the Global South at the United Nations. On the environment, she invoked a Santali folk song about a grieving parrot and a dying tree to stress humanity's duty to protect nature, referencing campaigns like "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" and "Lifestyle for Environment."

She closed by quoting Telugu writer Gurajada Apparao's message that a nation is defined by its people, not merely its land, and urged citizens to work together to transform "Swatantra Bharat" (independent India) into "Viksit Bharat" (developed India)

"Jai Hind, Jai Bharat."

Growth, Unity, Progress

Indian Independence Day in 2026 has special significance for many reasons. The IMF forecasts real GDP growth for India in 2026 at 6.4 to 6.5 percent, thereby retaining its status as the fastest growing major economy, while global growth outlook is projected at 3.1 percent. Between April 2000 and March 2026, cumulative gross FDI inflows into India reached USD 1.16 trillion. By end of 2025, the total installed renewable energy capacity in the country reached 253.69 GW—the fourth largest in the world. India's digital economy is expected to grow almost twice as fast as the overall economy, contributing to nearly one-fifth of national economy by 2029-30. For FY 2025 to 2026, India's total global trade was USD 1.84 trillion with engineering goods, electronics, petroleum products, pharmaceuticals and textiles leading the charge. On this important day, India will honour 150 years of the national song Vande Mataram. In a first, 'Vande Mataram' will be sung from the ramparts of the historic Red Fort in Delhi. The celebrations will also commemorate Yuva Shakti, acknowledging the contribution of young India in building a developed country by 2047. These themes resonate with the Indian Diaspora including here in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

As the developments since 28 February 2026 have only reiterated, the Indian community in Bahrain is central to the robust development of India-Bahrain bilateral relations. They stayed calm and resilient and followed the local alerts.



Vinod Jacob Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain

In short, both the Government of India and Indian friends of the Kingdom were in lock-step, extending solemn solidarity with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the entire Government and society of friendly Bahrain. Such sentiments are in keeping with the 7000 year old civilizational ties between the two countries. In March 2026, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held two telephone calls with His Majesty the King and the convergence of positions regarding Hormuz, regional stability and maritime security were reinforced. During his visit to Bahrain in July 2026, External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar had an audience with the His Majesty and His Royal Highness. A roadmap for the relationship was also

finalized. The two sides have agreed to deepen cooperation in various fields.

In the past year, the Embassy of India inaugurated an Indian Consular Application Centre at Bahrain Mall. The electronic visa system for Bahraini nationals was inaugurated in July 2025 and till date around 4700 electronic visas have been issued. We organized the 'India in Bahrain' cultural festival at Lulu Hypermarket in February 2026 and also organized a painting exhibition on the theme of India-Bahrain bilateral relations. This October marks the start of 55 years of establishment of diplomatic ties. Let me therefore take this opportunity to wish all Indian nationals in the Kingdom and all friends of India living in Bahrain a very happy India Independence Day 2026.

India's Tourism, A Bridge to Bahrain

Tourism, culture and easier travel strengthen India-Bahrain people-to-people ties



Tourism remains a key driver of India's economic growth, employment and regional development, contributing 5.22 per cent to GDP in terms of its total impact and supporting 13.34 per cent of total employment, according to the India Tourism Data Compendium 2025 by the Ministry of Tourism.

The Union Budget 2026-27 has renewed focus on tourism through new destinations, sustainable and experiential, employment, better connectivity, heritage conservation and improved visitor services. Key initiatives include Buddhist Circuits in the North-Eastern Region, eco-tourism and nature trails, archaeological sites as experiential destinations, a National Destination Digital Knowledge Grid, a National Institute of Hospitality and training for 10,000 tourist guides. Five Regional Medical Hubs are also proposed to promote medical and wellness tourism.

India's diverse tourism landscape has been central to the



Embassy of India in Bahrain's outreach since October 2023. Under Ambassador H.E. Mr. Vinod K. Jacob, the Focus State/Union Territory Initiative has showcased the tourism, heritage and One District One Product offerings of Indian States and Union Territories. In 2026, Maharashtra and Goa tourism and ODOP walls were inaugurated in February, followed by Kerala and Puducherry in June.

The third "India in Bahrain" Festival at Dana Mall on February 6 celebrated cultural diversity and 55 years of India-Bahrain diplomatic relations through music, dance, cuisine, handicrafts and

traditional attire.

Travel facilitation has also strengthened ties. Since the e-Visa system for Bahraini citizens was introduced in July 2025, 4,651 e-Visas were issued by mid-July 2026, supporting tourism, business, wellness and educational travel.

Youth engagement has expanded through the Visit Embassy Programme, with nearly 693 students from 38 schools and educational institutions learning about India's tourism, craftsmanship, Ayurveda, higher education and technology.

As India celebrates its 80th Independence Day and India and Bahrain mark 55 years of diplomatic relations, tourism and cultural engagement continue to strengthen their longstanding friendship, creating new opportunities for travel, cultural exchange and people-to-people connections.



India Is There for Bahrain When It Matters Most



Dr. S. Jaishankar engaged with members of the Indian community in Bahrain during his official visit on July 7.

As the Middle East grappled with the fallout of the Iran-US-Israel conflict, India's External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar embarked on a diplomatic tour of key Gulf states, reaffirming India's relationships with partners who matter deeply to New Delhi — economically, strategically and in terms of the millions of Indian citizens who call the Gulf home.

The Bahrain leg of the tour stood out as particularly significant. Dr. Jaishankar was received by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in a meeting that underscored the depth of India-Bahrain ties stretching back centuries. The audience with HM the King signalled Bahrain's recognition of India's growing regional role and its value as a stable, constructive partner during turbulent times.

The minister also held substantive talks with His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, covering bilateral

cooperation, regional security, trade and investment. The discussions reflected a shared interest in stability and the protection of critical maritime routes, including the Strait of Hormuz — whose closure had already sent shockwaves through global energy markets.

"India values its deep and enduring partnership with Bahrain," Jaishankar said following the meetings. "These are not just diplomatic relationships — they are civilisational bonds, strengthened by shared interests and mutual respect."

One of the most emotionally resonant moments of the Bahrain visit came when Jaishankar met

members of the Indian diaspora community — one of the largest and most economically active expatriate communities in the Kingdom. Addressing the gathering, the minister paid tribute to their contributions to both Bahrain's economy and India's own development through remittances, investment and cultural exchange.

The diaspora meeting carried a deeper message — that New Delhi's Gulf diplomacy is not purely transactional but rooted in the lives and welfare of ordinary Indians living and working thousands of miles from home.

Across his Gulf tour, Jaishankar's message was consistent: India is not a bystander in the

Middle East. As a nation that imports a significant share of its energy from the Gulf, hosts millions of its citizens there and conducts billions of dollars in annual trade with Gulf partners, India has as much at stake in regional stability as any party to the conflict.

New Delhi's approach — engaging all sides without taking sides — mirrors its broader foreign policy posture.

The visit to Bahrain, in particular, demonstrated that the bilateral relationship has matured well beyond its historical foundations into a modern strategic partnership — one equipped to navigate the complexities of a rapidly changing regional order.

India's Green Hydrogen Push Gains Global Momentum



India is strengthening its position as a clean-energy leader, with non-fossil sources accounting for 51.93% of installed power capacity by December 2025. Green hydrogen has emerged as a key part of the country's energy transition, particularly for industries and transport sectors where direct electrification is difficult.

Under the National Green Hydrogen Mission, India aims to produce 5 million metric tonnes of green hydrogen annually by 2030. Production capacity of 862,000 tonnes per year has already been allocated to 18 companies, while 15 companies have received awards for 3,000 MW of annual electrolyser manufacturing capacity. Three green hydrogen hubs have also been identified at ports in Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Odisha.

India is applying green hydrogen across fertiliser, petroleum refining and steel industries, while pilot projects are exploring its use in iron production and other hard-to-abate sectors. Hydrogen-powered trains have also been demonstrated by



Manjeev Singh Puri is a former Indian diplomat and ex-Ambassador to the EU, Nepal, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Indian Railways.

The strategy extends beyond domestic decarbonisation, with India seeking international partnerships, standards and clean-energy trade opportunities. Cooperation with the EU, UK, Germany and Japan is expanding across hydrogen production, standardisation, exports and long-term green ammonia and methanol agreements.

India's growing green hydrogen sector could therefore support both its development goals and the emergence of a global low-carbon economy.

Ties That Keep Growing

India-Bahrain cooperation reached new milestones in 2026

New Indian Consular Application Centre



The Indian Consular Application Centre at Bahrain Mall has completed its first year of operations. It is the first facility of its kind established in Bahrain in 15 years.

Nearly 4,000 e-Visas for Bahrainis



The electronic visa system for Bahraini nationals has also marked its first anniversary. Nearly 4,000 Bahraini citizens have used the facility since its launch, reflecting increased interest in travel to India and the convenience of digital applications.

Defence and maritime cooperation



The Indian Embassy's Permanent Defence Exhibition is now in its third year. The current edition highlights the role of the Indian Armed Forces in national development, with a focus on the Indian Navy-led Combined Task Force 154 (CTF-154) under the Combined Maritime Forces.

Indian Navy leads CTF-154



India joined the Combined Maritime Forces as an Associate Partner in 2022 and became a Full Member in 2023. On February 11, 2026, the Indian Navy assumed command of CTF-154, becoming the first Indian force to lead a CMF task force.

Under Indian leadership, CTF-154 has conducted 14 Staff Enhancement Training programmes, generating more than 2,200 participant-hours of professional training focused on interoperability and operational readiness among partner nations.

Operation Compass Rose 26-1 was conducted virtually from April 20 to 22, bringing together 137 participants from 25 partner nations.

Operation Southern Readiness 26-2 was hosted by the Southern Naval Command of the Indian Navy in Kochi from July 20 to 23, featuring practical and theoretical maritime training.

Painting exhibitions enter third year



The embassy's annual painting exhibitions are entering their third year. This year's programme features three exhibitions highlighting the longstanding friendship between India and Bahrain through art.

Trade and investment

Bilateral trade reaches US\$1.66 billion
India-Bahrain bilateral trade reached US\$1.66 billion between April 2025 and March 2026, an increase of 1.57% compared with the previous financial year. Two-way investments between India and Bahrain currently stand at approximately US\$2 billion.

The first round of negotiations on a Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) began in July 2026. The agreement is aimed at facilitating investment, simplifying tax compliance and strengthening business ties.

UN Security Council bid



India has launched its campaign to be elected as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council for the 2028-2029 term. The campaign is guided by the philosophy of "SHANTI" — Securing Holistic Advancement through Norms, Trust and Integrity. Its priorities include strengthening the voice of the Global South, reforming multilateral institutions, promoting future-ready peacekeeping, supporting a human-centric approach to artificial intelligence, advancing a rules-based maritime order, and intensifying global efforts against terrorism and terror financing.

The Trusted First Responder

India's role as a humanitarian first responder has grown significantly since the devastating Indian Ocean Tsunami of 2004. The disaster saw India respond not only to extensive destruction at home but also provide urgent assistance to Sri Lanka, Maldives, Thailand and Indonesia through five major HADR operations involving the armed forces and Coast Guard.

The experience strengthened India's disaster-response capabilities and led to the Disaster Management Act 2005 and creation of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). It also contributed to closer cooperation among India, Australia, Japan and the United States, which later evolved into the Quad.

Since then, India has responded rapidly to disasters across the region and beyond. Operations Neer in the Maldives, Maitri in Nepal, Brahma in Myanmar, Sagar Bandhu in Sri Lanka and Dost in Türkiye and Syria demonstrated India's capacity to provide rescue, medical and relief assistance. India has also supported



Suchitra Durai
Former Ambassador of India to Thailand and Former High Commissioner of India to Kenya

Mozambique, Malawi and, most recently, earthquake-hit Venezuela in June 2026.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, India supplied 300 million vaccine doses to 99 countries and two UN entities under Vaccine Maitri.

HADR has become a key element of India's foreign policy and Indo-Pacific vision, alongside initiatives such as SAGAR, IPOI, MAHASAGAR and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure. Through rapid, needs-based assistance and disaster-resilience efforts, India has emerged as a reliable partner and force for global humanitarian action.





New India Assurance Marks Independence Day with a Promise of Protection

“Life feels lighter when someone’s got your back”

As India celebrates 79 years of independence on August 15, New India Assurance Bahrain reaffirms its own mission — giving customers the freedom to enjoy, work, and travel without fear of the unexpected events.

Independence, at its heart, is about security — the freedom to move forward without being held back by fear of loss. It is fitting, then, that New India Assurance, a company rooted in India’s own journey since 1919, continues to build that same sense of freedom for its customers in Bahrain from 1958— freedom from financial uncertainty, freedom to drive, travel, build, and trade with assurance of protection.

This August 15th, as the tricolour rises across the diaspora, New India Assurance Bahrain highlights the products and digital initiatives that carry this spirit of independence into everyday life.

In today’s fast-moving world, ease and accessibility have become an essential part of every service. Recognizing the changing needs of customers, New India Assurance Bahrain offers easy and convenient access to essential insurance solutions, with 24x7 online issuance for Health, Visa, Travel and Motor Insurance.

Whether you are planning an international journey, applying for a visa, looking for health insurance protection or renewing your motor insurance, customers can now benefit from a simple and efficient digital process designed to save valuable time and effort.

Health Insurance provides an important layer of financial



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protection against unexpected medical expenses. With healthcare costs continuing to rise, having appropriate health insurance can provide individuals and families with greater confidence and financial security. Customers can explore suitable options and complete the insurance process online with few steps.

For those travelling abroad, Travel Insurance offers valuable protection during their journey. From unexpected travel-related emergencies to other unforeseen situations, travel insurance can provide peace of mind while away from home. With online issuance available around the clock, customers can arrange their travel insurance whenever it is convenient for them—even at the last minute.

Visa Insurance is another important requirement for many travellers and expatriates. New India Assurance Bahrain makes the process easier by enabling customers to obtain their required insurance online without unnecessary delays or complicated procedures.

For motorists, Motor Insurance is an essential part of responsible vehicle ownership. Customers can access motor insurance services through a convenient digital process, making it easier to manage their insurance requirements without having to spend unnecessary time visiting an office. Our insurance is not only available at Bahrain but also can be extended to GCC regions at very nominal rates. Through



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- **Gain Peace of Mind:** True financial freedom comes from the confidence and peace of mind that early preparation provides.

This Independence Day, celebrate not just the freedom of a nation, but the freedom to build a secure and fulfilling future for yourself and your loved ones. For millions of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), life abroad represents opportunity, hard work and the pursuit of a better future. Yet, while

working away from home, one responsibility remains constant – ensuring that the financial well-being of their families in India is protected and their own future is secure. Independence Day offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect on what financial freedom truly means. It is the freedom to dream without worry, the freedom to provide without limits, and the freedom to live with the

confidence that your family is financially secure. For NRIs, achieving this freedom requires thoughtful financial planning, disciplined savings and solutions that understand the unique needs of Indians living overseas. LIC International, with its focus on serving the financial protection and savings needs of the international Indian community, seeks to support NRIs in their journey towards greater

financial confidence. The objective is not simply to save money, but to create a structured financial foundation that can support important milestones – from children's education and family security to retirement planning and long-term wealth creation. For an NRI, financial planning can often be complicated by distance, changing responsibilities and the need to manage finances across countries. A well-considered insurance and savings strategy can help provide protection against uncertainties while encouraging disciplined long-term financial growth. Financial freedom is also about preparing today for the life one wishes to lead tomorrow. Whether the goal is to secure the future of children, support parents back home, plan for retirement or create a dependable financial cushion, starting early can make a significant difference. This Independence Day, LIC International encourages NRIs to look beyond immediate financial commitments and

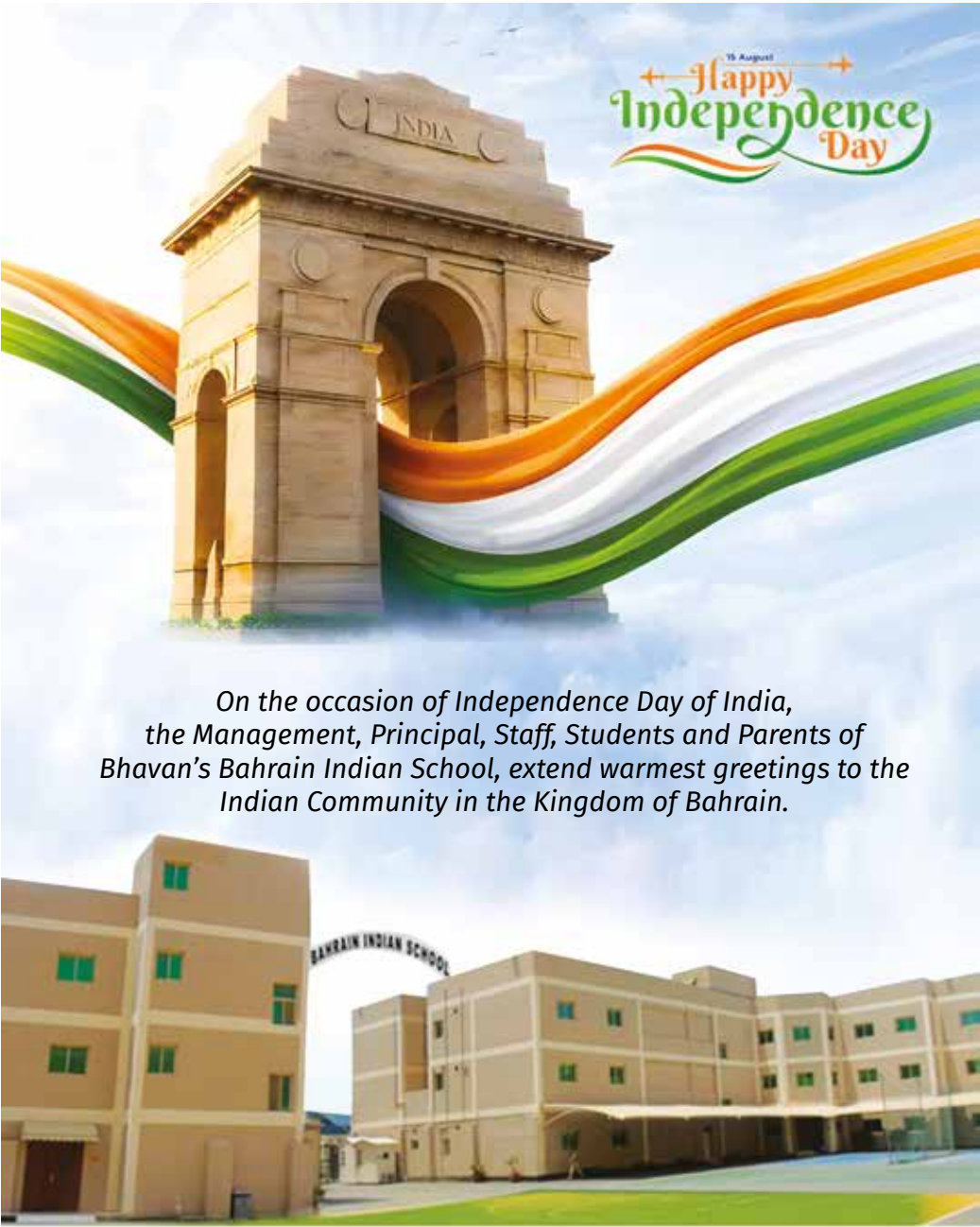


consider the bigger picture – a future where financial worries do not stand between them and their dreams. Because true independence is not merely about having wealth. It is about having the confidence that comes from being prepared. For NRIs, every contribution towards a well-planned financial future is a step towards greater independence – for themselves and for the families they love. This Independence Day, celebrate your freedom. The freedom to dream without worry. The freedom to provide without limits. And the freedom to live knowing your family is secure. LIC International – helping NRIs move closer to financial freedom, one planned step at a time.

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Bahrain Imports BD111m of Goods from India

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Bahrain imported BD111.19 million worth of goods from India in the first five months of 2026, led by alumina, aluminium products and steel, with total shipments weighing almost 282 million kilograms. Alumina was the biggest import by both value and weight. Bahrain bought BD11.86 million worth of the raw material used in aluminium production, with shipments exceeding 67.2 million kilograms.

Unwrought aluminium ranked third among the leading imports, worth BD6.16 million and weighing 4.87 million kilograms. Aluminium wire followed closely at BD6.12 million, with shipments totalling 4.74 million kilograms. Semi-finished iron and steel products were worth BD5.14 million and weighed 33.12 million kilograms, adding to the large share of industrial materials in Bahrain's purchases from India. Frozen boneless beef was another major import, worth about BD4.15 million and weighing more than 2.08 million kilograms.



Cast-iron pipes and tubes accounted for a further BD3.19 million, with shipments weighing 14.59 million kilograms. Gold jewellery stood out for the sharp gap between value and weight. Imports were worth BD1.86 million but weighed just 46 kilograms.

Pharmaceutical products were valued at BD1.77 million and weighed 90,500 kilograms, while private cars with engines between 1,501cc and 3,000cc accounted for about BD1.56 million and 364,000 kilograms.

The figures come as economic ties between Bahrain and India continue to deepen. Bilateral trade reached about

US\$1.66 billion in the financial year ending March 2026, up 1.57 pc from a year earlier, according to India's ambassador to Bahrain, Vinod K. Jacob, with the balance remaining in Bahrain's favour.

The two countries are also pursuing talks on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement aimed at expanding trade, investment and services, while India and the GCC are working towards a wider free-trade agreement.

A Bahrain-India Joint Working Group on Trade and Investment is also expected to seek new business opportunities and address barriers between the two markets.

Honouring Liberty, Driving Impact: ICAI Bahrain Chapter On India's 80th Independence Day



CA Viinod Rath, Chairperson, ICAI Bahrain Chapter

As India celebrates its 80th Independence Day, the Indian community in the Kingdom of Bahrain joins millions across the world in commemorating this proud occasion.

India's journey since Independence reflects the power of resilience, enterprise, innovation and unity. From a developing economy to an increasingly influential global force, the nation's progress has been shaped by generations of professionals, entrepreneurs and institutions committed to building a stronger India.

The ICAI Bahrain Chapter enters its 2026-27 term with

the same spirit of contribution, strengthening the profession, empowering its members and creating meaningful value for the wider community.

Guided by its theme IMPACT – Inspire • Act • Transform, the Chapter believes that freedom is not merely a legacy to celebrate, but also a responsibility to contribute, serve and create lasting impact.

Chairperson's Message

“As we celebrate India's Independence Day, let us remember that freedom is not only a legacy to cherish, but also a responsibility to create IMPACT.”

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Through IMPACT Learn, IMPACT Fit, IMPACT Connect, IMPACT Social, IMPACT SHE, IMPACT NextGen and IMPACT Expression, our focus is clear – to create opportunities for learning, professional growth, wellness, community service, women empowerment, youth development, stronger connections and creative expression.

Let us Inspire through our values, Act with purpose, and Transform through our contribution to our profession, our community and our nation.

On this Independence Day, let our freedom inspire action, and let our actions create a lasting IMPACT.”

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Trump orders new aircraft carriers to revert to steam catapults

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump has directed future aircraft carriers to scrap their advanced systems for launching warplanes and return to using older but “proven” catapult technologies, a move that could dramatically drive up military costs.

Trump made the announcement Thursday as part of a national security presidential memorandum to “fix critical long-term issues in Navy shipbuilding and ship repair programs and restore capacity and competition to the maritime industrial base.”

Trump bemoaned “an atrophied shipbuilding industrial base” which he said made building and repairing warships slower and more costly.



Indonesian leader vows to shut over 750 ‘unproductive’ state-owned firms

AFP | Jakarta, Indonesia

Indonesia’s president yesterday floated creating a special court to investigate “unproductive” boards reporting “made up” profits, as he pledged to close 750 state-owned enterprises by year-end.

Southeast Asia’s biggest economy has long battled corruption in its public and private sectors, despite strengthening anti-graft laws, creating special investigative commissions and nabbing several high-profile suspects.

In successive state of the nation and budget addresses, President Prabowo Subianto said Friday that Indonesia’s vast natural wealth was not sufficiently benefiting its people.

Bones of medieval kings saved from Spanish wildfire

AFP | Madrid, Spain

Firefighters raced to save a mythical 1,000-year-old monastery in north-eastern Spain yesterday as a growing wildfire prompted the hasty removal of the bones of the medieval monarchs buried there.

The blaze broke out earlier this week and on Thursday bore down on two monasteries of San Juan de la Pena, a symbol of the Aragon region, perched in mountainous, rugged terrain. The oldest monastery, linked by legend to the Holy Grail, has origins in the 10th century and holds the remains of the first kings of the medieval kingdom of Aragon.

NATO jets shoot down drone in Latvian airspace: spokesperson

NATO allies accused Russia for the airspace violations

● This was the second time that such a drone had been shot down in Latvian airspace

● Both Russia and Ukraine are relying on heavy use of drones to launch attacks in the four-year conflict.

AFP | Riga, Latvia

NATO said yesterday its fighter jets shot down a drone that entered Latvian airspace, the latest incursion along the military alliance’s eastern flank bordering Russia. The military alliance has

launched an investigation, a NATO spokesperson said, as concerns grow in Europe over unauthorised drone activity while Russia’s war in Ukraine grinds on.

This was the second time that such a drone had been shot down in Latvian airspace, the defence ministry confirmed to AFP.

The first such incursion took place in June, when a foreign drone was also shot down by NATO fighter jets.

Both Russia and Ukraine are relying on heavy use of drones to launch attacks in the four-year conflict.

It was not immediately clear

where the drone shot down over Latvia had come from.

“We can confirm that two Italian Eurofighter jets were scrambled earlier today in response to a drone over Latvian airspace. One of the Eurofighters shot down the drone,” a NATO spokesperson told AFP, adding that “two Turkish F-16 fighter jets were also scrambled”.

“All aircraft were operating under NATO command,” the spokesperson added, adding that “an investigation is ongoing” into the matter.

Earlier on Friday, Latvia’s defence ministry wrote on X that NATO “fighter jets have successfully shot down a foreign unmanned

aerial vehicle that had entered Latvia as a result of Russian electromagnetic warfare”.

Latvian foreign minister Baiba Braze wrote on X thanked Italy for “maintaining (the) integrity of NATO airspace”.

“This is... a tangible result of NATO Summit decisions in Ankara to upscale the Baltic Air Policing mission to air defence,” Lithuanian foreign minister Kestutis Budrys wrote on X, underlining that the Italian fighter jets were deployed in Siauliai, in northern Lithuania.

The EU and NATO member state of about 1.9 million inhabitants shares a border with Russia to the east.



A rafale fighter jet prepares for take off on the deck of the French aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle during the NATO military exercise

France’s Macron in hot water over jet ski picture

AFP | Paris, France

President Emmanuel Macron found himself in hot water Friday after he was pictured riding a jet ski on the Riviera, fuelling opposition claims that he is disconnected from ordinary people grappling with heatwaves and wildfires.

The 48-year-old president drew criticism after Paris Match magazine splashed a photo of Macron speeding across the Riviera on a jet ski across its cover.

Wearing a life vest that showcased his toned arms, Macron cut a sporty figure as he vacationed at the Bregancon Fort, the presidential retreat, during France’s August summer break.

“Last summer at the controls,” Paris Match said on its cover, referring to Macron’s departure from the Elysee palace next year when his second and final term



The cover of French magazine “Paris Match” depicting France’s President Emmanuel Macron on a jet ski during his holiday near the Presidential residence in Bregancon, south-eastern France

ends.

The magazine also featured photographs of Macron engaging in water sports such as foil surfing, during a summer marked by successive heatwaves

and deadly fires in France.

A member of Macron’s entourage said that the photos were not authorised.

“There have been unauthorised photos of the president

every year for the past nine years,” the aide said.

The images drew gripes from the left-wing opposition.

Greens leader Marine Tondelier said the French people were enduring an “apocalyptic summer” while “our president treats himself to a promotional feature about his vacation.”

She contrasted the magazine’s photo with the “deaths caused by five heatwaves, a drought, and historic wildfires.”

Socialist leader Olivier Faure suggested Macron was sending the wrong message.

“During a heatwave, while France is burning and when many French people could not afford to go on vacation, the president is having fun on a jet ski in Bregancon,” he said.

Communist Senator Pierre Ouzoulias called the photos “inappropriate”.

China slams ‘groundless’ espionage claims by New Zealand spy agency

AFP | Wellington, New Zealand

China’s embassy in Wellington condemned yesterday “groundless” claims by New Zealand’s spy agency that Beijing had stepped up espionage activities on its soil.

An annual report by New Zealand’s Security Intelligence Service warned this week that China was conducting espionage against the country “at scale”.

In response, a spokesperson

for Beijing’s embassy in Wellington accused the spy agency of being part of a wave of “attacks, slander and vilification” against China.

“Its false allegations against China either smear normal exchanges and cooperation as so-called espionage or interference, or are entirely groundless and fabricated out of thin air,” the spokesperson said.

“It also reflects the reluctance of certain forces, both

within and outside New Zealand, to see the sound development of China-New Zealand relations.” The statement comes just a few weeks after the embassy raised an official complaint in response to Foreign Minister Winston Peters’ telling a Chinese-born lawmaker to “go back to your own country”.

On Friday the embassy accused unnamed forces in New Zealand of “serving as a pawn for anti-China forces”.



New Zealand may seem like a quiet, isolated country – but it has two intelligence agencies working behind the scenes: the NZSIS and the GCSB.”

UK paramedics called to second train derailment in 2 days

AFP | London, United Kingdom

UK police reported Friday that a train had derailed in eastern England, the second such incident in two days after three railway carriages overturned in the southeast the previous day.

British Transport Police said it was responding to an incident in Wickford in the Essex region after the “rear carriages ... derailed in an upright position”.

“We’re responding alongside paramedics and the fire service. There are currently no reported injuries,” it added.

Train operator Greater Anglia said it was experiencing disruption of trains running on the line between London and Essex in the east. A busy commuter train between London and southeast England veered off the tracks near the town of Lewes on Thursday.



Indian firm to make fighter jet engines with Rolls-Royce

AFP | Mumbai, India

India’s Reliance Industries and Britain’s Rolls-Royce announced yesterday plans to jointly design and manufacture engines for the south Asian country’s multirole indigenous fighter jet programme.

Reliance Industries Limited, India’s largest private sector company, has been expanding into defence production in military aerospace and advanced munitions to support Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s “Make in India” initiative.

Rolls-Royce builds engines for commercial use by the world’s biggest aircraft manufacturers Airbus and Boeing, as well as for fighter jets.

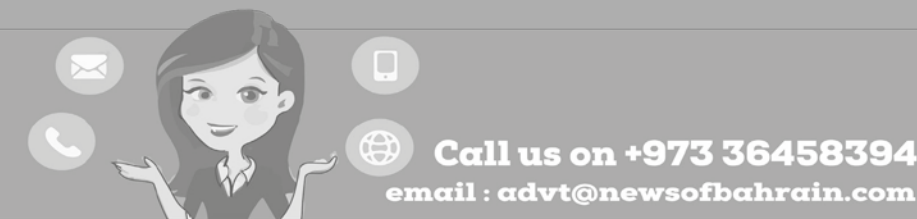
Hurricane poised to hit Hawaii as El Nino stirs Pacific

Los Angeles, United States

A strengthening tropical storm named Lala is set to hit Hawaii’s Big Island with hurricane force on Saturday, bringing dangerous winds, rainfall and surf as the state’s governor declared a state of emergency.

The tropical cyclone was about 420 miles (680 kilometers) southeast of Hilo on the archipelago’s largest island, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said in its latest advisory, packing winds of 60 miles per hour.

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GCC Condemns Iranian Attack on Two UAE Vessels in Strait of Hormuz

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) has condemned what it described as repeated Iranian attacks targeting two tankers belonging to the UAE-based energy company ADNOC while they were transiting the Strait of Hormuz.

GCC Secretary-General Jassem Mohamed Albudaiwi said in a statement that the attacks represent a serious and unacceptable escalation and pose a direct threat to the safety and security of maritime navigation and international trade through one of the world's most vital waterways.

Albudaiwi stressed that the attacks violate the principles of international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as well as relevant UN Security Council resolutions, including Resolution 2817.

He strongly rejected any Iranian attempts to use the strategic international waterway as a tool for pressure or threats. He called on the international community to fulfil its responsibilities and take a firm stance to stop such



repeated attacks and ensure the security and freedom of maritime navigation in accordance with international law, the law of the sea and relevant international resolutions.

The GCC Secretary-General also reaffirmed the Council's full and steadfast solidarity with the United Arab Emirates, stressing its support for the UAE and for all measures it takes to protect its security, sovereignty, property and interests.

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most strategically important maritime routes, serving as a major passage for international energy shipments and global trade.

Saudi-led Maritime Coalition Finalizes Command Structure



Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Defense has announced that the Saudi-led Multinational Maritime Defense Coalition has finalized arrangements to activate its command structure and integrate officers and personnel from participating countries into its maritime and intelligence operations.

The announcement came during the coalition's third planning meeting in Jeddah, attended by representatives from 39 countries. Pakistan has been selected to provide the coalition's first deputy commander, while Saudi Rear Adm. Abdullah bin Salem Al-Shehri serves as

commander. The coalition has designated its headquarters, approved an official logo and completed key organizational and planning frameworks. It aims to strengthen maritime security, protect freedom of navigation and safeguard international trade and supply chains. Its focus will include the Red Sea, Bab El-Mandeb Strait and Gulf of Aden, vital waterways linking Asia, the Middle East and Europe. Officials said the next phase will prioritize operational readiness and defensive missions, while respecting international law, state sovereignty and freedom of navigation.

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915,000% and Counting: Inside Nvidia's Rise to \$5 Trillion

How a graphics card maker became the backbone of the global AI boom

When Nvidia went public on January 22, 1999, it was a modest graphics chip company worth just \$562.8 million, offering shares at \$12 apiece. Today, Nvidia is the most valuable company on the planet, with a market capitalization north of \$5.3 trillion — a staggering increase of roughly 915,000% since its IPO.

To put that in perspective: a \$1,000 investment in Nvidia at its IPO, held and adjusted for the company's six stock splits since 1999, would be worth nearly \$8.9 million today — a return of more than 889,000%, not including dividends.

How Nvidia got here

Nvidia's early years were built on gaming. Through the 2000s, its GPUs (graphics processing units) became the standard for rendering PC games, competing fiercely with rivals until it emerged as the dominant player in graphics hardware.

The real transformation came later. Nvidia's GPUs turned out to be exceptionally good at something far beyond gaming: running the massive parallel calculations needed to train artificial intelligence models. As cloud computing and cryptocurrency mining first drove demand for that computing power, then the generative AI boom — kicked off by tools like ChatGPT in late 2022 — sent demand into overdrive.

Nvidia's chips became the essential infrastructure of the AI era. The company's most recent fiscal year saw revenue top \$215

billion, up 65% year-over-year, and representing more than a 136,000% increase compared to its fiscal 1999 revenue.

Today, an estimated 90% of that revenue comes from Nvidia's data-center business alone. That demand shows no sign of slowing — and Nvidia is moving to make sure supply doesn't fall behind. On August 11, Nvidia locked in a \$500 billion financing alliance with major Wall Street firms, one of the largest infrastructure financing deals in tech history. The funding is earmarked to support the next wave of AI data-center construction — the physical backbone needed to train and run increasingly powerful AI systems.

Securing the next decade of growth

The scale of the deal underlines a simple reality: even as Nvidia's chips power a global AI boom, compute demand continues to outpace supply. Data centers require enormous capital to build — from the chips themselves to power infrastructure, cooling systems and networking — and Nvidia's financing move signals confidence that demand for AI infrastructure will keep growing for years to come.

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company isn't just riding the AI wave — it's actively investing to make sure the infrastructure exists to sustain it for years to come.



Google Unveils Pixel 11 Series at Made by Google 2026

Google has unveiled its latest flagship smartphone family at its Made by Google 2026 event, introducing the Pixel 11, Pixel 11 Pro, Pixel 11 Pro XL and Pixel 11 Pro Fold. The new lineup puts artificial intelligence, photography and performance at the centre of Google's smartphone strategy.

All four models are powered by Google's new Tensor G6 chip and feature upgraded displays, cameras and batteries. The Pro models also introduce new photography and video tools, including Instant Night

Sight, 120x zoom and Pro Stable Video, while Google's new Creator features are aimed at helping users produce and edit content directly from their phones.

AI remains a major focus, with deeper integration of Gemini Intelligence designed to make the Pixel more proactive and capable of assisting users with everyday tasks.

Google has also introduced the Pixel Watch 5 and Pixel Tag, expanding its connected-device ecosystem. The Pixel 11 starts at \$899, while the Pixel 11 Pro Fold starts at \$1,899.



Your Next Phone Is Already Thinking About Quantum Hackers

Quantum computers could one day break some of the encryption methods that currently protect our digital communications. While large-scale quantum attacks are not yet a reality, technology companies are already preparing for that future.

Smartphone makers and chip manufacturers are beginning to adopt post-quantum cryptography (PQC) — new security methods designed to withstand attacks from powerful quantum computers. The technology works by replacing vulnerable encryption techniques with mathematical algorithms that are considered much harder for quantum machines to crack.

For smartphone users, this

protection could eventually become part of the device without requiring any extra effort. Secure messaging, online banking, cloud services, and software updates could all benefit from stronger encryption built into phones and their operating systems.

The concern is not only about future attacks. Hackers can potentially steal encrypted data today and store it until sufficiently powerful quantum computers become available —



a strategy known as “harvest now, decrypt later.”

As smartphones become more connected and AI-powered, protecting the data inside them is becoming just as important as making them faster.

Honor puts a robot in your pocket

Honor has officially launched its highly anticipated Robot Phone in China, introducing an unusual smartphone design that combines a motorized gimbal camera with artificial intelligence and flagship hardware.

The phone's standout feature is a 200MP main camera mounted on a titanium 4DoF gimbal, allowing the camera to move independently and track subjects. The mechanism can rotate at high speed and enables features such as AI subject tracking, stabilized video, and dynamic shooting angles.

Honor says the titanium gimbal uses more than 100 precision components and was designed to significantly reduce the size of conventional gimbal systems while improving structural strength.

The Robot Phone also features a 200MP periscope telephoto camera and a 50MP ultra-wide camera. Honor has partnered with professional cinema company ARRI to bring cinematic imaging tools, in-



cluding ARRI LogC3 and related color workflows, to the smartphone.

The device is powered by Qualcomm's Snapdragon 8 Elite Gen 5 processor and comes with up to 16GB of RAM and 1TB of storage. It has a 6.3-inch 120Hz LTPO OLED display and a large 7,060mAh battery, with support for 120W wired and 50W wireless charging.

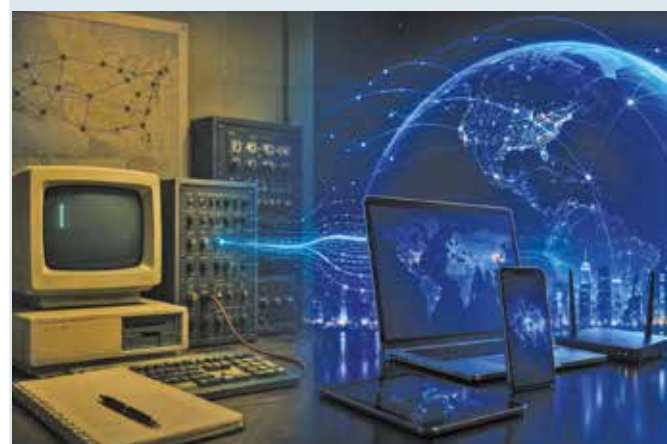
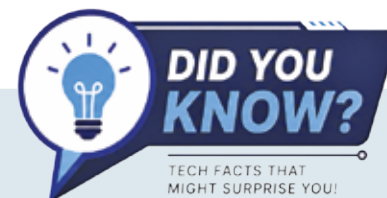
Honor has also integrated its YOYO Robot Mode, allowing users to control camera functions through voice commands, gestures, and AI-powered subject tracking. The system can automatically keep

a person in frame while recording.

The Robot Phone starts at CNY 9,999 for the 12GB RAM and 512GB storage model, while the 16GB/1TB version costs CNY 12,999. Open sales in China are scheduled to begin on August 18, with no confirmed international availability yet.

The launch marks one of Honor's boldest attempts to rethink smartphone photography, turning the phone's camera into a mechanically moving system designed particularly for content creators, vloggers, and mobile filmmakers.

The Internet's First Message Was Just Two Letters



The Internet has come a long way from its early days. But did you know that its first-ever message was not successfully delivered?

On October 29, 1969, re-

searchers at UCLA attempted to send the word “LOGIN” to a computer at the Stanford Research Institute through ARPANET. This network later became a foundation for

today's internet.

The plan seemed simple: send the letters one by one and establish a connection between the two computers. However, after the researchers typed “LO,” the system crashed before the remaining letters could be transmitted.

The failed attempt became an unexpected piece of internet history. The first message sent across ARPANET was therefore not “LOGIN,” but simply “LO.”

From a two-letter message sent between two computers to billions of devices connected around the world today, the internet has come a remarkably long way.

Fourth Consecutive Win for Bahrain After Saudi Sweep

Mohammed Darwish

The kingdom's teenage volleyballers swept defending champions Saudi Arabia aside in straight sets on Friday, making it four wins from four and 12 sets without defeat as a title showdown with Egypt draws near.

Bahrain won 25-19, 25-23, 25-18 at the Isa bin Rashid Volleyball Arena in Riffa, brushing aside the side that beat them to the Arab under-17 crown two years ago.

It was a fourth 3-0 win in as many matches. Jordan, Algeria and Kuwait had already fallen without taking a set.

Saudi Arabia made Bahrain work hardest in the second. The hosts took the opener 25-19, but their Gulf rivals stayed close throughout the next before



Ali Hassan

Bahrain shut the door at 25-23. The third was far more clear-cut. Bahrain pulled away and finished the job 25-18.

Mohammed Abdulaziz said the strain had shown early, especially from the service line.

"The match was difficult and there was some pressure on us,



Ali Hassan powers through the Saudi block

but thankfully we won," he said. "At first our serves were not coming off, but in the third set I think we only missed two or three. Saudi Arabia are a very strong opponent, but thankfully we won. God willing, the championship will be ours."

Team-mate Ali Hassan was

already looking towards Egypt. "Thank God, the match was neither easy nor too difficult. It was a very good game and things went our way," he said.

"Egypt are a strong side, but we are capable of beating them. We do not want to let down the supporters who came today and,



Mohammed Abdulaziz

God willing, we will rise to the challenge."

Bahrain's record now reads four wins, 12 sets won and none lost. They began by beating Jordan 25-14, 25-18, 25-9, then saw off Algeria 25-13, 25-14, 25-19. Kuwait pushed them furthest, forcing a 35-33 second set, but

Bahrain still won 25-14, 35-33, 25-10.

Sunday brings the match that will decide the Arab crown.

Bahrain face Egypt at 7pm with both sides unbeaten after four outings and neither having lost a set.

The six-team championship is being played as a single round-robin, meaning the last meeting between the two perfect sides will decide who finishes top.

Egypt have beaten Kuwait, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Algeria, all by 3-0 margins.

Saudi Arabia came to Riffa as champions after winning the 2024 Arab under-17 title in Amman, where Bahrain finished second.

Coach Yusuf Khalifa and assistant Mohammed Salman now have one match left to turn that silver into gold.

Four Bahrain teams reach West Asia semi-finals

TDT | Manama

Four Bahrain table tennis teams stormed into the West Asia Championship semi-finals in Amman after finishing top of their groups across four age classes.

The senior side led the charge, finishing first in its

pool to book a place in the last four and keep its title hopes alive at the tournament, which runs in the Jordanian capital from August 12 to 19.

The under-15 team followed suit, winning its group to send another Bahrain side into the medal hunt.

Then came the younger

ranks. Bahrain's under-13 players also finished first, while the under-11s matched them to complete a four-team sweep into the semi-finals.

The results leave Bahrain with teams in the last four of four categories as the championship heads toward its medal matches.



Shelton does the double in Canada



Ben Shelton of the United States holds up the trophy

AFP | Montreal

Ben Shelton backed up an ATP title for the first time in his career, defeating Brandon Nakashima 6-3, 7-6 (7/4) to win a second consecutive Masters 1000 trophy in Canada.

Last year's title in Toronto was matched by a 2026 winning performance in Montreal, with the American taking the honours without dropping a set on the way to his seventh career title.

Shelton joins Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal in winning back-to-back in Canada during this century.

It was the first Masters final between Americans since Andy Roddick and Mardy Fish at Cincinnati 23 years ago.

"To play the way that I have here, going through without dropping a set... it speaks to the work that I've put in and my mental toughness," said Shelton, who will rise from 10th to sixth in the rankings.

Lopez takes two silvers and bronze

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Teenage weightlifting hope Jhon Esteban Lopez stormed to three medals for Bahrain in Tashkent, taking two silvers and a bronze in the men's junior 110kg class at the 2026 Asian Youth and Junior Championships.

The 18-year-old lifted 170kg in the snatch for silver, then made 193kg in the clean and jerk to take bronze. His 363kg total brought him a second silver.

Lopez went toe to toe with some of Asia's strongest young lifters in the 110kg A group, which drew rivals from Iran, South Korea, Uzbekistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkmenistan.

He opened the snatch with 165kg, missed his first try at 170kg, then came back to make the weight on his third lift.

Iran's Farhad Gholizadeh edged him in the snatch with 172kg, leaving Lopez second heading into the clean and jerk.

Lopez then opened at 193kg. The live scoreboard showed that making the lift would put him first, for the time being, in both the clean and jerk and



Lopez powers through in Tashkent

the total.

His three-medal haul adds to a fast-growing record for Bahrain. At last year's Asian Youth Games in Manama, Lopez won gold in both lifts in the 94kg class, including a 160kg snatch and 186kg clean and jerk.

His 363kg total in Tashkent was 17kg above the 346kg he made in Bahrain last year, even after moving up to the 110kg class.

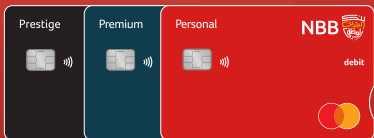
The championships ran from August 7 to 14 in the Uzbek capital.



Novak Djokovic waves to fans (file photo)



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