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## HM King appoints undersecretary at Ministry of Oil

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued Decree (59) of 2025, appointing an Undersecretary at the Ministry of Oil and Environment, based on the proposal of the Minister of Oil and Environment and following the approval of the Cabinet.

Ezz Ahmed Al Mannai, Director of Policies and Strategic Planning at the Ministry of Oil and Environment, shall be appointed Undersecretary of the Ministry of Oil and Environment.

The Minister of Oil and Environment shall implement this decree, which shall come into effect from the date of its issuance and be published in the Official Gazette.

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# Security, stability

Interior Minister attends launch of National Strategy to Combat Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing and Weapons Proliferation

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His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Interior Minister, attended the launch of the National Strategy to Combat Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing, and the Proliferation of Weapons (2025-2027), highlighting its critical role in advancing Bahrain's security and strengthening the national economy.

The ceremony, held yesterday at the Public Security Officers Club, was attended by key government officials including the Minister of Finance and National Economy, the Minister of Defence Affairs, the Attorney General, the Minister of Information, and the Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments.

Addressing attendees, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah, also chairman of the Committee for Combating Extremism, Terrorism Financing, and Money Laundering, said the strategy "comes within the framework of the reform and stability approach of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the security, development, and prosperity enjoyed by the Kingdom, due to the directives of the wise government led by His Royal Highness Prince Sal-

"The launch of the strategy contributes to strengthening the capacity of relevant authorities to address the challenges associated with crimes."

- H.E. GENERAL SHAIKH RASHID BIN ABDULLAH AL KHALIFA, INTERIOR MINISTER

man bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister."

### Economic significance

He emphasised the strategy's economic significance, stating: "The National Strategy to Combat Money Laundering, the Financing of Terrorism and the Proliferation of Weapons is an essential complement to building the national economy."

The Interior Minister also underscored the importance of vigilance and proactive security measures in the digital era, noting, "This requires us to be fully vigilant and closely monitor everything that is happening around us."

He praised the role of the Financial Intelligence National Centre, led by H.E. Shaikha May bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, for



H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa

its contribution to strengthening national financial intelligence and enhancing effectiveness in combating financial crimes.

### Gratitude

General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah expressed gratitude to members of the Anti-Extremism, Anti-Terrorism Financing, and Anti-Money Laundering

Committee, acknowledging their dedication and the Kingdom's distinguished national performance in this sector.

Shaikha May bint Mohammed reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to maintaining the integrity of the financial system and national economic stability through the strategy.

She highlighted the collabo-

orative preparation of the second comprehensive national risk assessment, stating, "Based on the results and outcomes of this assessment, a national action plan was adopted to understand risks and threats, address associated vulnerabilities, and deal with them through optimal allocation of resources to mitigate and combat these risks."

### Strategic objectives

Shaikha May bint Mohammed added that the current national strategy provides an integrated framework with 10 key strategic objectives, emphasising that all relevant authorities must adhere to and implement these goals within the specified period to enhance compliance and financial system integrity.

General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah officially announced the launch of the strategy, noting that it "contributes to strengthening the capacity of relevant authorities to address the challenges associated with these crimes."

A short documentary on the National Risk Assessment was screened during the event, after which the Interior Minister honoured members of the Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism Committee for their pivotal role in drafting the strategy.

## Draft amendment

# BD15 monthly transport plan for private-sector workers

Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

Private-sector workers would receive a monthly transport allowance of at least BD15 under a draft amendment to the Labour Law, with employers exempt where transport to and from the workplace is already provided.

The plan mirrors the public sector, where a minimum BD20 allowance is paid.

The proposal, filed by MP Jalal Kadhem, seeks to add a clause to Law No. 36 of 2012 guaranteeing the allowance for private-sector staff except in cases where the employer supplies transport.

Kadhem said the move is aimed at easing travel costs for employees after years of static pay and higher household expenses, citing rising fuel and



MP Jalal Kadhem

transport prices.

Article 10 of Law No. 36 of 2012 now requires employers to provide "appropriate means of transport" in work areas named by ministerial decision.

Kadhem's draft would add an obligation to pay a monthly allowance of no less than BD15, with an exemption for workers already given transport, while

keeping the duty to provide transport in designated areas.

He said the amendment is intended to improve living conditions and steady employment for private-sector staff, and to narrow the gap in benefits with public-sector employees.

The lawmaker urged support for the change to match current living and economic conditions.

## Pots hold hope



Palestinian children hold out their pots in front of a charity kitchen in the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip, amid a UN-declared famine after nearly two years of war. (AFP)



# Youth empowerment

King Hamad Global Centre for Coexistence and Tolerance launches second Joint Postgraduate Diploma with students from 63 countries

● **Centre promotes global harmony**

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The King Hamad Global Centre for Coexistence and Tolerance is committed to continuing its educational programmes to empower youth and to spread the culture of peace, dialogue and understanding among peoples as enduring principles.

This was emphasised by His Excellency Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Hamad Global Centre for Coexistence and Tolerance, saying it is in line with the wise humani-

tarian vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed made the remarks on the launch of the second edition of the Joint Postgraduate Diploma on Coexistence.

He expressed his pride in the constructive cooperation between the King Hamad Global Centre for Coexistence and Tolerance, the United Nations-affiliated University for Peace, and the Gioya Higher Education Institute in Malta.

**First edition**

The programme focuses on issues of peace, human rights, international law, and combating extremism and hatred, with one hundred students from 63 countries, following the success of the first edition, which received broad international and



UN recognition.

He added that this programme comes within the Centre's pioneering educational initiatives in cooperation with international partners.

It embodies the enlightened

“The programme combines academic theory with practical applications delivered through virtual platforms and field activities that reflect Bahrain's pioneering model of coexistence.”

- H.E. DR. SHAIKH ABDULLA BIN AHMED AL KHALIFA, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Royal vision and the directives of the Government led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin

Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to advance the role of education as a fundamental pillar for embedding coexistence and tolerance, building bridges of religious and cultural dialogue, and supporting sustainable development.

**Participants**

The Minister and Chairman of the Board of Trustees welcomed the participating students, urging them to engage openly with the programme and to benefit from its updated courses, which combine academic theory with practical applications delivered through virtual platforms and field activities that reflect Bahrain's pioneering model of coexistence.

This will enable them to acquire knowledge and skills that qualify them as future leaders

in promoting understanding, mutual respect, intercultural dialogue, and the rejection of hatred.

The second edition of the Joint Postgraduate Diploma on Coexistence has attracted wide participation from students of different nationalities.

This reflects the international community's confidence in Bahrain's pioneering role in promoting the culture of peace and its appreciation of the initiatives of the King Hamad Global Centre for Coexistence and Tolerance to instil noble human values.

The United Nations Human Rights Council praised the first edition of the programme as a unique initiative that strengthens the role of education as a tool to counter hate speech and to achieve coexistence and social peace at the global level.

## Bahrain to take part in Doha summit today

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The Royal Court announced that, on behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Personal Representative of His Majesty the King, will de-

part the Bahrain today to lead the Kingdom's delegation at the Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit to Address the Israeli Attack on the State of Qatar.

HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad will be accompanied by His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister

of Foreign Affairs; H.E. Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Maawda, Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments; H.E. Dr. Ramzan bin Abdulla Al Noaimi, Minister of Information; and H.E. Mohammed bin Ali Al Ghatam, Ambassador of Bahrain to Qatar.

## Focus on performance efficiency

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Chaired by Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) Chief Executive Mohammed Ali Al Qaed, the Government Service Centre Evaluation Committee (Taqyeem) held its 15th meeting ahead of the launch of the sixth evaluation round (Taqyeem 6).

Al Qaed thanked the committee members for their dedication in the previous round, which significantly improved government service center performance.

He praised all participating entities for their commitment to enhancing efficiency and service quality, in line with government directives to raise performance standards.

**Collaboration**

He stressed that advancing government service centers requires sustained collaboration across the different entities.

Commending past achievements, the committee chairman



The Taqyeem Committee's 15th meeting in session

expressed confidence that the upcoming round would deliver further progress and innovation, driving higher customer satisfaction and better user experiences.

The committee reviewed evaluation readiness based on updated criteria in the new 2025 Taqyeem guide, which sets standards aimed at improving government services and channels in line with digital transformation strategies.

**Customer feedback**

Members highlighted the importance of customer feedback on service center transactions,

noting its role in developing services and channels that meet expectations.

The agenda also focused on enhancing customer experience, ensuring service sustainability, and alignment to changing requirements and diverse customer lifestyles.

The committee reaffirmed its commitment to supporting continued national achievements in this field, reflecting the government's dedication to enhancing service center efficiency and fostering innovation and excellence in service delivery.





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### Public-private sector cooperation



His Excellency Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, stressed that fostering stronger cooperation and integration between the public and private sectors remains a cornerstone for building a more diversified, competitive, and sustainable national economy. He highlighted the private sector's pivotal role in shaping economic policies, enhancing the business environment, and attracting further investment. The Minister was speaking as he co-chaired with H.E. Sameer bin Abdullah Nass, Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Joint Economic Committee between the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry convened its 48th meeting at the Chamber's headquarters. Fakhro affirmed the Ministry's commitment to streamlining procedures and adopting innovative solutions that empower the private sector to play a larger role in driving national development.



# Keeping ‘beasts’ becomes crime

Bill bans private ownership and limits dangerous animals to zoos, parks, circuses and research centres

● **Violators face BD1,000–BD10,000 fines, jail term**

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

Fines of BD1,000-BD10,000 and jail await anyone keeping dangerous animals without a licence, under a bill heading to Parliament that bans private ownership and limits the species to zoos, parks, circuses and research centres.

The draft bars taking such animals into public places or walking them outside authorised facilities.

Penalties rise where harm follows. Using a dangerous animal to attack a person would carry three to seven years in prison if a permanent disability results, and life imprisonment if the victim dies.

If injury or death is unintended, the Penal Code rules on accidental killing or injury apply.

## Confiscation

Courts may also order confiscation of the animal, with the keeper or facility meeting custody costs.

Private ownership by natural or legal persons would be prohibited, with exceptions for



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licensed facilities and for government, security and military bodies, on condition that the animals they hold are registered with the competent authorities.

Licensed facilities must register each animal in an official record, provide veterinary care, build safe housing, prevent escape or loss and supply appropriate feed.

## Facilities

Shows and transfers between facilities or across the Kingdom would need prior permission from the competent department, and transport must meet technical standards.

Anyone who finds a dangerous animal roaming or abandoned must inform the ministry at once.

The ministry may seize and shelter the animal and recover costs from those responsible.

Licensed facilities must report births and deaths, any epidemic disease, any escape and any case in which an animal causes injury or death, with incidents recorded officially.

## Ministry staff

Enforcement would rest with designated ministry staff who may enter facilities, inspect and issue violations.

The ministry could confiscate animals or revoke licences for breaches.

Corporate criminal liability would apply, with fines up to BD20,000 for offences committed in the name of or for the account of an entity.

Other offences include causing panic using animals or breaching core articles, punishable by imprisonment or fines up to BD10,000.

## Bill

The bill defines ‘dangerous animals’ as creatures capable of causing direct harm to people or other animals, distinguishes ‘predatory’ from ‘semi-dangerous’ species and tasks the competent minister with issuing a detailed list.

‘Possession’ is defined broadly to include anyone who owns, keeps or raises a dangerous animal, even on a temporary basis.

‘Trade’ covers sale, export, transport and promotion under the ministry responsible for animal resources.

Parliament’s Public Utilities and Environment Committee will begin its study.

## Database

The aims are to bolster public safety, protect people and other animals, set care standards for dangerous species and establish an official database of facilities and animals.

Licence and service fees would be set by ministerial order after Cabinet approval.

A six-month transition would precede enforcement to allow keepers and facilities to regularise their status.

## Royal support bolsters democratic work

● **Bahrain joins global community in celebrating Democracy Day**

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“The rule of law and institutional governance have established a strong foundation for participation in decision-making, while supporting the Kingdom’s civilisational and developmental progress.”

- H.E. AHMED BIN SALMAN AL MUSALLAM, SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

The support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for democratic work has significantly contributed to strengthening the role of constitutional institutions and promoting national participation in supporting Bahrain’s comprehensive development process.

This was emphasised by His Excellency Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, Speaker of the Council of Representatives.

He noted that the Kingdom’s commitment to democratic values forms a cornerstone of HM the King’s reform project and that the rule of law and institutional governance have established a strong foundation for participation in decision-making, while supporting the Kingdom’s civilisational and developmental progress.

## Initiatives

The Speaker also commended the initiatives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in consolidating institutional democratic work through high-impact projects, initiatives, and programmes across various sectors.

He highlighted HRH Prince Salman’s continuous attention to all avenues of progress and development, in line with the royal aspirations.

On the occasion of International Democracy Day, celebrated annually on 15 September, the Speaker highlighted the cooperation between the legislative and executive au-

thorities, which has strengthened democratic practice, served the nation and its citizens, and made democracy a societal culture and a fundamental right in Bahrain.

## Framework

Al Musallam also highlighted that Bahrain’s active popular participation, responsible freedom of opinion and expression, exercise of legislative powers, strengthened judicial independence, independent human rights mechanisms, promotion of peace, tolerance, and coexistence, and the role of national media together form a strong framework of sustainable national and societal values.

## Licenses approved for new private schools

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His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, has approved several licensing decisions for private educational institutions, reinforcing the Ministry’s commitment to supporting private sector investment in education.

The approvals include the establishment of Quality Education School – Bahrain, which will cover all educational levels; the reopening of Al Falah School in Muharraq for the primary stage (girls); the creation of Al-Fayra Academy, offering kindergarten and primary education; and the launch of Small Hopes Kindergarten, an early childhood education institution.

Dr. Juma emphasised that expanding both public and private educational institutions is a key pillar for providing high-quality education and offering diverse options to students and parents.

He added that the Ministry continues to regulate the private sector and support investment in line with approved policies, which focus on de-



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- H.E. DR. MOHAMMED BIN MUBARAK JUMA, MINISTER OF EDUCATION

livering quality education and strengthening the Bahraini identity through national ideals and values.

## Lecture on traffic safety awareness

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The Capital Governor, His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Hamoud Al Khalifa, attended an awareness lecture on traffic safety organised by the Capital Governorate for students of Modern Knowledge School, in cooperation with Jetour Bahrain.

The event was attended by members of the school’s board of directors, teachers and company representatives.

The initiative comes as part of an integrated programme launched by the Capital Governorate, in cooperation with the General Directorate of Traffic and several partners, aimed at educating children and youth on traffic rules and promoting compliance with regulations from an early age, thereby contributing to building a generation capable of promoting road safety in society.

Lama Al Hammadi from the General Directorate of Traffic delivered a lecture.

## Bahrain takes part in Doha talks

Doha

His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, participated in the Preparatory Ministerial Meeting for the Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit, held yesterday in Doha.

Chaired by Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, the meeting was attended by the Ministers



H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani of Foreign Affairs of Arab and Islamic countries, as well as the Secretary General of the Arab League and the Secretary General of the Organisation of

Islamic Cooperation.

The delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain included H.E. Ambassador Shaikh Abdullah bin Ali Al Khalifa, Director General of Bilateral Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; H.E. Ambassador Mohammed bin Ali Al Ghatam, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the State of Qatar; and H.E. Ambassador Ahmed Mohammed Al Turaifi, Head of the Arab and African Affairs Sector at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## Court to rule on fatal red-light collision case

**Rehab Mohammad**  
TDT | Manama

The High Criminal Court of Appeal is set to deliver its verdict on September 29 in the case of a driver appealing a six-month jail sentence and a one-year driving ban following a fatal accident.

The incident occurred on July 25, 2025, on Shaikh Salman Road, when the defendant reportedly ran a red traffic signal and struck a pedestrian walking with his bicycle.

The impact hurled the victim onto the vehicle’s windshield,



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resulting in fatal injuries. The collision also caused damage to both the bicycle and the vehicle.

The appeal comes after the

lower court handed down the original sentence, sparking public attention due to the severity of the accident.



# Bahrain investment in digital skills pays off

Literacy at 97.6 per cent last year; MP urges more high-tech training

● Among Arabian Gulf's highest, thanks to smooth internet access and computers

Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's adult literacy rate reached 97.6 per cent in 2024, among the Arabian Gulf's highest, the GCC Statistical Centre said, against a world average of 88 per cent. Saudi Arabia topped the bloc on 99.5 per cent. Qatar and Kuwait each posted 99 per cent. Oman stood at 97.9 per cent, Bahrain at 97.6 per cent and the United Arab Emirates at 96.3 per cent. The centre said every GCC school at primary, intermediate and secondary level now has both internet access and computers, which has helped build a more flexible classroom and sharpen pupils' research and

enquiry skills.

**Education policy**

These steps, the centre added, sit within decades of national education policy and joint programmes linked to the Sustainable Development Goals and GCC Vision 2030. Data cited by the centre show full coverage of basic school services across the GCC, while international figures put the global average for such coverage at no more than 80 per cent. MP Dr Muneer Seroor praised Bahrain's system and said the country's illiteracy rate does not exceed 2 per cent.

**Evening courses**

He urged a wider push on digital literacy and called for more evening courses for teachers and working professionals. The lawmaker said digital illiteracy is the inability to use computers, the internet or common apps, or to apply them in practice to find information, gain knowledge and commu-



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“Stronger digital literacy builds cyber security awareness, supports anti-corruption work and helps economic and electronic security, while backing the government’s push towards a knowledge-based economy.”

- MP DR MUNEER SEROOR

nicate. “We in Bahrain enjoy full internet coverage and a strong telecoms backbone, but we need more sound training to raise technical skills among students, graduates and workers across sectors,” said the MP. **Performance and productivity** He said investment in digital skills improves performance and productivity and lifts the effective use of digital tools in learning and production. He added that stronger digital literacy builds cyber security awareness, supports anti-corruption work and helps economic and electronic security, while backing the government's push towards a knowledge-based economy. Dr Seroor said the drive fits modern learning modes such as lifelong learning, flexible learning and e-learning, and pointed to Finland and Estonia, which report high use of the internet for government and education after starting early in this field.

## Bahraini music at heart of Expo 2025 Osaka



Bahraini musicians bring together traditional music and contemporary styles at the event  
TDT | Manama

Preparations continue at the Bahrain Pavilion in Expo 2025 Osaka for the National Day celebration, to be held on September 18, under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. On this occasion, the Expo will host between 17 and 20 wide-ranging cultural programmes led by Bahraini music, with live performances that showcase the diversity of Bahrain's musical scene. The events will bring together traditional music and contemporary styles with the participation of leading Bahraini bands and musicians. Through this diversity, Bahraini music engages with the global Expo audience, affirming its role as a bridge of human connection and cultural openness.

# ‘Shravanam’ Onam festival features K.S. Chithra’s grand concert



K.S. Chithra with singers Madhu Balakrishnan, Nishad, and Anamika, performs before a huge crowd  
Pradeep Puravankara  
TDT | Manama

The ‘Shravanam’ Onam festival organized by the Bahrain

Keraleeya Samajam was highlighted by a captivating musical performance by renowned playback singer K.S. Chithra and her team.

A large number of people gathered at the Samajam's Diamond Jubilee Auditorium to enjoy the concert. Joining Chithra on stage



were acclaimed singers Madhu Balakrishnan, Nishad, and Anamika. The concert, which featured a nostalgic mix of old melodies, contemporary hits, and a fusion of Onam songs, added a special sweetness to the festival for expatriates. The event was led by Bahrain



Keraleeya Samajam President P.V. Radhakrishna Pillai, General Secretary Varghese Karakkal, and ‘Shravanam’ General Convener Varghese George.

## Training course



The General Organisation for Governorates Coordination, in cooperation with the Southern Governorate, organised a training course titled “Performance Excellence”, with the participation of several Interior Ministry personnel. This initiative comes as part of the commitment to developing competencies and enhancing the scientific skills of employees, contributing to improved performance and professional development.

## Real estate sector growth



Essam bin Abdullah Khalaf, Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) Board chairman, highlighted the continued growth of Bahrain's real estate sector, noting its resilience and adaptability within a well-structured regulatory framework that keeps pace with global standards. He stressed RERA's commitment to strengthening transparency and ensuring the highest standards of governance in the management of shared properties, with the aim of improving operational efficiency and reinforcing investor confidence. Khalaf was speaking as he chaired the board's fourth meeting of 2025. Ibrahim Mohammed Abel, CEO of the RERA, attended the meeting. The meeting also reviewed progress made during the third quarter of the year, including initiatives to further support the sector, enhance the quality of services provided, and intensify inspection and oversight to ensure compliance with regulations. Updates were presented on ongoing projects designed to improve performance and maintain market stability, reinforcing Bahrain's status as an attractive regional and international destination for real estate investment.



# BisB, Durrat Al Bahrain to offer **exclusive mortgage** finance package for **Jawharat Al Murjan Villas**

Offers a grace period of up to six months

- Flexibility to treat reservation fee as downpayment
- construction stage financing now available
- Competitive rates over a wide spectrum of financial requirements

Manama

Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of innovative Islamic financial solutions for simplifying money matters in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has partnered with Durrat Al Bahrain to provide exclusive Sharia'a compliant mortgage financing for Jawharat Al Murjan Villas within the prestigious Durrat Al Bahrain development.

This collaboration marks a key step in BisB's ongoing efforts to support homeownership in the Kingdom through innovative and accessible financial solutions that adhere to Islamic principles. With construction stage financing now available, prospective homeowners can secure their future residence early in the development cycle.

To make the financing process even more seamless, the Bank is offering a grace period



of up to six months, no need for property evaluation, and the flexibility to treat the reservation fee as the downpayment. Customers will also benefit from competitive rates designed to suit a wide spectrum of financial requirements.

Mr. Faisal Al Abdulla, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BisB,

stated, "Our collaboration with Durrat Al Bahrain underscores our mission to make property ownership more attainable for individuals and families across Bahrain. By offering Sharia'a compliant mortgage financing at the construction stage, we are welcoming customers to invest in high-quality residential

communities such as Jawharat Al Murjan with greater convenience and peace of mind. This initiative reflects how we are focused on designing practical options that support long term financial stability and lifestyle aspirations of our clientele."

Eng. Moaath Al Hasan, Executive Manager - Operations at

Durrat Al Bahrain, stated: "We at Durrat Al Bahrain are pleased to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Bahrain Islamic Bank to offer exceptional banking facilities for those wishing to join the Durrat Al Bahrain community through ownership in our new project, which represents the fourth phase of the Durrat master plan. We are introducing a variety of villa options under the names Jawharat Al Marjan and Al Yaqoot Villas, designed to suit all preferences."


Notably, the project is located approximately 40 km south of Manama within the renowned Durrat Al Bahrain resort, the Jawharat Al Murjan features around 200 sea-facing luxury villas on the Al Murjan Island 5. Designed for modern Gulf families, the villas range from 650 to 900 sqm of land and offer Three to five bedrooms, generous built-up areas (up to 500 sqm), outdoor seating, and balconies all set amid a resort style environment encompassing marinas, landscaped parks, health clubs, mosques, retail, and dining amenities.

# New round of US-China trade talks **kicks off**

AFP | Madrid, Spain

China and the United States kicked off the latest round of trade talks on Sunday in Madrid, where they are set to thrash out their TikTok dispute and President Donald Trump's promised hefty tariffs.

The Chinese delegation is in the Spanish capital until Wednesday and senior officials, including Vice Premier He Lifeng, will meet with the US delegation led by Treasury



China is the world's leading producer of rare earths, used to make magnets essential to the automotive, electronics and defence industries.

Secretary Scott Bessent.

The Spanish government said Sunday's talks got under way at the Palacio de Santa Cruz, the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Trade tensions between Beijing and Washington have been on a rollercoaster ride in 2025, with both sides slapping escalating tariffs on each other.

Tit-for-tat US-China tariffs reached triple digits on both sides at one point this year, snarling supply chains.

Washington and Beijing have since reached an agreement to de-escalate tensions, temporarily lowering tariffs to 30 percent on the United States' side and 10 percent on China's part.

In August, they delayed the threatened reimposition of higher tariffs on each other's exports for another 90 days -- meaning the pause on steeper duties will be in place until November 10.

"The Chinese and US delegations convened here on Sunday for talks on economic and trade

issues," China's official Xinhua news agency said in a report from the Spanish capital.

Top leaders from both countries will also discuss their dispute over the TikTok social media platform during the meetings in Madrid.

China urged the United States on Friday to address their dispute through dialogue.

The deadline for the popular app to find a non-Chinese buyer or be banned in the United States is September 17, after

Trump extended it for the third time.

A federal law requiring TikTok's sale or ban on national security grounds was due to take effect the day before Trump's January inauguration.

Beijing's commerce ministry called on Washington on Friday to "work with China on the basis of mutual respect and equal consultations, to resolve each other's concerns through dialogue and find a solution to the problem", according to a statement.

# American Mission Hospital's three centres receive **NHRA Diamond accreditation**

Manama

American Mission Hospital's three facilities, at Manama, Saar and Amwaj, have been awarded for the third time consecutively, the DIAMOND Accreditation, which is the highest level among accreditations given by NHRA (National Health Regulatory Authority) to healthcare facilities in Bahrain.

After strict inspections, NHRA awards this accreditation only to those facilities that meet 95% or more of the strict Accreditation Standards which define adherence to international best practices in quality and patient safety.

These were given by the Chairman of Bahrain's Supreme Council of Health, His Excellency Lt. Gen. Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al



Khalifa, at a ceremony held on Thursday (11 September) at the Royal Saray, Hotel in Seef.

The certifications were received by the Medical Directors of the branches and the QI/RM & IC (Quality Improvement/Risk Management and Infection Control) team.

"Our new facility in A'Ali, the King Hamad American Mission Hospital, had also been awarded a Diamond Accreditation last year, and our Riffa facility is also a Diamond Accredited facility", said Dr George Cheriyan, the Corporate CEO.

The hospital's QI/RM & IC (Quality Improvement/Risk Management and Infection Control) team led by Dr Jameela Al Salman, the Director of Quality oversees the processes and quality standards and their implementation, he added.





# HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman directs to develop Labour Fund's Five-Year operational strategy

Tamkeen holds Q3 BoD Meeting, Over 31,000 Bahrainis supported for employment and career development

● The strategy will reinforce Tamkeen's core objectives

● This year marks the conclusion of Tamkeen's 2022-2025 strategic cycle

Manama

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), today chaired Tamkeen's third quarterly Board of Directors meeting.

His Highness highlighted that citizens continue to be central to the Kingdom's national development plans, in line with the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

His Highness also emphasized the vital role of the Kingdom's national workforce in bolstering economic development, noting the wide-ranging capabilities of Bahrainis in driving efficient growth across sectors. HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman highlighted this as a key



driver of economic growth for the Kingdom of Bahrain.

His Highness also directed the development of Tamkeen's 2026-2030 strategy, in alignment with Bahrain's vision for economic growth and sustainable development. The strategy will reinforce Tamkeen's core objectives of continuing to develop national talent to become the first choice for employment in the labor market, while also supporting the growth of private sector enterprises as the main driver of the national economy.

The Board further reviewed Tamkeen's key recent achievements and received a briefing on Tamkeen's progress against their three main pillars: supporting job seekers entering the labor market, facilitating their career development, and providing enterprise support.

During the meeting, Ms. Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez, Chief Executive of Tamkeen, presented an overview of Tamkeen's achievements during the first three quarters of the year. This included support for over 14,100 Bahrainis entering the

labor market, more than 17,800 Bahrainis benefiting from training and career development initiatives, and assistance extended to over 5,900 enterprises across various sectors to foster growth, drive digital transformation, and enhance productivity.

During the last quarter, Tamkeen launched the Digital Enablement Programme, aimed at supporting enterprises in advancing their operations through the adoption of digital tools and solutions, enhancing efficiency and productivity.

The programme offers two distinct tracks for enterprises to benefit from innovative digital solutions. Under the first track, businesses can access a variety of tailored digital tools provided by accredited service providers, which offer solutions that boost productivity and address specific business needs. The second track provides enterprises with the flexibility to select a service provider of their choice to implement digital solutions tailored to their operational requirements.

This year marks the conclu-

sion of Tamkeen's 2022-2025 strategic cycle, which has focused on empowering Bahraini talent in the private sector, enabling career development through skills enhancement, accelerating enterprise growth, and digital transformation to boost labor market effectiveness and private sector performance. These efforts are aligned with the national goal of driving sustainable economic growth in the Kingdom of Bahrain.



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## US Fed poised for first rate cut of 2025 as *political tension mounts*

AFP | Washington, United States

The US Federal Reserve is widely expected to make its first interest rate cut of the year at its policy meeting this week, spurred by a weakening jobs market -- but political tension looms over the gathering.

The Fed's likely move would follow a monthslong push



from President Donald Trump to slash rates, and comes amid growing concern about political pressure on the independent central bank.

Since the bank's last reduction in December, it has held interest rates at a range between 4.25 percent and 4.50 percent as policymakers monitor the effects of Trump's sweeping tariffs on inflation.

Analysts now broadly expect a 25 basis points rate cut at the end of its two-day meeting on Wednesday, as hiring slows.

"What's interesting is that it's very clear what the Fed is go-

ing to do when they meet," said Josh Lipsky, chair of international economics at the Atlantic Council.

"Yet, despite that, there's high drama around this meeting," he added, referring to personnel issues on the rate-setting Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC).

While Trump has dropped threats of ousting Fed Chair Jerome Powell over renovation costs at the central bank's Washington headquarters, the president moved to fire Fed Governor Lisa Cook in August over mortgage fraud allegations.

Cook, who was appointed under former president Joe Biden and is the first Black woman to serve on the Fed's board of gov-

ernors, swiftly mounted a legal challenge against her removal.

She has managed to remain in place while the lawsuit, which could have implications for similar moves against other Fed officials, plays out.

Meanwhile, the early resignation in August of another Fed governor, Adriana Kugler, created a vacancy that Trump has rushed to fill with his chief economic adviser Stephen Miran.

Miran chairs the White House Council of Economic Advisers but has drawn criticism from Democratic lawmakers over his plans to take a leave of absence -- rather than resign -- from the Trump administration if confirmed.

A panel has nonetheless ad-

vanced his nomination and if confirmed quickly by the Republican-majority Senate, he could join the Fed in its next rate meeting.

### Recession risks

Come Wednesday, markets will be focused on signals surrounding the Fed's future pace -- and size -- of rate cuts, Lipsky said.

KPMG chief economist Diane Swonk expects this to mark the "start of an easing cycle that the Fed won't want to commit to."

Traders will also monitor Powell's remarks on whether he sees inflation risks abating, particularly as worries over price pressures previously held back rate reductions.

"The inflation genie has not quite been put back into the bottle," said Wells Fargo analysts in a recent note.

Data released Thursday showed that the consumer price index, a key inflation gauge, ticked up to 2.9 percent in August -- its highest pace since the start of the year.

"The labour market is in a precarious position, with nearly stagnant job growth, deteriorating worker sentiment and an unemployment rate that has inched above many estimates of full employment," Wells Fargo noted.

"With so little positive momentum in the labor market, recession risks have ticked higher," the report said.



# KFH launches new MyHassad savings scheme offering Bahrain's largest prize pool at **BD 5.5 Million**

Biggest individual prize of BD 1.1 million

Manama

Kuwait Finance House B.S.C. (c) is proud to unveil its newly designed MyHassad savings scheme, inspired by KFH's brand promise "Beyond Horizons."

The new edition of MyHassad sets a new benchmark with the largest prize pool of BD 5.5 million, country's biggest individual prize of BD 1.1 million, most generous Monthly Grand Prize of BD 101,000, and awarding 2,200+ customers. The prize pool also includes Elite Prizes of BD 50,000 and Special Monthly Prizes of BD 10,000. Furthermore, Monthly Prizes of BD 300 will be distributed, alongside exclusive prizes to celebrate special occasions such as Eid al-Adha, Eid al-Fitr, and National Day.

The prize scheme offers greater chances of winning for customers who maintain and grow their balances over time, rewarding loyalty and encouraging a culture of saving.

Dr. Shadi Zahran, Group Chief Executive Officer - Bahrain, stated, "The reimagined MyHassad savings scheme is a direct reflection of our 'Beyond Horizons' philosophy. By offering the largest prize pool in Bahrain, we are not just rewarding our customers; we are investing in their future and reaffirming our commitment to driving innova-

tion and value within the Kingdom's financial landscape. This initiative underscores our dedication to exceeding expectations and creating unparalleled opportunities for our clients." Mohamed Zakout, Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer Retail Banking - Bahrain, commented, "We are thrilled to launch this new chapter of MyHassad, designed with our customers' dreams at its core. With the country's biggest individual prize and reward-

ing

over 2,200 winners, we are creating more life-changing moments than ever before. Our goal is to not only reward loyalty but also to foster a strong savings culture, empowering our customers to achieve their financial aspirations, whether it's owning a home, starting a business, or securing their family's future."

Participating in the MyHassad savings scheme is simple and accessible. Bahraini nationals and residents can open a MyHassad account via the KFH Mobile Application or by visiting any branch with a minimum deposit of just BD 50. The scheme is designed to reward consistent saving, as customers can increase their chances of winning by increasing their deposit amounts and maintaining them for longer periods.

Mohamed Zakout, Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer Retail Banking - Bahrain



## EO Bahrain Chapter contributed **\$120 Million** in business activity, created 3,900 Jobs: Fareed Bader

Currently comprises 37 Bahraini entrepreneurs



● **Marked the formation of new Board of Directors**

● **Board of Directors composed of 15 accomplished entrepreneurs**

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The President of the Bahrain Chapter of the Entrepreneurs' Organisation (EO Bahrain), businessman Mr. Fareed Bader, revealed that the organization currently comprises 37 Bahraini entrepreneurs whose companies and institutions collectively represent an investment volume of approximately 120 million US dollars. Together, these enterprises contribute to the national economy by creating around 3,900 employment opportunities across diverse sectors.

This was announced during a gathering hosted by the EO Bahrain Chapter to mark the formation of its new Board of Directors, which was attended by the organization's members along with a distinguished group of partners and supporters from Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

"The newly elected Board of Directors will work to expand the organization's membership to 50 entrepreneurs. Our objective is to attract individuals with distinguished entrepreneurial achievements, whose expertise and vision will strengthen the organization's growth and extend tangible benefits to all members," said Mr. Fareed Bader in his address.

During the event, Mrs. Hael Engineer, a member of the Board of Directors, presented a detailed overview of the organization's forthcoming activities, programmes, and events scheduled for the year ahead. These initiatives are intended to strengthen the entrepreneurship ecosystem in Bahrain, foster strategic

partnerships, and highlight outstanding entrepreneurial experiences at the local, regional, and international levels. Other Board members also outlined their plans and programmes for the coming period, emphasising strategies to advance innovation and sustainable growth.

The EO Bahrain Chapter Board of Directors is composed of 15 accomplished entrepreneurs representing diverse sectors of the economy. The Board is chaired by Mr. Fareed Bader and includes Mr. Bob Thaker, Mr. Mohamed Al Aali, Mrs. Hael Engineer, Mr. Mohammed Al Aani, Mr. Ahmed Shah, Mr. Nabeel Radhi, Mr. Hemant Bhatia, Mr. Faisal Juma, Mr. Mohammed Almuharraqi, Mrs. Mashael Fairouz, Mr. Safa Sharif, Mr. Mohamed Alsaeed, Mr. Saad Asghar Ali, and Ms. Cristina Toledo, Board Chapter Manager.

The Entrepreneurs' Organisation (EO) is a global network of more than 18,000 influential business leaders, encompassing 220 chapters in over 75 countries. Founded in 1987, EO serves as a catalyst for entrepreneurial growth by providing a platform that enables members to learn, share knowledge, and expand their ventures. Collectively, EO members generate an estimated 500 million US dollars in global GDP contributions and create employment opportunities for more than 5.2 million people worldwide.



News in brief

◆ **The Democratic Republic of Congo** began on Sunday a vaccine programme against a fresh Ebola epidemic, which has killed 28 people in the country since late August. A first load of 400 doses against the often fatal viral disease was handed out in the hotspot town of Bulape, in the central Kasai province, the World Health Organization said. The last outbreak of Ebola in the vast central African nation was three years ago and killed six people. Its deadliest, lasting from 2018 to 2020, left 2,300 dead out of 3,500 people known to have been infected. According to the latest toll from the Congolese health authorities on Sunday, 28 deaths and 81 confirmed cases have been registered since the first confirmed infection of a pregnant 34-year-old woman on August 20. The WHO believes the fatality rate from this epidemic, which was declared in early September, to be around 35 percent.



**DR Congo begins vaccinating against new Ebola outbreak**

**19 women and children killed in Nigeria wedding bus crash**

◆ **A bus taking part** in wedding celebrations fell into a river in northern Nigeria, killing at least 19 women and children among the passengers, a union official and residents said yesterday. The driver stopped the bus on a bridge that had partially collapsed on Saturday evening but it rolled back into the river, Abubakar Muhammed, an official with the NURTW transport operators union, told AFP. The bus was in a wedding convoy escorting a bride to her new husband's house and crashed near the village of Fass in Zamfara state, added the official, who said the driver may have forgotten to use the hand brake. The bus had been heading for Jega in neighbouring Kebbi state. Residents of Fass confirmed the toll of women and children killed.

◆ **Nepal's new leader** vowed yesterday to follow protesters' demands to "end corruption" as she began work as interim prime minister, after "Gen Z" youth demonstrations ousted her predecessor. Sushila Karki, the 73-year-old former chief justice, has been tasked with restoring order and addressing protesters' demands for a corruption-free future ahead of elections in six months. Protests, sparked by a ban on social media and feeding into long-standing economic woes, began on Monday and quickly escalated, with parliament and key government buildings set ablaze. "We have to work according to the thinking of the Gen Z generation," Karki said in her first public comments since taking office on Friday. A fifth of people in Nepal aged 15-24 are unemployed, according to the World Bank, with GDP per capita standing at just \$1,447, in the Himalayan nation of 30 million people.

**New Nepal PM vows to follow protesters' demands to 'end corruption'**



SPOTLIGHT

**First group of sick, injured Gaza kids UK-bound under govt scheme**



Representative picture

AFP | London, United Kingdom

A first group of sick and wounded children from Gaza are headed to Britain under a scheme allowing them to receive medical treatment, the UK's health ministry confirmed Sunday.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced in July that Britain will evacuate Gazan children for treatment, noting most hospitals in the Palestinian territory are no longer functioning.

The government has said the scheme is essential due to the lack of vital medicines and supplies in Gaza and medical workers being unable to do their jobs safely.

"We expect the children and their immediate family members to arrive in the UK in the coming weeks," said a health ministry statement, noting that no flight details would be released "for operational security reasons".

In an interview with the Daily Mirror newspaper on Friday, Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper said the first group of children "have left Gaza and are on the way... to the UK".

The paper reported the children are being cared for by medics in another country in the region, before coming to Britain for treatment.

A small number of injured Gazan children have already been brought to Britain under a private programme, Project Pure Hope.

Ministers have not said how many children will arrive under the new scheme, with reports the first cohort could comprise 30 to 50.

Authorities are also working to evacuate students with places to study at British universities. "It's a lot of diplomatic work in order to help them actually leave Gaza and then also travel through other countries in order to be able to get to the UK," Cooper told The Mirror.

Qatar PM urges world to **'stop using double standards'** and punish Israel

Preparatory meeting on the eve of an emergency summit

AFP | Doha, Qatar

Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani urged the international community yesterday to "stop using double standards" and punish Israel for what he described as its "crimes".

He was speaking at a preparatory meeting on the eve of an emergency summit of Arab and Islamic leaders organised by Qatar after Israel carried out an unprecedented air strike on Hamas leaders in Doha.

"The time has come for the international community to stop using double standards and to punish Israel for all the crimes it has committed, and Israel needs to know that the ongoing war of extermination that our brotherly Palestinian people is being subjected to, and whose aim is to ex-



Flags fly along the road leading to the hotel holding Arab-Islamic summit

pel them from their land, will not work," the prime minister said.

According to Qatar's foreign ministry spokesman, Majed al-Ansari, Monday's meeting of Arab and Islamic leaders will consider "a draft resolution on

the Israeli attack on the State of Qatar".

Among the leaders attending will be Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani. Palestinian president

Mahmud Abbas arrived in Doha on Sunday, on the eve of the summit.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was also expected to attend, Turkish media reported.

It remained to be seen whether Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, would attend, though he visited Qatar earlier this week in a show of neighbourly solidarity.

Qatar, which hosts the largest US military base in the region, plays a key mediation role in the Israel-Hamas war, alongside the United States and Egypt.

Hamas politburo member Bassem Naim said the militant movement, whose October 2023 attack on Israel sparked the Gaza war, hoped the summit would produce "a decisive and unified Arab-Islamic position" and "clear and specific measures" on Israel and the war.

*Netanyahu says US alliance 'has never been stronger' as Rubio visits*

Trump has rebuked Israel over Tuesday's strike

● The strike has put renewed strain on efforts to secure a ceasefire in Gaza

● UN General Assembly voted to back a revival of the two-state solution

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday that a visit to Israel by top US diplomat Marco Rubio underscored the strength of ties between the allies.

US leader Donald Trump has rebuked Israel over Tuesday's strike, and Rubio acknowledged to reporters before departing Washington that the president was "not happy" about it, but he insisted the attack would not "change the nature of our relationship with the Israelis".

Nevertheless, the strike has put renewed strain on efforts to secure a ceasefire in Gaza, and Rubio allowed that the United States and Israel were "going to have to talk about" its impact.

Netanyahu has defended the operation -- which targeted Hamas officials gathering to discuss a new US ceasefire proposal -- saying killing the group's leaders would remove the "main obstacle" to ending the Gaza war.

On Sunday, Rubio offered prayers at Jerusalem's sacred Western Wall alongside Netanyahu and US ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee, an AFP correspondent reported.

Netanyahu said afterwards



US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visit the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City



Palestinian children queue in front of a charity kitchen in the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip

that the visit showed the Israeli-American alliance was "as strong, as durable as the stones in the Western Wall that we just touched".

Under Rubio and President Donald Trump, "the alliance has never been stronger", he added.

Rubio's main meetings with officials, including Netanyahu,

will take place on Monday before he departs on Tuesday.

**38 killed**

Gaza's civil defence agency said at least 38 people had been killed since dawn Sunday in Israeli strikes around the territory.

On Friday, the UN General Assembly voted to back a revival of



Activists taking part in the Global Sumud Flotilla, bound for the Gaza Strip to break Israel's blockade on the Palestinian territory, ride aboard a sailboat departing from Tunisia's northern port of Bizerte

the two-state solution, in defiance of Israeli opposition.

Nevertheless, Israel retains the backing of its most powerful ally and biggest arms supplier, the United States.

Of the 251 people taken hostage by Palestinian group in October 2023, 47 remain in Gaza, including 25 the Israeli military says are dead.

The war was sparked by Hamas's October 2023 attack on Israel, which resulted in the deaths of 1,219 people, most of them civilians, according to an AFP tally of official figures.

Israel's retaliatory campaign in Gaza has killed at least 64,871 people, also mostly civilians, according to figures from the health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza that the United Nations considers reliable.



First non-aristocratic, free public school in Europe is opened in Frascati, Italy

HMS Beagle, with Charles Darwin on board, reaches the Galápagos Islands



First use of tanks in warfare, Britain's Mark I "Little Willies" at the Battle of Flers-Courcelette, part of the Battle of the Somme

Scottish bacteriologist Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin while sorting through petri dishes containing colonies of the bacteria Staphylococcus



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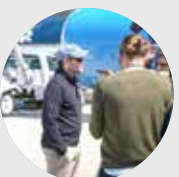
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Our Indian Women's Hockey Team has made the nation proud by winning the Silver Medal in the Women's Asia Cup 2025. Congratulations to them. Their determination and team spirit are simply outstanding. Wishing them the very best for the times to come.

@narendramodi

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On my way to Jerusalem. My focus will be on securing the return of hostages, finding ways to make sure humanitarian aid reaches civilians, and addressing the threat posed by Hamas. Hamas cannot continue to exist if peace in the region is the goal.

@SecRubio

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Vaccination of front-line health workers and contacts of people infected with #Ebola has begun in the #DRC's Kasai Province where an outbreak of the disease has been declared: <https://afro.who.int/countries/democratic-republic-of-congo/news/ebola-vaccination-begins-democratic-republic-congo>

@DrTedros

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I strongly condemn the reported killings of at least 40 people during a brutal attack by armed gangs in the Cabaret commune in Haiti. My heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims & the people & Government of Haiti.

@antonioгутеррес

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)

Displaced Palestinians move with their belongings southwards on a road in the Nuseirat refugee camp area in the central Gaza Strip following renewed Israeli evacuation orders for Gaza City



# Palestinians flee Gaza City under Israeli bombardment

AFP | Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

Palestinian families streamed out of Gaza City yesterday, some crammed into pick-up trucks, others on foot, as Israeli forces pressed their assault on the territory's main urban centre.

Parents carried their children while the elderly hobbled along, an AFP journalist reported.

A man in a wheelchair and another on crutches were among the long line of people heading south under Israeli military orders.

The military has issued multiple evacuation warnings for Gaza City, but many residents have told AFP they have nowhere else to go, noting that Israel has repeatedly struck the area in the south where it has urged people to move.

The scenes of mass flight from Gaza City came as US Secretary of State Marco Rubio arrived in Israel in a show of support, despite an Israeli strike in Qatar this week.

The Israeli military's Arabic-language spokesman, Avichay Adraee, issued yesterday a warning to those in Gaza's port area and Al-Rimal neighbourhood to evacuate immediately to a "humanitarian zone" in the south, where Gazans say there is no more space to pitch tents.

He had on Saturday said more than 250,000 Gaza City residents had already fled, while Gaza's civil defence agency said the figure was closer to 68,000.

Media restrictions in Gaza and difficulties in accessing many areas mean AFP is unable to in-



dependently verify the details provided by the civil defence agency or the Israeli military.

## Panic and extreme fear

Prior to the latest assault, the United Nations had estimated that around a million people lived in and around the city, where it officially declared famine last month.

AFP footage showed exhausted families moving along the coastal road near Nuseirat south of Gaza City, with their belongings stacked high in vehicles.

In the city itself, "the bombardment hasn't stopped since dawn," said Umm Alaa Shaaban, 45, a resident of Tal al-Hawa district in Gaza City's southwest.

"We haven't slept all night... The sounds of shelling and ex-

ploding have not stopped until now," she told AFP.

According to Shaaban, the Israeli air force "bombed many houses... we were terribly afraid -- my children screamed in terror."

"We don't know where to go. The bombardment is everywhere."

Mohammed Ghazal, 32, who fled from Gaza City's Shujaiya neighbourhood, also said the strikes were relentless.

"We are living in a state of panic and extreme fear. The shelling hasn't stopped since dawn, the explosions are

intense and the shooting continuous," he told AFP.

"Israeli forces are using terrifying methods and escalating the bombardment to frighten us and force us to flee south."

In recent days, the Israeli military has targeted several high-rise buildings in Gaza City, saying they were being used by Hamas militants.

On Sunday, it said it had

struck another high-rise where Hamas had set up "observation posts to monitor the location of... troops in the area".

AFP also saw an Israeli leaflet dropped on residents, telling them they were in a "dangerous combat zone" -- a message the military has repeated for weeks.

A man pushes as a woman pulls a wheelchair bound man carrying a child as they travel on foot with other displaced Palestinians evacuating southbound from Gaza City along the coastal road in Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip





# Lab-grown diamonds

## robbing southern Africa of riches

AFP | Johannesburg, South Africa

Botswana and southern African peers that built much of their prosperity on diamonds are scrambling for alternatives as cheaper, lab-grown stones threaten their economies.

Diamond-dependent Botswana is leading the way and launched a sovereign wealth fund this week to lay the “foundation for a more resilient, sustainable and diversified future beyond diamonds”.

It is exploring other avenues too, like boosting luxury wild-life tourism, launching into the medicinal cannabis market and



A picture taken at De Beers office in Gaborone shows diamonds from Botswana diamonds mines. Botswana and its southern African peers that built much of their prosperity on diamond pulled from the earth are scrambling for alternatives as cheaper, lab-grown stones are already undercutting their economies, analysts say.

“Countries such as Angola, Namibia and South Africa are all exposed but not to the same degree as Botswana,” economist Brendon Verster at the Oxford Economics Africa think tank told AFP.

The stones are the country’s main source of income and account for about 30 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP) and 80 percent of its exports, according to the International Monetary Fund.

But, as consumers turn to cheaper diamonds created in China and India, the average price of a one-carat natural diamond is falling.

The price dropped from a peak of \$6,819 in May 2022 to \$4,997 by December 2024, according to the World Diamond Council.

Botswana, which is 70 percent desert, was lifted from poverty by the discovery of diamonds in the 1960s. It is already feeling the effects of the lab-grown competition.

### ‘Risks of economic collapse’

As its foreign reserves deplete, the government has turned to debt to fill the public coffers.

Government funds ran so low that the health system teetered on the verge of collapse in August, leading Boko to declare a state of emergency.

“If left unaddressed, there is a real risk of the situation becoming not just an economic challenge but a social time bomb,” he said in July.

Highlighting the fears, global ratings agency S&P on Friday

dropped its long-term ratings on Botswana one notch to “BBB” and declared a negative outlook, citing the rapid expansion of the lab-diamond market.

Synthetic stones had captured “approximately 20 percent of the global market by value and up to 50 percent by volume in the US engagement ring segment in 2025,” it said in a statement.

Diversification is “essentially now or never”, Verster said.

“We don’t really see anything that would cause a monumental shift back in favour of natural diamonds to curb the rising popularity of synthetic diamonds.”

Also suffering is tiny Lesotho, where diamonds contribute up to 10 percent of its \$2 billion GDP and the larger, vital textile market has been hit by US tariffs.

This month its biggest diamond mine, Letseng, said it would lay off a fifth of its workforce, citing “sustained pricing pressure” and “softer demand in key markets”.

The mine closures “could heighten risks of economic collapse”, independent economic analyst Thabo Qhesi told AFP, stressing an urgent need to explore other options, such as rare-earth resources.

### The ‘real thing’

In a bid to keep the sparkle alive, Angola, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and the Democratic Republic of Congo pledged in June to allocate one percent of their annual diamond revenues to marketing natural diamonds.

The campaign would need to reframe their value as a coveted “luxury product”, former Bank of Botswana deputy governor Keith Jefferis told AFP.

“We see a significant oppor-

tunity to engage consumers in the story of responsibly sourced diamonds from Botswana,” De Beers, also taking part, told AFP.

The South Africa-British firm is meanwhile exploring the potential of synthetic diamonds in high-tech fields like quantum networks and semiconductors, as prices fall below \$100 per carat.

For Botswanan ministry of minerals official Jacob Thamage, natural and lab-made diamonds “offer different value propositions to different consumers and therefore can and will coexist”.

In an upscale Johannesburg mall, behind fortified steel gates, a natural yellow diamond priced at over \$50,000 stood as a symbol of exclusivity.

Just steps away, a lab-grown diamond valued at \$115 was unguarded.

“We each have our target,” one jeweller said. “So long as everyone is happy.”



workers using helium gas to produce natural diamonds at HVK International manufacturing firm in Surat.

## Kenya’s only breastmilk bank, life-line for premature babies

AFP | Nairobi, Kenya

Surrounded by incubators, a red tube snaking into her tiny nose, four-day-old Grace-Ella is being fed donated breastmilk at the only facility in Kenya that offers the life-giving service.

The breastmilk bank at Pumwani Maternity Hospital is one of very few across sub-Saharan Africa, and is especially helpful for premature babies, of which roughly 134,000 are born each year in Kenya.

Mothers who give birth prematurely are often unable to produce breastmilk and must rely on formula, which can be less nutritious and increases the risk of infection, especially since water is often contaminated.

The milk bank in Nairobi, established in 2019 with the support of British aid money and PATH, an NGO, allows babies like Grace-Ella to benefit from the generosity of others.

“It was super-exciting,” her mother Margaret Adhiambo, 28, told AFP, adding she had not heard of the programme before she delivered prematurely at 30 weeks.

“Before I accepted, I was a bit sceptical because it gave me some feeling of guilt like I could



Hannah Wangechi Maina, a senior nurse gestures towards reserves donated breastmilk preserved in a freezer to await screening at a human milk bank in the Pumwani Maternity Hospital, Nairobi

not give my daughter my own breastmilk.”

But “it helped me because my daughter didn’t starve, at least she got some food,” she added.

### ‘Good to help’

Underweight babies face a daunting array of risks and breastmilk can, quite literally, tip the scales in their favour.

“When we feed them human milk we find they are growing faster compared to a baby who is getting formula,” said Muthoni Ogola, the doctor heading the

programme.

Yet the World Health Organization (WHO) says fewer than half of all infants worldwide are exclusively breastfed.

A key advantage of breastmilk is the antibodies passed to the infant, said Pumwani nurse Hannah Wangechi Maina.

She moves with the efficiency needed for a maternity ward that cares for at least 90 mothers and babies at a time.

“We usually have many mothers lining up to receive the expressed breastmilk,” she said.



Margaret Adhiambo (R), 28, checks on her daughter, Grace-Ella, delivered pre-term an incubator-station for babies born ahead of schedule at the Pumwani Maternity Hospital, Nairobi

On a recent visit by AFP, she helped first-time mother Esther Wanjiru, 22, through the process of donating.

Wanjiru was given counselling and tests for diseases including HIV and hepatitis before sitting to pump.

The milk was then tested, both pre- and post-pasteurisation, and then frozen, allowing it to be stored for up to a year.

“It feels good to help... It sort of feels like a massage,” Wanjiru told AFP with a shy grin.

### Funding shortfall

For the hospital team, it is frustrating that they only have enough equipment to provide milk to hospitalised children on the ward, as well as occasional donations to two other hospitals.

It is a much cheaper option than formula, but the equipment is expensive, said hospital CEO Christine Kiteshuo.

“Some of this equipment can only be found in Europe (or) the US, so it becomes a problem for us to procure,” Kiteshuo told

AFP. The hospital would love to help mothers out in the community, especially since many live in informal settlements without fridges or clean running water. “That becomes one of the challenges that we experience right now -- that we cannot help the mothers outside the facility,” said Kiteshuo.



Breast milk isn’t the same every day – its composition changes over time to meet a baby’s needs. For example, milk produced right after birth (called colostrum) is thick, yellowish, and packed with antibodies, while later milk contains more fat and calories to support rapid growth.



# CAMPUS

## BIS celebrates Founder's Day



Bhavans- Bahrain Indian School celebrated its 11th Founder's Day with cultural performances by students. Principal, Saji Jacob expressing gratitude to the school management, Chairman N. K. Ramachandra Menon, Directors Himanshu Verma and Ritu Verma for their unwavering support and professional guidance.

## Al Noor welcomes students back for new Academic Year



Al Noor International School welcomed back its students as the new academic year 2025-26 commenced. Abdul Rahman AlKooheji, the Principal, greeted students and families at the school, along with the leadership teams from Kindergarten, Primary, Middle, and Senior School sections

## Seef Properties offers university students a career skills boost through 'Taasis' internship program

**Manama**

Seef Properties successfully concluded the first edition of its internship program, 'Taasis'. The two-month initiative brought together 17 university students, offering them the opportunity to sharpen their professional skills while gaining valuable, hands-on experience in the real estate sector.

Participants worked on real company projects across various departments, received professional mentorship, and took part in specialized workshops designed to develop both their personal and professional skills. The program also created future opportunities for high-achieving students, including the possibility of employment with Seef Properties.



Seef Properties Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Yusuf said: "This initiative highlights our commitment to the development of Bahrain's human capital and to shaping a new generation that is ready to take on the challenges of the real estate sector. We believe in the importance of offering students applied knowledge and practical skills that will prepare them for the jobs market and help them contribute to the sustainable economic growth of the Kingdom."

Seef Properties Human Resources and Administration Manager, Abeer Al Shaikh said: "We designed the training to directly address the needs of the real estate sector, and were pleased to see its positive impact it had in building participants' confidence and helping them discover their potential. We will continue to build on this program to open wider horizons for Bahraini youth, equipping them with the confidence and skills they need to pursue successful careers."

## Bhavans- BIS students visit Indian Naval Ship

**Manama**

Bhavans - Bahrain Indian School (BIS) organized an educational visit for Grade 11 Science students to the Indian Naval Ship INS Tarkash, under the aegis of the Defence Wing of the Embassy of India, Bahrain.

The visit to Mina Salman Port offered students first-hand exposure to India's naval strength and maritime defence systems. Students toured navigation and communication facilities, interacted with naval officers, and explored career opportunities in the Armed Forces.

Directors Himanshu Verma and Ritu Verma, and Principal Saji Jacob commended the initiative.



## EKK and INJAZ Bahrain conclude 2025 summer internship program

**Manama**

Ebrahim Khalil Kanoo (EKK) concluded its annual summer internship program, organized in partnership with INJAZ Bahrain.

Ten students, from various technical schools, received a hands-on introduction to automotive maintenance.

Throughout their month-long training at the Ebrahim Khalil Kanoo state-of-the-art training facility, the participants were introduced to the fundamentals principles of routine vehicle maintenance and explored potential career paths within the automotive services sector.



## Jetour Bahrain Partners with Capital Governorate to Support Children of Batelco Home for Child Welfare

**Manama**

Jetour Bahrain, in collaboration with the Capital Governorate, organized a back-to-school initiative for the children of Batelco Home for Child Welfare.

The project provided school bags filled with essential stationery to help the children feel prepared and confident as they begin the new school year. "Education is the foundation for a brighter future, and by supporting the children of Batelco Home for Child Welfare we hope to give them a strong start and the confidence they deserve," said Saad Alzowayed, Assistant General Manager of Jetour Bahrain.



## NMS hosts intra –school music and dance competition

New Millennium School, Bahrain hosted its Intra-School Music and Dance Competition, 'TAAL 2025' for the students of Grades I TO VIII on 10th and 11th September. Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai and Managing Director Geetha Pillai, and Principal Dr Arun Kumar Sharma congratulated the participants





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# City dominate United in derby rout

Haaland scores twice as City cruise to 3-0 victory in Manchester derby

- Haaland scores second-half double
- Foden opens scoring with header
- Donnarumma makes stunning debut save
- United's fourth loss in five games

AFP | London

Erling Haaland struck twice as Manchester City inflicted another damaging defeat on Manchester United boss Ruben Amorim with a comprehensive 3-0 win yesterday.

Phil Foden opened the scoring before Haaland took centre stage with a second-half double, either side of an incredible miss from the Norwegian, as City bounced back from two consecutive Premier League defeats.

United went into a derby ahead of City in the table for the first time in five years.

But that owed more to City's early season struggles than signs of progress for Amorim's men, who have taken just four points from their opening four games and been dumped out of the League Cup by fourth-tier Grimsby.

To cap a fine City display, goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma



Manchester City's Norwegian striker #09 Erling Haaland controls the ball

marked his debut with a stunning save from Bryan Mbeumo to deny United a foothold in the game at 2-0.

City remain six points adrift of leaders Liverpool, but victory is a huge confidence boost for Pep Guardiola's side ahead of facing Serie A champions Napoli and Premier League title rivals Arsenal next week.

Before kick-off, both sets of fans put rivalry aside to pay

tribute to boxing legend Ricky Hatton, who died yesterday at the age of 46.

A massive City fan, Hatton's face was displayed on big screens during a minute's applause.

Foden, a fellow boyhood City supporter, said before kick-off the news gave the home side extra motivation to win in Hatton's honour.

And the England international was central to a much-needed

victory after a difficult start to the campaign for Foden and City.

The 25-year-old was the Premier League player of the season in the 2023/24 campaign, but his form dipped drastically last season.

Fitness issues meant he had not started a game this season until yesterday, but took just 18 minutes to make his mark.

United's defence allowed Jeremy Doku to bundle his way

to the by-line and the Belgian's cross picked out Foden, completely unmarked, to head in the opening goal.

Both goalkeepers were under the spotlight as Ruben Amorim kept faith with Altay Bayindir over new signing Senne Lammens.

## Donnarumma decisive

Tijjani Reijnders fired straight at Bayindir when presented with the chance to quickly double City's advantage.

Doku was the creator once more when City did double their lead on 53 minutes.

Haaland showed his power, pace and incredible precision to dink the ball over the onrushing Bayindir.

City's number nine went from the sublime to the ridiculous moments later when he missed an open goal with the chance to double his tally.

United were architects of their own danger as Matthijs de Ligt's poor pass set up a City counter-attack.

Reijnders' dummy set Haaland clear on goal, but after rounding Bayindir, he could only hit the post on the stretch.

Moments later Donnarumma produced his moment of magic to prevent what could have been a turning point.

Mbeumo's sweetly-struck volley was arrowing into the bottom corner until the Italian reached out a giant right hand to turn it behind.

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United went into a derby ahead of City in the table for the first time in five years, but the result heaped more pressure on manager Ruben Amorim

What could have been 2-1 was soon 3-0 thanks to another United gift.

Harry Maguire this time gave away possession to Bernardo Silva, who set Haaland racing away into the vacant United half and he kept his cool to score for the eighth time in nine appearances against United.

Reijnders should have rubbed further salt in the Red Devils' wounds when the Dutch international slotted wide with just Bayindir to beat.

But that did not stop the City fans goading Amorim with chants of "sacked in the morning".

The Portuguese is not in danger of an immediate dismissal, but his Premier League record now reads a dismal eight wins in 31 games.

## Salah scores last-gasp penalty as Liverpool stay perfect



Virgil van Dijk of Liverpool heads the ball clear during the match

AFP | London

Mohamed Salah scored a last-gasp penalty against Burnley yesterday as Liverpool maintained their perfect record to climb back to the top of the Premier League.

Newly-promoted Burnley had kept the champions at bay but a handball from Hannibal Mejbri deep into stoppage time gave Salah a chance to win the match and he made no mistake.

Liverpool have now won all four of their Premier League matches this season after the 80th minute.

They are three points clear of Arsenal, who went top of the Premier League with a 3-0 win against Nottingham Forest on Saturday.

The visitors dominated pos-

session against Scott Parker's men but failed to break the deadlock.

Slot left new signing Alexander Isak out of his squad altogether after warning he would ease the forward into action gradually.

But he could still field an impressive attacking line-up including Salah, Cody Gakpo, Florian Wirtz and Hugo Ekitike.

Liverpool dominated from the start, with Gakpo having an early sight of goal.

Burnley sought to break quickly when they won possession and Jaidon Anthony fired over in the seventh minute.

Ibrahima Konate had a chance to give Liverpool the lead but headed Gakpo's corner over the bar from close range.

# Marc Marquez nears seventh MotoGP title after San Marino triumph

AFP | Misano Adriatico

Marc Marquez is on the verge of winning his seventh MotoGP world title after triumphing in yesterday's San Marino Grand Prix and breaking the sport's all-time record for championship points.

Ducati rider Marc Marquez is on a whopping 512 points with six race weekends remaining and needs to earn three more than his brother Alex Marquez, who finished third, at the Japan MotoGP later this month to draw level with his great rival and motorcycling icon Valentino Rossi.

It would be his first championship victory since 2019 and crown a comeback from an injury nightmare which began when he broke his right arm at the start of the 2020 season.

He claimed a career 99th GP win across MotoGP, Moto2 and Moto3 from fourth on the starting grid, winning a brilliant battle with Aprilia's pole sitter Marco Bezzecchi who won Saturday's sprint after Marc Marquez crashed while in the lead.

"I gave everything I had, the mistake from yesterday gave me extra concentration, extra power, extra energy," said Marc Marquez.

"I was just there following him, trying to push him, always super close, because



Ducati Lenovo Team's Spanish MotoGP rider Marc Marquez (R) leads Aprilia Racing team's Italian MotoGP rider Marco Bezzecchi (L)

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"Super important for Ducati. I felt the pressure this weekend that for them it was super important to win both the Italian GPs, in Mugello and here. We did it so happy for all the Ducatisti (fans)."

Just as during Saturday's sprint race Marc Marquez charged past Fabio Quartararo and his brother Alex Marquez at the green light to nestle in

behind Italian Bezzecchi.

## Marquez dominance

But unlike on Saturday, when the Spaniard slid off the track after overtaking Bezzecchi, he made no such mistake once he snuck into the race lead during lap 12.

He pounced on a slip from Bezzecchi who went wide on a corner during lap 12 and from there rode expertly to seal his 11th GP win of a phenomenal season in which he has also won 14 of 16 sprints.

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It was a shame for Bezzecchi who previously rode for Rossi's VR46 team and was hunting a second win of the season, but he is closing in on third place in the championship standings after Marc Marquez's teammate Francesco Bagnaia crashed out.

"I think that besides the victory this is maybe the best race of my life because I was super competitive all the weekend with the pole position, the sprint, second place but close to Mark who is at the moment the strongest of the grid," said Bezzecchi.

"I gave my all. I'm destroyed to try to give the fans the best show that I could."



# Naser takes Tokyo Worlds by storm

Bahrain's sprint sensation wins heat five to reach 400m semi-finals

- **Salwa Eid Naser wins heat five in 49.13s**
- **Naser is aiming for her second world title and fourth global medal**
- **Shitaye Eshete finishes sixth in women's marathon**
- **400m semis set for tomorrow at 3pm**

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's star sprinter Salwa Eid Naser began her campaign for a second world title in perfect fashion yesterday afternoon, storming into the semi-finals of the women's 400 metres at the World Athletics Championships 2025 in Tokyo.

### Blazing Through Tokyo

Competing in front of 56,819 spectators at the National Stadium, Naser powered to victory



Spectators fill Tokyo National Stadium with 56,819 fans in attendance

in 49.13 seconds, the fastest time across all six heats. Running out



Naser set the fastest time across all heats

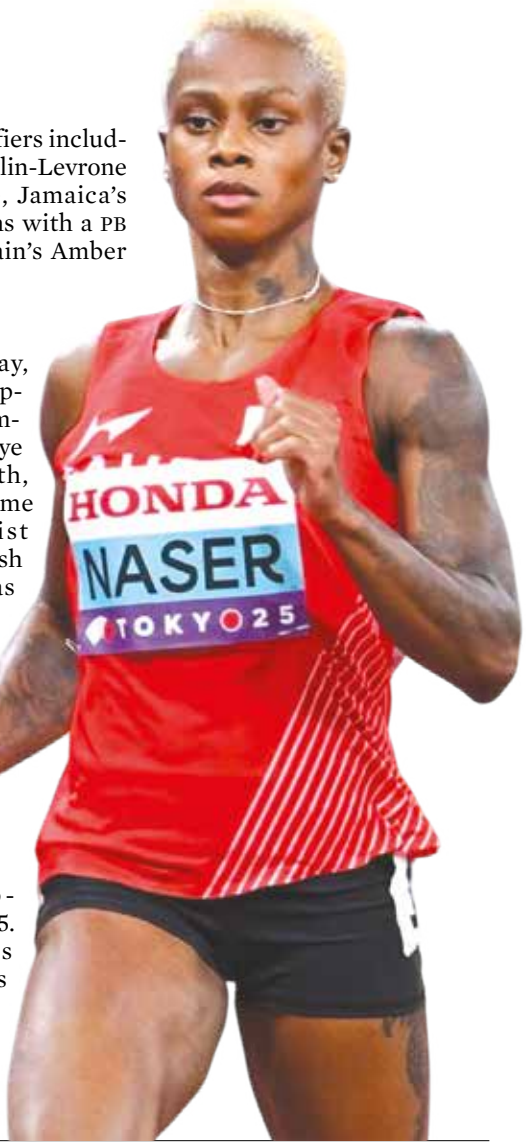
of lane five, she set her rhythm better than anyone else. Naser ensured she was in control with 100 metres left, before cruising home to book automatic qualification (Q) for tomorrow's semi-finals at 3:05 PM (BH time). Naser, who claimed her first global title in 2019 in Doha, is seeking a second world title and fourth medal overall. She previously took 400m silver at the 2017 worlds and mixed 4x400m relay bronze in 2019. Her personal best of 48.14s remains the Asian and Bahraini record, and the third-fastest time in history. Her main rival, reigning Olympic and world champion Marileidy Paulino of the Dominican Republic, also advanced after winning heat six in 49.85s.

Naser in action at Tokyo National Stadium

Other notable qualifiers included Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone of the USA (49.41s), Jamaica's Stacey Ann Williams with a PB of 49.59s, and Britain's Amber Anning (49.96s).

### Elsewhere in Japan

Earlier in the day, Bahrain was also represented in the women's marathon. Shitaye Eshete finished 6th, Eunice Chumba came 16th, while Tigist Gashaw did not finish (DNF). Bahrain has enjoyed past success in the marathon, with Rose Chelimo winning gold in 2017 and silver in 2019, while Eunice Kirwa captured bronze in 2015. Although medals proved elusive this time, Bahrain's Eshete did well to finish 6th in a world-class field.



## Royal Bahraini Cup Continues Success in Ireland



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The Bahrain Royal Horse Racing Cup was held at Leopardstown Racecourse as part of the fourth annual Bahraini-Irish Royal Horse Racing Championship series. The event, which falls under the partnership between the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club and Leopardstown Racecourse, aims to promote the development of Bahrain's equestrian sector on the global stage.

This year's race saw intense competition among first-class horses over 2000 meters, with participation from top stables and owners worldwide. The horse "Dola Croix," owned by Derek Smith, Michael Tabor,

and John Magnier, clinched first place. REHC CEO Yusuf Buheji and Ian Lindsay, an advisor to the Economic Development Board, presented the trophy to a representative of the winning horse's owners.

They also awarded prizes to trainer Aidan O'Brien and jockey Christophe Soumillon, who secured first place.



## Crawford shocks Alvarez to claim historic undisputed super middleweight world title

AFP | Las Vegas

Terence Crawford stunned Mexican superstar Saul "Canelo" Alvarez to claim the undisputed super middleweight world boxing crown on Saturday, becoming the first man to win undisputed titles in three weight divisions. In a fight of razor-thin margins, Crawford poured it on



Terence Crawford lands a right on Canelo Alvarez

in the closing rounds to earn a unanimous decision victory, improving his unblemished record to 42-0 with 31 knockouts. Crawford, 37, had jumped up two weight categories to vie for history, having already counted undisputed titles at super lightweight and welterweight among his titles in four weight divisions.

## Last-gasp equalizers headline Bahrain season openers

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The 2025-26 Nasser Bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League continued with Budaiya and Al Shabab, and Al Najma against Riffa, both playing their first matches of the season — and both games being decided in the dying minutes.

### Budaiya, Shabab Drama

At the Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Stadium, Budaiya and Al Shabab traded blows in a 1-1 contest.

Budaiya struck first in the 39th minute when Adriano's free-kick delivery sparked a goal-mouth scramble, eventually finished by Hamad Fuad with a sharp first-time finish into the far corner. Just as Budaiya seemed set for three points, drama unfolded deep into stoppage time. Al Shabab's Moroccan forward Mahmood El Kayssoumi was brought down by goalkeeper Mohamed Marhoun.



The equalizing moment for Riffa

and Stephane Samir calmly dispatched the penalty in the 97th minute.

### Najma, Riffa Thriller

At Khalifa Sports City Stadium in Isa Town, Al Najma thought they had taken the lead before the break when Riffa's Brahim Tandia latched onto a stunning long ball from Rodrigo Yuri and finished superbly, only to see the strike ruled out for offside. Najma's breakthrough came in the 71st minute when Samy Frioui stooped to head Ali AlDoseri's deflected cross into the near post. Riffa then pressed relentlessly, and captain Hamad Al Shamsan rose highest to nod Yuri's free-kick into the net in the 96th minute, rescuing a point. In the frantic closing stages, tempers flared when Al Najma's Serbian defender Dušan Jokovic was sent off, adding to the frustration of head coach Mohamed Shamlan whose side ultimately had to settle for a point.

Both matches highlighted the drama to come in a campaign played in a double round-robin format. The first round will stretch to matchweek 11, beginning January 8, 2026, before the second phase is scheduled later.



# India crush Pakistan in Asia Cup

Kuldeep Yadav leads spin attack as India chase down Pakistan target with ease

- India win by 7 wickets
- Kuldeep takes 3-18
- Pakistan all out for 127
- Suryakumar hits unbeaten 47
- Abhishek Sharma scores 31 (13 balls)

AFP | Dubai

Spinners led by Kuldeep Yadav helped India thrash Pakistan by seven wickets in the Asia Cup yesterday as the neighbours met on the cricket pitch for the first time since a military conflict between them in May.

Kuldeep returned figures of 3-18 and along with fellow spinner Axar Patel kept Pakistan down to 127-9 in a key Group A T20 clash in Dubai.

India lost two wickets after a fiery 31 off 13 balls from opener Abhishek Sharma, but skipper Suryakumar Yadav hit an unbeaten 47 to achieve the target



India's Axar Patel (R) celebrates with his captain Suryakumar Yadav after taking the wicket of Pakistan's captain Salman Agha

with 25 balls to spare.

Suryakumar put on 56 runs with left-hander Tilak Varma, who hit 31 before being bowled

by Saim Ayub.

The captain stood firm and hit the winning six as Indian fans celebrated at a stadium, which

had lot of empty seats, and the players from both teams went off without handshakes.

Abhishek came out roaring as



Despite the high-profile clash, large sections of seats remained empty in Dubai, and players walked off without exchanging handshakes after the match

he hit Pakistan pace spearhead Shaheen Shah Afridi for a four and a six and, despite the fall of Shubman Gill in the next over, kept up the charge.

Swashbuckling Abhishek cracked four boundaries and two sixes before he mistimed another attempt for a maximum to be caught at long-off off spinner Ayub.

India's bowlers set up the dominant win as Axar, who took 2-18, and Kuldeep combined to rattle the opposition batting, which suffered from a lack of partnerships.

Hardik Pandya struck in the

first over to dismiss opener Ayub for a golden duck and fellow quick Jasprit Bumrah sent back wicketkeeper-batsman Mohammad Haris for three.

Sahibzada Farhan, who top-scored with 40, attempted to rebuild the innings along with Fakhar Zaman, who made 17, in a partnership of 39.

Axar broke the stand with his left-arm spin as he got Zaman caught out and in his next over had skipper Salman Agha out for three.

Left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep came into the attack and struck twice on successive balls to pack off Hasan Nawaz (5) and Mohammad Nawaz (0) as Pakistan slipped to 64-6 inside 13 overs.

Wickets kept tumbling, but number nine Afridi took on the opposition attack with four sixes in his unbeaten 33 off 16 balls to push the total past 120 and play out Pakistan's full 20 overs.

India, with two wins from two, are nearly through to the next Super Fours stage of the tournament with their final group match against Oman on Friday.

Pakistan play hosts United Arab Emirates next and despite the defeat are expected to make the next stage.

## Ethan Mbappe strikes late to give Lille win over Toulouse



Lille's Ethan Mbappe (L) celebrates with Benjamin Andre

AFP | Lille

Ethan Mbappe, brother of France and Real Madrid superstar Kylian, scored deep into second-half added time as Lille fought from a goal down after regulation time to beat Toulouse 2-1 in Ligue 1 yesterday.

A 90th-minute penalty converted by former Tottenham midfielder Benjamin Andre had brought the hosts level before 18-year-old Mbappe volleyed home eight minutes into injury time to seal the win.

Both goals came courtesy of late substitutes introduced by coach Bruno Genesio, with Toulouse down to 10 men after 80 minutes after midfielder Alexis Vossah's sending off.

Following his departure from Paris Saint-Germain in the wake of his elder brother's acrimonious free transfer to

Madrid, Mbappe joined Lille in July last year.

The midfielder's first strike for the 2020/21 Ligue 1 winners came on his 11th league appearance as he ghosted in at the far post to thrash Osame Sahraoui's stood-up cross past the helpless visiting goalkeeper.

Frank Magri opened the scoring for Toulouse early in the second period before Lille's late show.

The last-gasp win took Lille to the top of the Ligue 1 table, with 10 points from four outings.

The Mbappes' former club and reigning champions PSG can reclaim top spot later yesterday should they beat Lens at home to extend their perfect start to the new campaign.

Lyon also boast a 100 per cent record this season, and are in action in the day's final match away to Rennes.

## Vuelta final stage abandoned due to pro-Palestinian protest, Vingegaard crowned

- Riders halted 56 kilometers from finish
- Thousands protest with flags, smoke flares
- Barriers knocked down, course invaded

AFP | Madrid

The final stage of the Vuelta a Espana was abandoned yesterday because of huge pro-Palestinian protests in Madrid, with Jonas Vingegaard crowned champion for the first time.

Thousands of protestors gathered in the Spanish capital, invading the course where the race was due to pass in the centre of Madrid, AFP journalists witnessed.

On Gran Via, where cyclists were due to pass multiple times, protestors knocked down barriers and marched into the road, some chanting for a boycott of Israel as green and red smoke filled the air.

Riders, around 56 kilometres from the finish of the race, came to a halt before the Vuelta was abandoned, with two-time Tour de France winner Vingegaard in the leader's red jersey, 1min 16sec ahead of second placed Joao Almeida ahead of the ceremonial final stage.

Organisers said there would be no podium presentation as is traditional at the end of the race to celebrate the winners.



Pro-Palestinians protestors demonstrate during the 21st and last stage of the Vuelta a Espana

Near Atocha, Madrid's central train station, police charged demonstrators and fired tear gas, but then let them walk into the road with the race soon called off.

The decision to abandon the stage was celebrated by protestors, who chanted that "Palestine won the Vuelta".

Various stages of the Vuelta had been shortened because of protests, largely against the Israel-Premier Tech team's participation.

The protests had also led to moments of tension in the three-week grand tour, including crashes.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said before racing began yesterday that the protests

had filled him with "pride".

Several members of Spain's leftist government have publicly supported the movement in a country where backing for the Palestinian cause is strong.

**Protests win out**

Authorities ramped up security for the final stage in Madrid ahead of the expected large protests but could not stop the race from being abandoned.

Protestors chanted: "It's not a war, it's a genocide", and "no more killing innocent children".

Riders started the already-shortened 104-kilometre stretch from Alalpardo to Madrid in a relaxed way, taking turns to group at the front of the peloton with their team-mates



Instead of the traditional Madrid parade, Jonas Vingegaard's first Vuelta victory was confirmed without a podium – as protestors claimed the abandoned stage meant "Palestine won the Vuelta."

in celebratory fashion as the gruelling race drew towards its planned close.

Dane Vingegaard battled illness in the second week of the race but it had cleared up by the time of his solo charge up to the finish line on the Bola del Mundo mountain on Saturday which effectively sealed his victory.

Behind him, Portugal's Almeida and Briton Tom Pidcock secured their best ever grand tour finishes in second and third respectively.

On Saturday, protestors briefly breached reinforced security and attempted to block the road during the penultimate stage in the Guadarrama mountains, forcing cyclists to swerve around them. It was a sign of what was to follow yesterday.