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HM King receives four new ambassadors' credentials



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received the credentials of four new ambassadors to the Kingdom and praised the strong bilateral relations between Bahrain and their respective countries. The new ambassadors – (Left) His Excellency Henning Georg Simon, Germany; (Top) H.E. Shmuel Revel, Israel; (Bottom, left) H.E. Arif Yusuf Saleh, Palestine; and (Bottom, right) Her Excellency Shereen Shanika Dissanayake, Sri Lanka – were presented during a ceremony held at Sakhir Palace yesterday. HM the King exchanged welcoming remarks with the ambassadors and highlighted the advanced level of cooperation between Bahrain and their countries across all sectors. He also wished them continued success in their diplomatic missions to strengthen ties of friendship and cooperation with the Kingdom. The ambassadors conveyed greetings and appreciation from their heads of state, wishing His Majesty good health and happiness, and further progress and prosperity for the Kingdom and its people. They also reaffirmed the positive relations between their countries and Bahrain across all fields.

HM King Hamad back from summit

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa returned to Bahrain yesterday from Egypt after leading the Kingdom's delegation to the Sharm El Sheikh Summit for Peace and witnessing the signing of the Gaza ceasefire agreement.

HM the King's participation came at the invitation of Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi.

Upon departure from Sharm El Sheikh Airport, HM King Hamad was bid farewell by Dr. Ahmed Fouad Hanno, Minister of Culture of Egypt, and H.E. Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal, Ambassador of Bahrain to Egypt.

HRH Prince Salman appoints Education Ministry director

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday issued Edict (64) of 2025, appointing a director in the Ministry of Education, based on a proposal by the Minister of Education.

Dr. Intissar Qaaed Al Banaa shall be appointed as Director of Educational Operations for Region (3) at the Ministry of Education, succeeding Fatima Shaheen Jassim Al Buainain.

HRH Prince Salman issued Edict (65) of 2025, appointing Dr. Intissar Qaaed Al Banaa as director at the General Secretariat of the Higher Education Council.

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Bahrainis FIRST

Parliament bans hiring of expat workers in private sector where more than 30 unemployed locals are available

● Plan to ensure qualified citizens get job priority

Mohammed Darwish
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Parliament yesterday approved an urgent proposal to ban the hiring of non-Bahrainis in private-sector jobs where more than 30 unemployed Bahrainis are available, referring the decision to the government in the same sitting.

The proposal requires the Ministry of Labour and the relevant bodies to enforce the restriction and to create a mechanism for identifying job titles that meet the threshold.

According to the text, the ban applies to roles where the number of unemployed Bahrainis exceeds 30, while authorities must also monitor occupations once that figure passes 50.

The measure is intended to ensure that Bahraini jobseekers are given first access to employment opportunities when enough qualified nationals are



MP Abdulwahid Qarata

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available.

The proposal was introduced by MP Abdulwahid Qarata and supported by First Deputy Speaker Abdulnabi Salman, Second Deputy Speaker Ahmed Qarata, Mahmoud Fardan and

Ahmed Al Salloom.

It draws on Article 13 of the Constitution, which states that work is a duty upon every citizen and that the state must guarantee employment and fair conditions.

Community drives afforestation



His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa underscored the significance of community partnership as a core pillar of the National Afforestation Plan, emphasising the importance of adopting environmental initiatives such as afforestation and implementing proper environmental practices. HH Shaikh Mohammed made the remark as he planted a tree at Riffa Palace, in the presence of several officials, to mark National Tree Week. On this occasion, His Highness outlined the importance of environmental initiatives, particularly National Tree Week, as a cornerstone of the Kingdom's efforts to preserve the environment and ensure the sustainability of its resources. These efforts align 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. HH Shaikh Mohammed commended the community's awareness and collaborative participation in various initiatives, recognising their efforts in advancing the Kingdom's environmental aspirations. He was briefed on the progress of the National Afforestation Plan and the Bahrain Mangroves Initiative.

Preventing next pandemic

Global health experts unite in Bahrain to strengthen One Health framework

Ashen Tharaka
TDT | Manama

At a time when global health systems face mounting pressures from pandemics, climate change, and rising food insecurity, Bahrain has become the regional stage for an ambitious and collaborative movement, the One Health approach.

The Regional Workshop for the Middle East, organized by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) in cooperation with Bahrain's Ministry of Municipalities and Agriculture Affairs, has drawn international and regional experts to Amwaj Islands to advance a unified action plan aimed at bridging the gap between human, animal, and environmental health.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Dr. Markos Tibbo, Senior Livestock Development Officer at the FAO Subregional Office for the GCC States and Yemen, stated that this workshop represents a critical step toward translating global strategy into local action.

"The One Health Joint Plan of Action, approved globally by the Quadripartite FAO, WHO, WOAH, and UNEP is meant to harmonize actions on the ground," Tibbo



Dr. Markos Tibbo

explained. "Diseases don't respect borders or disciplines. To effectively respond, we must adopt a multidisciplinary approach that unites veterinarians, doctors, environmentalists, and policymakers."

He emphasized that zoonotic diseases that spread between animals and humans remain a key concern for the region.

"The Middle East has faced several challenges such as the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV), which emerged in 2012 and is linked to camels. Although its prevalence has declined, it still lingers," he said. "COVID-19, caused by SARS-CoV-2, also



Dr. Fajr Al-Salloom, Vice President of WOAH and Bahrain's Permanent Delegate (left), and H.E. Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, officially inaugurated the Middle East Regional Workshop on One Health in Bahrain



continues to pose risks, with evidence of animal-to-human transmission. The threat of viral recombination is real and could spark new pandemics if left unchecked."



Dr. Ahmad M. Almajali

the Chief Veterinary Officers and national delegates from across the Middle East to discuss how to operationalize the One Health Joint Action Plan," he said. "Our focus is on strengthening national systems, sharing tools developed by the global organizations, and ensuring that every country is prepared to face future threats to animal and environmental health."

The plan, he added, revolves around a multi-sectoral approach that integrates surveillance, response, and prevention measures to build resilient systems against health emergencies.

Other regional zoonotic threats include tuberculosis, brucellosis, and other livestock-related infections that, while not pandemic-level risks, significantly impact food safety, trade, and livelihoods, Tibbo told DT.

Building Capacity

From a regional coordination perspective, Dr. Ahmad M. Almajali, Regional Representative for the Middle East at the World Organisation for Animal Health, highlighted the importance of capacity building and collaboration.

"This event brings together

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Banker sentenced for embezzling clients' funds

● Five years behind bars, fined BD10,000

Rehab Mohammad
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The First High Criminal Court has sentenced a 30-year-old Bahraini bank employee to five years in prison, fined him BD10,000, and ordered repayment of BD136,575.422 after convicting him of embezzling clients' funds by exploiting his job privileges and targeting elderly customers.

Court records indicate that the case began when a police captain received information about an individual attempting to open bank accounts in the names of three people using deceptive methods.

Investigations revealed that the suspect, later identified as the defendant, had successfully opened one of the accounts, with surveillance footage capturing him at the same bank branch.

Farm

In one instance, the account-opening process took place at a farm, where both audio recordings and partial footage of the suspect's vehicle were obtained.

Authorities subsequently traced BD60,000 belonging to one of the victims.

The investigation further showed that the defendant had used voice-changing software to impersonate clients and complete account-opening procedures remotely. The software was discovered on his mobile phone.

Most of the victims were elderly and unfamiliar with digital banking or financial procedures, making them particularly vulnerable to the fraud.

Safety check

Urgent MPs' proposal for schools to contact parents when child misses class

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Urgent proposal before Parliament would require the Ministry of Education to make every kindergarten and all public and private schools contact parents immediately when a child is absent.

It is filed under Article 68 of the Constitution and Article 128 of the Council of Representatives' Rules of Procedure.

The request follows a case reported on Monday in which a four-and-a-half-year-old boy, Hassan Ali Al Mahari, died after being left inside a vehicle that took children to a kindergarten in the Damistan housing area.

Death

The Interior Ministry said Northern Governorate Police received a report of a child's death inside a vehicle not licensed to carry pupils; the 40-year-old driver was detained and the Public Prosecution notified.

A relative said the boy board-



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The proposal states that same-day contact with guardians on non-attendance would improve safety and keep parents informed during the school day.

ed the vehicle in the morning but fell asleep en route.

After dropping the children and locking the doors, the driver did not realise he was still inside.

Unconscious

Later, when his absence was

queried, she returned to the vehicle, found him unconscious and called an ambulance.

He was taken to the Bahrain Defence Force Hospital and pronounced dead due to severe heat stress.

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MP Abdulhakeem Al Sheno
ians on non-attendance would improve safety and keep parents informed during the school day.

Direct contact

An explanatory note says the measure aims to prevent similar cases by making direct contact with parents a standing duty whenever a pupil does not arrive.

Sponsors are MPs Abdulhakeem Al Sheno, Jameel Mulla Hasan, Hesham Al Awadhi, Eman Shuwaiter and Dr Maryam Al Dhaen.

Further details on school procedures and any follow-up by the education authorities are expected when Parliament considers the request.

'Dirty money'



● Guilty of running prostitution and crime operations

Rehab Mohammad
TDT | Manama

The First High Criminal Court has convicted a general manager and two Asian investors of laundering money obtained from prostitution-related crimes.

The court sentenced each of the three defendants to five years in prison and fined them BD300,000 each.

It also ordered the confiscation of BD138,747,737 in funds and assets belonging to the convicted individuals and a deceased accomplice, in addition to their permanent deportation from Bahrain following the completion of their sentences.

According to the Public Prosecution, the defendants, along with a deceased accomplice, laundered BD138,747,737 derived from prostitution by conducting financial transactions intended to conceal the illicit source of the funds and make them appear legitimate.

A First Lieutenant at the National Financial Intelligence Center testified that confidential investigations, launched after the Public Prosecution began probing prostitution-related offenses, revealed suspicious financial activities.

Upon obtaining authorization to review the defendants' bank accounts, authorities discovered that the trio had operated a prostitution network through several massage parlors rented across the Kingdom.

Education Minister visits schools

His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, visited Sitra Secondary Girls School, Manama Secondary Girls School in the Second Educational Zone, and Arad Primary Boys School in the Fourth Educational Zone. During his visits, Dr. Juma met with school principals, teaching and administrative staff, and students from various grade levels. He also inspected classrooms and facilities to ensure that educational operations were proceeding according to plan. The Minister held discussions with school administrations on ways to support the teaching process and address challenges hindering effective learning.



Government allocates BD1.2m budget for autism centres

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The government told Parliament it is not shirking autism support, pointing to a fixed BD1.2 million line for autism centres and saying a cluster of overlapping proposals from MPs shows weak coordination among members.

Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, His Excellency Ghanim Al Buainain, said the government cannot step away from duties set

in the Constitution, just as Parliament cannot set aside its own.

Proposals

He said four or five similar proposals had been lodged to set up centres in the Southern, Northern, Capital and Central governorates, and that this duplication points to poor planning between sponsors.

MP Jalal Kadhem made the same point on the floor, noting that repeated requests suggest



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- H.E. GHANIM AL BUAINAIN, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS



there had been no coordination to begin with.

Al Buainain said the BD1.2m allocation for autism centres is already in the state budget passed by Parliament and is carried each year as a standing line.

Approach

He added that the Ministry of Education aims to place pupils with disabilities, including those on the autism spectrum, in mainstream schools where

their needs allow, saying this approach is better than separating them into stand-alone institutions that may mark them out from their peers.

He said the government acts under the Social Insurance Law, which covers people with disabilities including those on the spectrum, and under a separate law on the rights of people with disabilities, meaning support is grounded in two statutes in force.

MPs file bid for debate on autism health, social and school support

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

MPs have filed a request for a general discussion to set out the government's policy on programmes and initiatives for people on the autism spectrum, the means to improve the health, social and educational services they receive, and ways to strengthen their place in the community, a move spearheaded

by MP Hassan Ibrahim.

The request is lodged under Article 68(b) of the Constitution and Articles 170-174 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, and asks that it be put to a vote with MP Hassan Ibrahim Hassan given priority to speak.

The paper seeks clear data on how many people in Bahrain are on the spectrum, broken down by recognised levels, and a full account of the Ministry of



MP Hassan Ibrahim

Health's diagnostic path from first concern through to confirmation.

It asks which levels the ministry uses in its classifications and why these are not recorded on the national Smart Card, where 'severe intellectual disability' appears instead.

It also asks if there are nationwide schemes for early screening and intervention and how widely they are available at pri-

mary health centres.

On social support, the request asks the Ministry of Social Development to set out its programmes for people on the spectrum, the rules for paying the disability allowance, the categories covered and the value of the benefit.

It asks for the criteria used to judge eligibility for financial and social support, and for an account of oversight of public

and private rehabilitation centres that serve children on the spectrum, including how service quality and performance are assessed.

It also asks for plans to expand or upgrade state specialist centres and for a progress update on the near-opening Comprehensive Disability Complex, including the services planned and the readiness of facilities and staff.

Dialysis demand

MP Al Dhaen calls for new Isa Town centre to ease pressure on existing units

● **Proposal aim for fairer distribution of services nationwide**

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

A dialysis centre in Isa Town is a necessity, not a luxury, MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen told Parliament yesterday, calling for a fairer distribution of services and relief for overcrowded units.

She said the proposal does not arise from a shortage of dialysis facilities in Bahrain, but from how they are distributed as residential areas continue to expand.

A new site in the Southern Governorate, she argued, would ease pressure on existing centres.

Kidney patients

Dr Al Dhaen noted that kidney patients attend three times a week, at set times and for long



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sessions.

Nearness matters, she said, shaping daily life, health and family routines, from school runs to work shifts and transport.

The government, in an earlier written reply, said dialysis is offered at Salmaniya Medical Complex, the Abdulrahman Kanoo Kidney Centre and the Shaikh Abdullah bin Khalid Al Khalifa Centre for Kidney Patients, which also works with the Royal Medical Services, as well as King Hamad University Hospital.

These centres, it said, meet current demand.

Review

It added that the Supreme Council of Health keeps the map of services under review and moves to add capacity when required.

This sits alongside the health insurance system, which offers cover within set packages, tied to census data and urban growth.

The government thanked Parliament for its interest, agreed with the proposal's aims as al-



“The proposal does not arise from a shortage of dialysis facilities in Bahrain, but from how they are distributed as residential areas continue to expand.”

- MP MARYAM AL DHAEN

ready met in practice, and said it is ready to keep working with MPs in the public interest.

Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan entries now online

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The details of all students registered for the Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan – Sastra Pratibha Contest (VVM-SPC 2025), organized by the Science International Forum (SIF) Bahrain, have been uploaded to the official VVM website.

All registered students will soon receive an email containing their User ID and Password. Once the email is received, students should log in to the VVM website to access their dashboard.

In the dashboard, students

can view their registration details. Initially, they must complete the payment process to confirm their registration.

Upon successful payment, students will gain access to study materials, mock tests, and other learning resources.

SIF officials request all students to complete this process at the earliest.

Students who have registered for VVM-SPC 2025 but have not yet received the email are requested to contact SIF Bahrain immediately at info@sifbahrain.com or by calling 33163329=/39950225.

Milestone initiatives

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MP Dr. Ali bin Majid Al-Nuaimi affirmed that the fourth session of the sixth legislative term is beginning to yield tangible results, citing the government's constructive response to parliamentary proposals he submitted addressing citizens' priorities in key public-service sectors.

He said the outcomes reflect the spirit of teamwork between the legislative and executive branches, translating the leadership's directives into sustainable development and improved citizen welfare.

Among the key initiatives, Dr. Al-Nuaimi highlighted the establishment of a primary and intermediate girls' school in the Wadi Al-Seel area.



Proposal

The project, he explained, was initiated following a proposal he presented in response to the wishes of local residents.

The new school will serve students in Wadi Al-Seel and neighboring districts, reduce overcrowding in existing schools, and provide a modern and integrated learning environment.

According to the Ministry of Education, the project has been incorporated into its development plan, with engineering designs and tender documents already completed.

Budget

Coordination is now underway with relevant authorities

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- MP DR. ALI BIN MAJID AL-NUAIMI

ties to allocate the necessary budget, after which construction will begin once all approvals and procedures are finalized.

Dr. Al-Nuaimi expressed his deep gratitude to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for his unwavering support of the education sector and his commitment to advancing Bahrain's educational system.

He said the leadership's vision views education as a cornerstone of national progress and a key pillar in shaping future generations.

MPs support interview form for job-seekers

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Parliament yesterday passed an urgent motion requiring the Ministry of Labour to use a standard, detailed form at every job-seeker interview, filled in on the spot and signed by both the company representative and the applicant before any file can be closed.

The form would record the outcome of each interview, set out reasons for any rejection, and note steps taken in the hiring process, with a Ministry of Labour representative present as a witness.

Supporters said the change answers repeated complaints from applicants whose files were shut and unemployment allowance stopped without warning, often after claims they had refused a post.

Under the text, a file can be closed only when the applicant signs to confirm refusal. Roles that do not match a candidate's academic field are not binding and may be declined without affecting the allowance.

Push for transparency

Bill targets firms that fail to post job openings on labour portal

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Fines of BD200 to BD500 would hit large firms that fail to list vacancies on the Ministry of Labour portal, under a bill from MP Jalal Kadhem.

The measure would send all openings through the same platform the ministry already uses to present three roles to each registered jobseeker.

Kadhem said the proposal sits with the National Employment Initiative launched by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Response

He cast the response from major companies as a practical step towards reducing unemployment among Bahrainis.

First lodged in October 2024 as amendments to the Private Sector Labour Law, the bill would require every government and non-government em-



“Pulling efforts together would build confidence in Bahrain's ability to make further gains on employment while keeping citizens at the centre of development.”

- MP JALAL KADHEM

ployer to submit open posts to the ministry, which would then

run the hiring process under fair and transparent rules.

Any employer or representative who fails to comply would face a BD200 to BD500 penalty.

Kadhem argued that Parliament should turn hiring drives into binding, lasting law so policy outlives individual campaigns.

Support

He called for support to keep vacancies published on the ministry's electronic jobs fair, making it easier for candidates to find suitable posts and for the market to send clearer signals.

The lawmaker added that a single, comprehensive database of vacancies would help organise the labour market, guide jobseekers towards realistic career paths and support wider economic and social stability.

He said pulling efforts together would build confidence in Bahrain's ability to make further gains on employment while keeping citizens at the centre of development.

Advancing women's empowerment initiatives



The Equal Opportunities Committee at the Ministry of Information held its third meeting of 2025, chaired by Abdulrahman Khalid Al-Midfa, Assistant Undersecretary for News and Regulatory Affairs, with committee members in attendance. During the session, the committee reviewed its key achievements in promoting gender balance and enhancing women's empowerment across the ministry's departments and divisions. Members also followed up on the implementation of previous decisions and related reports. The meeting addressed upcoming initiatives, including preparations for Bahraini Women's Day celebrations, and participation in the Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa Award for the Advancement of Bahraini Women.

Man arrested for shop theft



The Interior Ministry announced that as part of the ongoing security efforts by the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science, the Criminal Investigation Directorate has arrested a 38-year-old Asian man for stealing from several commercial shops in the Capital Governorate, with the total value of the stolen items estimated at BD10,000. The Directorate explained that upon receiving cases of theft, investigation teams immediately initiated search and evidence-gathering operations, which led to the identification and arrest of the suspect. Legal proceedings were taken and the case was referred to the Public Prosecution.

AM Best Affirms Takaful International's A- (Excellent) Credit Rating with Stable Outlook

Manama

Takaful International Company B.S.C. announced that AM Best has confirmed its rating of A- (excellent) with stable outlook, the highest credit rating for Takaful companies in the Kingdom of Bahrain. This rating reflects the company's strong financial position, efficient operational performance, and robust risk management systems. Takaful International is the first and only Takaful company in the Kingdom to be classified within the A- financial and credit rating category.



The rating also underscores the strategic support and synergies between Takaful International and its parent company and Gulf Insurance Group, as well as their disciplined approach to corporate governance. On this occasion, Mr. Essam Al Ansari, Chief Executive Officer of Takaful International Co., expressed his pride in

this achievement, stating: "The company's management is extremely pleased with this prestigious credit rating, which serves as a clear indicator of our strong operational performance and well-established position in Bahrain's insurance market. This rating, issued by AM Best — one of the world's leading credit



rating agencies — reaffirms the effectiveness of our strategy, which is grounded in sound financial discipline, transparency, and full compliance with best practices in corporate governance. The rating also reflects our consistent performance over more than 35 years, during which we have built a strong and efficiently managed portfolio. We have steadily increased our market share, earning the trust of a broad base of clients, including individuals, financial institutions, industrial entities, and government organizations." Mr. Essam Al Ansari, Chief Executive Officer of Takaful International Co.

Seef Properties Announces Awareness Activities @ Al Liwan to Celebrate National Tree Week

Distributing Hundreds of Seeds and Plants to the Public to Encourage Planting

● The event will feature various activities, a free consultation corner and the distribution of seeds and plants

Manama

Seef Properties, the leading Bahraini real estate development company, has announced organising an awareness event at Al Liwan, Hamala, on the occasion of the Kingdom's Tree Week celebrations, held annually during October. This participation supports the national initiative launched by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, embodying the

vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to promote sustainable development and preserve the environment and natural resources. The event will feature various activities, a free consultation corner and the distribution of seeds and plants to the public to encourage home gardening. It will also include an educational platform for children with engaging workshops introducing the basics of agriculture and its importance. Several areas in Al Liwan will be planted by the executive management and employees, reflecting the company's commitment to increasing the green footprint of its shopping malls. Commenting on the occasion, Mr Ahmed Yusuf, CEO of Seef Properties, stated, "At Seef Prop-

erties, we are proud to participate in National Tree Week, which represents the Kingdom's commitment to environmental preservation and sustainable development. We take pride in supporting these national initiatives through our projects' adoption of sustainability standards, most notably Al Liwan, which stands as an ideal model for eco-friendly real estate, reflecting our vision for a greener, more sustainable environment." Mr Yusuf added, "Al Liwan has won several prestigious awards, demonstrating our commitment to best environmental practices. It utilises extensive green spaces, beautiful water features, and solar panels that contribute to clean energy and reduced emissions. Its architectural design provides ample

shade and airflow, making the mall an integrated ecosystem that blends urban beauty with environmental sustainability." He concluded, "At Seef Properties, our responsibility extends beyond real estate development to active contribution towards environmental protection and the promotion of sustainable behaviours. We will continue to integrate sustainability principles into our current and future projects, supporting national efforts and achieving a true balance between urban development and the con-



servation of natural resources." Seef Properties remains committed to environmental initiatives in support of national sustainable development goals. Earlier this year, the company announced the commencement of its large-scale solar energy project to supply four major shopping malls with clean energy: Seef Mall – Seef District, Seef Mall – Isa Town, Seef Mall – Muharraq, and Al Liwan.

Silent auction: A touch of pink. A world of hope.

The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain and Noon by Noor collaborate to collect donations for breast cancer awareness



Manama

In honour of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain proudly announces a meaningful

Noon by Noor will contribute five exclusive fashion pieces to be featured in the charity auction silent auction collaboration with Noon by Noor, by designers Shaikha Noor bint Rashid

Al Khalifa and Shaikha Haya bint Mohamed Al Khalifa. This special Pinktober initiative encourages the community to support the cause by donating and bidding, with all proceeds

going to the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF), a charitable organisation dedicated to supporting vulnerable communities through healthcare programmes, including breast

cancer awareness and aid for individuals in need. As part of this impactful partnership, Noon by Noor will contribute five exclusive fashion pieces to be featured in the

charity auction, hosted at The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain. Bidding will take place from 8 to 28 October 2025, offering a unique opportunity to contribute to a meaningful cause.



Alba, Tamkeen and Brinc MENA Shortlist **Three** Bahraini SMEs for Open Innovation Programme

Manama

Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), the world's largest aluminium smelter on one site, is pleased to announce its progression to the accelerator phase of the Open Innovation Program -- a strategic collaboration with the Bahrain's Labour Fund (Tamkeen) and Brinc MENA - with the selection of three Bahraini startups and SMEs to join this phase following a comprehensive evaluation process. This milestone builds on Alba's early involvement as the first company in Bahrain to join this initiative, reinforcing Alba's commitment to fostering innovation and empowering local businesses to grow and succeed.

The selected SMEs will enter a six-month accelerator phase under the Open Innovation Program, during which,

Yasin Aboudaoud,
Chief Development Officer and MP at Brinc



they will receive financial support, tailored mentoring and technical guidance from Alba and Brinc to co-develop proof-of-concept (POC) solutions leveraging cutting-edge technologies such as AI and IoT to address specific data in-

tegration and asset reliability challenges at Alba. UData was selected for the Data Management Challenge, and Dyanvate and Infiniteware for the Asset Reliability Challenge.

In the fifth month, each startup/SME will present its POCs to a Steering Committee, which will select one winner per challenge for pilot implementation within Alba's operations. The shortlisted SMEs will work closely with Brinc MENA and Alba experts to refine and test their solutions, with potential for broader deployment across Alba's operations.

On this occasion, Ali Al Baqali,

CEO of Alba, stated: "Innovation underpins Alba's operational excellence. Our collaboration with Tamkeen and Brinc MENA enables us to work with Bahraini startups and SMEs to build technology-driven solutions to operational challenges, while promoting entrepreneurship and long-term economic resilience."

Yasin Aboudaoud, Chief Development Officer and MP at Brinc added: "The selection of these startups reflects the real value the Open Innovation Program offers. By matching Alba's complex operational challenges with high-potential Bahraini

SMEs, we are forging a path toward deeper collaboration and tangible economic impact."

Brinc MENA, Tamkeen's appointed innovation partner, led the end-to-end scouting and evaluation process, applying rigorous standards to ensure alignment with the program's goals. Key benchmarks included Bahraini founded - **Ali Al Baqali,** CEO of Alba

er presence, proven technical competencies, innovation readiness and the ability to operate within the program's governance structure and respond effectively to corporate challenges. The evaluation phase included interviews with shortlisted SMEs, conducted by a joint committee of representatives from Alba, Tamkeen and Brinc MENA. Startups presented their capabilities, founder backgrounds and proposed solutions, and the final evaluation was based on a structured scoring matrix, resulting in the selection of the top-performing companies for the accelerator phase.



Zain Bahrain becomes first telecommunications operator in Kingdom to achieve **ISO 37301**

● **Nadia Aqeel, Chief Legal, Regulatory & Compliance Officer at Zain Bahrain:** "Adhering to the highest compliance standards drives long-term growth, creates value and bolsters investor confidence."

● **Certification within the telecommunications regulatory-compliance scope reflects the company's commitment to sound corporate governance practices and ethical conduct.**

Manama

Zain Bahrain has been awarded the ISO 37301:2021 certification, an internationally recognized standard for Compliance Management Systems (CMS). As the first operator in the Kingdom, to achieve this significant milestone, this certification within the telecom compliance scope is testament to the operator's unwavering commitment to regulatory adherence and a culture

of integrity across all levels of the organization.

ISO 37301 provides a comprehensive framework for establishing, developing, implementing, evaluating, and improving an effective compliance management system, supporting an overall high standard regulatory compliance.

Tangible benefits to organizations that attain ISO 37301 certification include: improving business opportunities and sustainability; protecting and enhancing an organization's reputation and credibility; taking into account expectations of interested parties; demonstrating an organization's commitment to managing its compliance risks effectively and efficiently; increasing the confidence of third parties in the organization's capacity to achieve sustained success; minimizing the risk of a contravention occurring with the attendant costs and reputational damage.

Nadia Aqeel, Chief Legal, Regulatory & Compliance Officer at Zain Bahrain commented: "Adhering to the highest compliance standards drives long-term growth, creates value and bolsters investor confidence. This ISO 37301 certification reflects Zain Bahrain's commitment to global best practices, a critical driver that will support our '4WARD-Progress with Purpose' strategic and sustainable growth

aspirations."

More on ISO 37301:2021 CMS

A CMS based on the requirements and guidance of ISO 37301 equips Zain with a set of tools (policies, processes, and controls) that allows the company to establish and maintain a culture of compliance. This CMS based on ISO 37301 reflects Zain's commitment to sound norms of corporate governance, good practices, and ethical conduct as well as improving the company's ability to identify and respond to potential non-compliances.

ISO 37301 includes requirements that address competence, communication, and awareness. By complying with these requirements, Zain ensures that the vision of the top management is translated and embedded into the conduct of its managers and employees. Above all, the governing body and top management of Zain actively and visibly demonstrate their commitment to the CMS through their actions and decisions.

Zain Group's Regulatory Compliance Program (RCP)

The RCP program was launched in 2022 with the vision of enabling all Zain Groupwide Regulatory teams to establish a unified compliance framework aimed at achieving complete and



sustained adherence to directives issued by telecommunications regulatory authorities. A key focus of the program is to secure ISO certification for the operations, ensuring alignment with globally recognized leading practices.

In its initial phases, RCP equipped Zain operating companies with critical tools, including centralized repositories, documentation databases, role clarity, automated reminders, management dashboards, and digitized workflows, ensuring compliance excellence remains integral to operations.

Considerable progress in institutionalizing regulatory compliance has been made underscoring the company's commitment to governance and regulatory excellence. The RCP has now been successfully implemented in Zain operations across Kuwait and Bahrain (which are both certified), and Iraq. Furthermore, the RCP is now being rolled out in Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and South Sudan, and within ZainTECH, the Group's enterprise digital services arm.

These concrete actions further strengthen Zain Group's regulatory frameworks and operational efficiency to ensure continued compliance with directives from Telecommunications Regulatory Authorities across the company's footprint.

BENEFIT signs MoU with Pay10 to advance Bahrain's digital payments ecosystem

Manama

BENEFIT, the Kingdom's innovator and leading company in Fintech and electronic financial transactions service, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Pay10, a Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) licensed Payment Service Provider, to strengthen Bahrain's digital payments ecosystem. The MoU was signed on the sidelines of FinTech Forward 2025, held from 8 to 9 October at the Exhibition World Bahrain, in the presence of prominent leaders and innovators from the FinTech sector.

Through this collaboration, Pay10's dynamic QR technology will be fully interoperable with the BenefitPay app, enabling consumers and merchants to complete transactions seamlessly using their preferred digital wallets. This initiative enhances convenience and drives the nationwide adoption of digital payments.

The MoU will also unlock new opportunities for SMEs by integrating Pay10's technology stack with BENEFIT's infrastructure. This integration facilitates faster onboarding,



lowers transaction costs, and expands access to cashless payment solutions that promote business growth and competitiveness.

A deep-link integration will enable Pay10 users to move smoothly between both apps to complete payments, ensuring a secure and frictionless customer journey. Moreover, Pay10 will benefit from BENEFIT's payment gateway, account-to-account

transfer, and direct debit services, delivering fast, reliable, and cost-effective transaction processing for both merchants and consumers.

In addition, Pay10 will extend its cross-border payment capabilities to BenefitPay users, enhancing regional interoperability and positioning Bahrain as a regional hub for secure and efficient digital transactions. The integration of BENEFIT's

electronic Know Your Customer (eKYC) infrastructure with Pay10's platform will further reinforce identity verification and streamline the digital onboarding process, boosting confidence and security across the financial ecosystem.

Commenting on the signing, Mr. Abdulwahed AlJanahi, Chief Executive of BENEFIT, stated: "We are proud to enter into this strategic partner-

ship with Pay10, which represents a forward-looking step in BENEFIT's journey to support Bahrain's national digital transformation roadmap in the payments sector. This agreement highlights our continuous efforts to strengthen Bahrain's leadership as a fintech hub in the region and to keep pace with rapid developments in FinTech."

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Janahi added: "As a leading force in payments infrastructure, we continue to build partnerships that drive innovation and advance digital transformation in Bahrain and the wider region. This collaboration supports the vision of Bahrain's financial sector to create a secure, inclusive, and future-ready financial ecosystem. It also reflects our commitment to strengthening cooperation with partners during FinTech Forward 2025 and to fostering new alliances that align with our shared ambitions and market needs."

Mr. Harry Gill, Chairman, Pay10, commented, "This MoU with BENEFIT reflects our shared vision to advance interoperability, inclusion, and financial innovation across the Kingdom. By integrating our mobile-first payment infrastructure with BENEFIT's trusted national network, we are enabling faster, more secure, and compliant transactions that empower consumers and businesses alike. Together, we aim to strengthen Bahrain's role as a regional leader in digital payments and contribute to the growth of its digital economy."

Bahrain and the United Kingdom Strengthen Fintech Collaboration at FinTech Forward 2025

Manama

The Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Kingdom (UK) have reaffirmed their shared commitment to advancing knowledge-exchange, trade, and cross-border partnerships with an extensive three-day UK-delegation visit, jointly coordinated by the Bahrain Economic Development Board (Bahrain EDB) and the UK Department for Business and Trade (DBT).

Underscoring the robust strength of the longstanding bilateral relationship between the two nations, united by a collective ambition to drive growth in the digital economy and spearhead transformative innovation in the financial services industry, Bahrain hosted over 70 delegates from 36 UK-based fintech companies—the largest fintech delegation the Department has ever led to any country. The delegation's participation at Fintech Forward 2025 (FF25) - the region's premier two-day fintech event, which kicked off with a networking reception – was a strategic component of the mission's agenda.

The programme brought together senior government officials, regulators, and leading fintech innovators from both countries to explore new areas of cooperation and showcase the evolution of Bahrain's dynamic fintech ecosystem. Katie Ramsey, Head of FinTech at UK DBT, participated in the panel discussion at FF25 entitled 'Charting the next frontier for digital assets.' The session focused on how innovations in fintech, such as stablecoins, central bank digital currencies, blockchain infrastructure, and



AI-driven wallets, are blurring the lines between payments, assets, and infrastructure.

A highlight of FF25 held under the banner of 'Advancing Bahrain-UK Partnerships in Fintech and Innovation,' featured opening remarks by H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, H.E. Khalid Humaidan, and H.E. Alastair Long. The segment spotlighted UK-based fintech firms, including AMAN Powered by Themis, Oxford Risk, Greengage, JustTip, SaaScada, Raidiam, and BKN 301, presenting their innovative solutions to regional investors.

Supported by Tamkeen, the launch of AMAN powered by Themis - a fintech built by financial crime experts, simplifying risk management through smart technology – was celebrated both on stage at FF25 and at the British Embassy in Manama. AMAN, led by Themis Founder and CEO Dickon Johnstone and AMAN CEO Fawzi Al-Arabi, is contributing to Bahrain's ambition to become a regional model for AI-driven financial crime prevention and fintech innovation.

Katie Ramsey said, "The

collaboration between the UK and Bahrain continues to set an example of how open dialogue, regulatory innovation, and shared ambition can drive growth across the global fintech landscape."

Dalal Buhejji, Executive Director of Financial Services at the Bahrain EDB, added, "We are proud to welcome the UK delegation to Bahrain as part of this partnership with DBT, a testament to our island nation's growing reputation as a gateway for innovation and cross-border collaboration."

During the flagship fintech event, UK WealthTech firm Vexlexa signed an agreement on stage with Ajayad Capital, an investment management firm licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), where Vexlexa's technology will serve as the backbone for Ajayad's upcoming Shari'ah-compliant digital trading app. Additionally, Umazi, a UK-based fintech company, signed an agreement with Bahrain Fintech Bay to advance the development of Bahrain's fintech ecosystem through collaborative initiatives.



Bahrain Family Leisure Company B.S.C. held its Annual General Meeting yesterday at Gulf Convention Centre.

Bahrain Chamber receives Japanese Business Delegation



Second Vice Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Mohammed Al Kooheji, received yesterday at the Chamber's premises a Japanese business from various IT and industrial companies, led by Director of the Japan Business Center (JBC), Yuya Takahashi. Commencing the meeting, Al Kooheji expressed pride in the enduring relationship between Bahrain and Japan, emphasizing the robust trade ties and collaborative opportunities that exist between the two countries. He highlighted the potential for expanding business partnerships, investments, and knowledge exchange between both business communities. Al Kooheji also provided an overview of the Bahrain Chamber's role in Bahrain's economic landscape, noting its history as the first chamber established in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). Takahashi reciprocated the sentiment, underscoring the historic friendship between Japan and Bahrain, built on respect, mutual understanding, and shared interests. He highlighted the successful business ventures that have emerged from this partnership and expressed the Japanese business community's eagerness to strengthen its presence in Bahrain. He noted Bahrain's strategic location and business-friendly environment as key factors in leveraging the country as a regional hub.

BY INVITATION

We Carry the Key, They Carry the Rubble



SHOROUQ EL MASRI – A PALESTINIAN FAR FROM HOME,
BUT NEVER FROM THE SOIL

The first word that comes to my mind when I think about what is happening in Palestine is “Qahr”. There is no English word for it, but it is more than pain or anger, it is a feeling that gnaws at your throat, making you feel hopeless and powerless as you watch people killed every day.

What other word than Qahr could describe the feeling of Anas Al Sharif, targeted and killed while documenting a ceasefire? Or Saleh Al Jafarawi, who filmed the genocide for two years only to be shot seven times after another ceasefire was declared? Or the cruelty of hostages being told their families are dead as a form of psychological torture? Or a mother holding a chocolate bar, asking her newly released son to take a bite? I could go on, but how could I possibly sit and write all the stories of all the injustice people are facing?

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Even after a ceasefire was announced, the truth is still being hidden, censored, and deleted. Instagram accounts are being targeted, and the few ways journalists have to share the truth and expose injustices are constantly under attack. Saleh’s Instagram account was deleted the same day he was killed, even in death, his voice had to be silenced.

I think about my own privilege. The only reason I am not there is because my great-grandfather fled. That one decision is the only thing that separates me from my people in Gaza. Like many Palestinians, my father still keeps the key to his grandfather’s home. For us, the key is not just a piece of metal, it is a promise that we will return.

We carry the key, and they carry the rubble. I scroll through videos of Gaza from the comfort of my own home with an unbearable feeling of guilt and hopelessness. This is Qahr.

It is a feeling shared by every exiled Palestinian. Even though we may never have set foot on our land, it lives within us. Our connection to the soil runs deep, through memory, through blood, through the keys that hang on our walls. And no matter how many homes are destroyed, they will never erase the belief that

one day we will return. Until then, we resist, resist, and resist.

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Civil defence says Israeli forces kill six people in Gaza

Quadcopter drones opened fire on civilians inspecting their homes



A child sits on top of a vehicle loaded with belongings as displaced Palestinians return to their homes in the in al-Zahra area, north of the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip

● The Israeli military said its troops fired after “several suspects were identified crossing the yellow line

● Tuesday’s incidents occurred on the fifth day of the truce brokered by US President Donald Trump

AFP | Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

Gaza’s civil defence agency said Israeli forces killed six Palestinians in separate incidents yesterday, while the military reported its troops had opened fire on suspects who approached their positions.

Mahmud Bassal, spokesman for the civil defence agency, which operates as a rescue force under Hamas, said five people were killed as they inspected their homes in the Shujaiya district of Gaza City.

“Israeli quadcopter drones opened fire on civilians inspecting their homes in Shujaiya,” Bassal said.

The Israeli military said its troops fired after “several suspects were identified crossing the yellow line and approaching IDF troops operating in the northern Gaza Strip”.

“Attempts were made to distance the suspects,” the statement said.

“The suspects did not comply and continued approaching the troops, who opened fire to remove the threat.”

Under a ceasefire deal agreed with Hamas, Israeli forces have pulled back to a so-called “yellow line”, behind which troops still hold roughly half of Gaza.

UN, Red Cross demand opening of all Gaza crossings to let in aid

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The United Nations and the International Red Cross called on Tuesday for all crossings into Gaza to be opened to allow desperately needed aid into the Israeli-blockaded Palestinian territory.

The fragile truce in war-ravaged Gaza, introduced under US President Donald Trump’s plan, needs to see crossings opened to flood the famine-hit territory with aid, they said.

“That’s what humanitarians, including ICRC, have been calling for in the last hours -- making sure that, because of the huge needs, all entry points

can be open,” International Committee of the Red Cross spokesman Christian Cardon told reporters in Geneva.

Jens Laerke, spokesman for the UN humanitarian agency OCHA, added: “We need all of them open.”

He acknowledged that not all of the crossings were currently “functional”, with some “partially destroyed”, while road clearance was needed inside the Gaza Strip to allow trucks in with food, medical aid, fuel, water and other essential supplies.

“We are calling for that to be repaired so that they can become operational,” he said.



Palestinians gather around as Gaza Municipality staff prepare to deploy bulldozers to clear building rubble from main axes and streets in Gaza City

In a similar incident, Bassal said an Israeli drone strike killed one person when it targeted a group of civilians in the town of Al-Fukhari, southeast of Khan Yunis city.

When asked for comment, the military told AFP the group had

posed “an immediate threat” to troops stationed there.

“The suspects attempted to move toward an area where a Hamas weapons storage facility was positioned and was previously dismantled,” the military said.

“The troops opened fire to re-

move the threat.”

Tuesday’s incidents occurred on the fifth day of the truce brokered by US President Donald Trump.

As part of the deal, Hamas on Monday released the remaining 20 living hostages along with the bodies of four captives.

In exchange, Israel freed nearly 2,000 prisoners, mostly Palestinians, and handed over the remains of 45 Palestinians.

Hamas forces back on Gaza streets as truce holds

AFP | Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

Hamas security forces were tightening their grip on Gaza’s ruined cities yesterday even as global support mounted for a US-backed deal that would see them disarmed. When bus loads of prisoners freed from Israeli jails arrived in Gaza on Monday, fighters from Hamas’s Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades provided crowd control.

In the north of the territory, as Israeli forces withdrew from Gaza City, the Hamas government’s black-masked armed police resumed street patrols. Meanwhile, a Hamas security unit has been conducting operations against armed clans and gangs, some alleged to have Israeli backing. “Intense clashes broke out -- and are still ongoing at the moment -- as part of efforts to eliminate collaborators,” said witness Yahya, who asked not to be named in full for fear of retribution.

The first ballet "Ballet Comique de la Reine," commissioned by Catherine de Medici, is staged in Paris

Napoleon Bonaparte arrives on the island of St. Helena to begin his exile



Millions nationwide protest against the war on Vietnam Moratorium Day in the US

Nelson Mandela and South African President F. W. de Klerk are awarded the Nobel Peace Prize

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With the ceasefire in effect, the people of Gaza & Israel are beginning to glimpse the fragile hope of calm after months of devastation. The @UN & partners are rapidly scaling up operations, reaching communities in areas that were cut off for months, delivering life-saving assistance.

@antonioguterres

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Happy to have welcomed President Khurelsukh and held extensive talks with him in Delhi today. His visit comes at a time when India and Mongolia are marking 70 years of diplomatic ties and a decade of our Strategic Partnership. We agreed to keep working together to further amplify the voice of the Global South and boost global prosperity. Sectors that featured prominently in our talks include energy, skill development, IT, critical minerals, rare earths, agriculture and more.

@narendramodi

03



Welcome to freedom @jdanielferrer After years of repression, torture, and abuses from the Cuban regime, Ferrer and his family are in the United States.

SecRubio

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Health is a human right — and if countries truly believe in it, they can make progress towards achieving #HealthForAll, no matter their economic status.

@DrTedros

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Madagascar military unit **seizes** power

The 51-year-old president had refused to step down

● The impeachment passed with 130 votes in favour

AFP | Antananarivo, Madagascar

An elite military unit said yesterday it had taken power in Madagascar after the national assembly voted to impeach President Andry Rajoelina for desertion of duty. The 51-year-old president had refused growing demands

to step down, going into hiding after weeks of anti-government street demonstrations in the island nation.

"We have taken power," Colonel Michael Randrianirina, head of the CAPSAT military unit, told AFP after reading out a statement at a government building in the capital.

The unit will set up a committee composed of officers from the army, gendarmerie and national police, he said.

CAPSAT played a major role in the 2009 coup that first brought Rajoelina to power.

"Perhaps in time it will in-

clude senior civilian advisers. It is this committee that will carry out the work of the presidency," Randrianirina said in his statement.

"At the same time, after a few days, we will set up a civilian government," he said.

The announcement came minutes after the lower house of parliament voted to impeach Rajoelina in a session dismissed by the presidency as "devoid of any legal basis".

Just hours earlier, Rajoelina had dissolved the national assembly by decree to block the session.

We support U.S. President Trump's efforts to bring peace: PM Modi after hostages freed from Gaza

● India said supports U.S. President Donald Trump's "sincere efforts"

TDT | agencies

With all 20 remaining living hostages returning to Israel, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday (October 13, 2025) welcomed their

release and said India supports U.S. President Donald Trump's "sincere efforts" to bring peace to the region.

Hamas released the hostages after two years in captivity as part of the first phase of U.S. President Trump's Gaza peace plan.

Israel-Hamas ceasefire updates on October 13, 2025

"We welcome the release of all hostages after over two years of captivity," Mr. Modi said on 'X'.

"Their freedom stands as a tribute to the courage of their families, the unwavering peace efforts of President Trump and the strong resolve of Prime Minister Netanyahu," he said.

"We support President Trump's sincere efforts to bring peace to the region," Mr. Modi added.

Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh represented PM Modi at the summit.

Israel identifies hostage bodies, returns 45 Palestinian dead

● Hamas is still holding the bodies of 24 hostages

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

The Israeli military said yesterday that the remains of four deceased hostages returned by Hamas have been identified, including those

of a Nepalese student. Separately, a Gaza hospital said it has received the bodies of 45 Palestinians that had been handed back by Israel, also as part of US President Donald Trump's plan to end the Gaza war.

In a statement, the Israeli military named two of the victims as Guy Iluz, an Israeli national, and Bipin Joshi, an agriculture student from Nepal.

The names of the other two

hostages have not yet been released at the request of their families, the statement added.

Iluz, who was 26 at the time of the attack, had been attending the Nova music festival when Hamas launched their assault on October 7, 2023.

He reportedly tried to flee the site in a jeep and later hid in a tree, from where he made his last contact with his parents before being captured and taken to the Gaza Strip.

Wed by app: Abu Dhabi launches virtual marriage for all

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Couples from anywhere in the world can now get married using the Abu Dhabi government's app without even setting foot in the emirate, the head of the project told AFP yesterday.

The United Arab Emirates experimented with allowing online ceremonies for people living in the country during the Covid-19 pandemic.

But the new version has a much wider aim, according to Mohamed Al Askar, who heads the Abu Dhabi government's TAMM application.

"It's open to everyone. Whoever wants to get married in Abu Dhabi, regardless of their nationality, can get the service

online," he told AFP during Dubai-based technology fair Gitex.

"People can go online, they can do the whole transaction without the need to go to any physical place. We are among the first to do that."

For 800 dirhams (\$218), users can complete online forms, submit all the necessary documents, book someone to officiate and even organise a virtual ceremony in as little as 24 hours, he said.

The service is available to Emirati citizens and foreign residents, but also to non-residents, who will need a lawyer or other representative in the country.

The UAE is the only Gulf country that allows non-religious marriages, although the

right is reserved for foreigners.

The marriage feature was added to the newest version of the TAMM application, which allows residents of the emirate to access more than 1,000 government services online.



The idea of online marriage is still in its infancy, with Ukraine launching a service last year allowing couples separated by war to tie the knot using its government app.

BY INVITATION

A Thousand Stories, One Palestine



JUMANA HAMU - PALESTINIAN IN THE UK, LIVING BETWEEN THE ECHO OF HOME AND THE SILENCE OF EXILE

Lately, I've been feeling a mix of emotions I can barely describe. Pain, sadness, anger, and a deep sense of helplessness. I keep losing hope and then forcing myself to find it again, because without hope, we stop seeing the possibility of change. But it's hard. Watching what's happening makes me question my own worth, like I'm somehow less human in a world that decides whose suffering matters.

And yet, behind all that pain, there is love.

Because everything I feel, every bit of heartbreak and anger, comes from how deeply I love this land. I love Palestine, even though I've never been there. I love its people, its strength, its soil, and its spirit. I love a homeland I've only ever known through stories, photos, and memories passed down to me like treasures.

My grandfather was only thirteen when he fled Yaffa in 1948. Out of seventy-three people who escaped, only three survived. He built a life in exile, and that's where I was born, a Palestinian refugee who has never walked her homeland but feels it living inside her. I've never seen an olive sprout from a tree in my Palestine, yet I can still feel its roots growing inside me. That's the power of belonging. It finds you, even when the world tries to erase you.

But my story is only one among millions. Every Palestinian has their own story. Those in Gaza living under siege, the ones in the West Bank surrounded by walls, the ones in the 1948 lands who live as strangers in their own home, and the ones like me, scattered across the world, holding onto an identity built from memory and love. Together, we are branches of the same olive tree, separated by borders but growing from the same soil.

Every ceasefire brings a moment of silence that feels almost sacred. A fragile pause that lets us breathe, grieve, and gather strength again. But it's never real peace, because the killing doesn't stop when the bombing does.

Even after the ceasefire, people are still being taken, still being hurt, still being silenced. Saleh AlJafarawi was martyred after the world declared "peace." His death reminded us that occupation doesn't rest.

And yet, within that same silence, something powerful grows. Not just hope, but certainty. A knowing that no matter how long it takes, Palestine will be free. It's not only faith in a future. It's something I feel deep inside me, a truth rooted in generations before me and carried by those who refuse to give up.

Even from far away, I carry that knowing inside me. I know I will one day step foot on that land, not as a visitor but as someone returning home. I will walk where my grandfather once ran for his life, and I will breathe the air that once carried his prayers. Because this love, this faith, this belonging, it's stronger than any wall. And as long as we keep loving and telling our stories, Palestine will live on. In us, and one day, in freedom.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pleasant Bus Ride and a Simple Request

Dear Editor,

Last week, I decided to try something that had been on my bucket list for a long time - travelling by the red public bus in Bahrain. Since the day I arrived in the Kingdom, I never really had the need to depend on public transport. I was fortunate to have friends with cars, and soon after getting a better job, I bought my own vehicle.

However, my recent bus journey turned out to be a refreshing experience. The ride was comfortable, the roads were smooth, and the system seemed well-organized. More importantly, it gave me an opportunity to meet and interact with people from different walks of life - something you rarely get to do when driving alone.

During the trip, a fellow passenger shared an important concern. He mentioned that while the red bus service is improving, most bus stops in Bahrain lack toilet facilities. For many regular commuters, especially those who have to wait long periods for buses, this is a genuine inconvenience.

He wondered - and I agree - why not consider installing at least one eco-friendly public toilet (e-toilet) at major bus stops? Such a facility would make the commuting experience far more comfortable, especially for daily passengers, senior citizens, and those travelling long routes.

I sincerely hope the concerned authorities will look into this suggestion and explore ways to make public transport in Bahrain even more user-friendly and inclusive.

-Thahir, Sitra

Non-Functional Parking Meters Causing Public Inconvenience

I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities to the persistent issue of non-functional parking meters in and around Manama

On several occasions, we find that the meters are either out of service, do not accept payment, or fail to register the transaction even after payment is made. This not only causes confusion and inconvenience to drivers but also leads to unnecessary fines when payments cannot be completed despite genuine attempts.

Parking management plays a vital role in ensuring the smooth flow of city traffic. However, when the meters remain unreliable, it undermines the efficiency of the system and affects public confidence. It would be highly appreciated if the authorities could ensure regular maintenance, system checks, and prompt repair of faulty meters. Introducing a helpline or quick-report feature via a mobile app could also help address such issues immediately.

A well-functioning parking system reflects the city's commitment to public convenience and urban efficiency - something Bahrain has always been known for.

- Vinod, Tubli

Dedicated Bicycle Lanes- a need of the day

Bahrain has made significant progress in enhancing its road infrastructure and public transportation system in recent years. Smooth highways, organised bus routes, and innovative city developments have all added to the nation's modern image. Yet, there is one thing that continues to surprise many residents - the absence of dedicated bicycle lanes.

Across the Kingdom, cycling is growing in popularity. Many young Bahrainis, expatriates, and fitness enthusiasts utilise bicycles as an eco-friendly and affordable means of commuting or exercising. However, most of them are forced to share the same roads with cars, buses, and heavy vehicles — often putting their safety at risk.

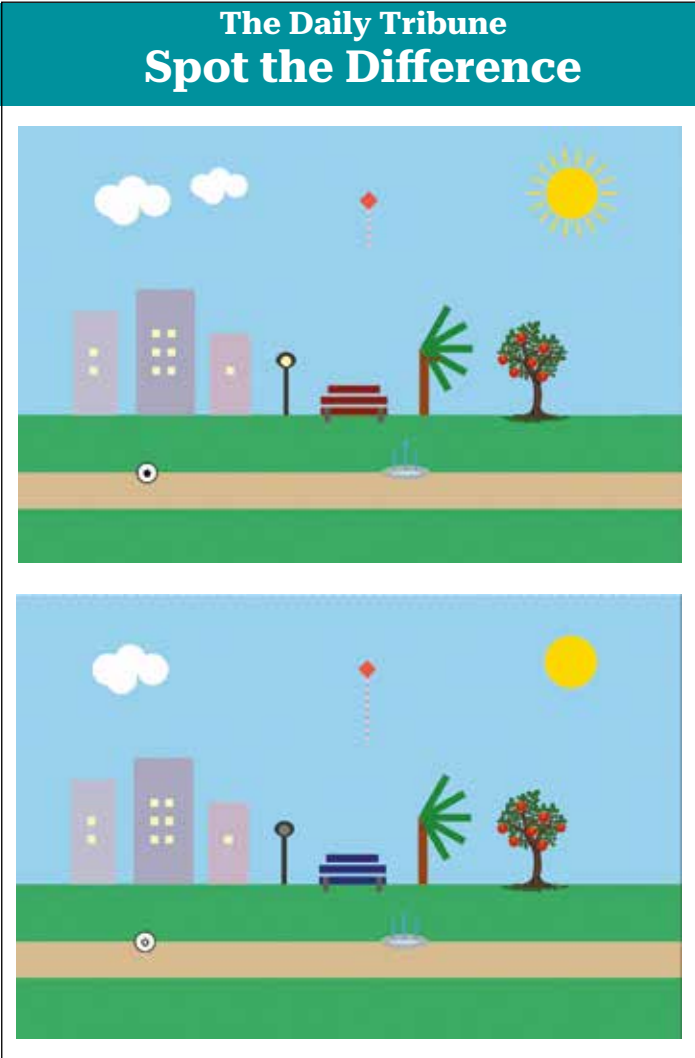
It's time for Bahrain to consider creating bicycle-friendly routes - at least in new development areas, along the Corniche, or near central residential neighbourhoods. Even a few marked lanes or weekend cycling corridors would encourage more people to pedal to work, reduce carbon emissions, and promote a healthy lifestyle.

Cycling is not just a sport; it's a sustainable mode of transport that aligns perfectly with Bahrain's Vision 2030 goals. With thoughtful planning and a few painted lines, Bahrain could become one of the most bicycle-friendly countries in the region - setting a great example for its neighbours.

Darwin, Budaiya



Photo : Shahid



4-year-old child tragically loses life inside a vehicle in Bahrain

Northern Police are investigating the incident, and the 40-year-old driver has been arrested.

This heartbreaking case raises an important question: How can we prevent this from happening again? Motion and sound sensors in transport vehicles can save lives:


- Child left behind: Detects body heat or movement in a parked vehicle
- Unauthorized access: Alerts if someone enters without permission
- Danger zone detection: Monitors areas around the vehicle
- Interior monitoring: Tracks unusual activity inside
- Audio monitoring: Detects shouting, breaking glass, or other emergencies

Technology like Passive Infrared (PIR) motion sensors and audio sensors can alert drivers, monitoring centers, or parents in real-time, ensuring children are safe.

TOP COMMENTS

- rimsha_aafrin**
Nanny on a bus should be mandatory and marking the attendance everyday pick and drop both times. A proper managing school bus system can never experience such mishaps. This has happened multiple times in Gulf countries. Also it is important for parents to teach their children proper sleep pattern. Usually parents stay up late which effects children sleep cycle as well hence they easily doze off in school bus.
- hannigandearbhla**
Bus drivers need to check every child has alighted, this is not the first time this has happened.
- abhilashragh**
Many drivers get impatient when a school bus stops to pick up or drop off children. But those few seconds can save a life. All vehicles should stop at a safe distance and wait until the bus moves. We also need a clear rule or law that makes stopping for school buses mandatory to keep every child safe.
- vinayforever9**
Actually why the parents are leaving the children in the car , AI camera with human children detection should be invented so that the if the children are inside they car cannot be locked

An Appeal to Facilitate Interaction with Kerala Chief Minister



The upcoming visit of Kerala Chief Minister to Bahrain is eagerly awaited by the large Keralite expatriate community in the Kingdom. Among the Indian population living in Bahrain, Keralites form the single largest group, contributing significantly to the country's economy, healthcare, education, and social sectors.

While cultural receptions and public gatherings are being planned to honour the Chief Minister, it is equally important that this visit becomes an opportunity for meaningful interaction with those who wish to present their genuine concerns, grievances, or appeals directly to the visiting leader.

Many long-term expatriates face unresolved administrative or legal matters back home, related to property disputes, pension delays, or document verification, that often require intervention or facilitation by state authorities. For such individuals, a brief personal meeting or the opportunity to submit a written appeal during the Chief Minister's visit would mean a great deal.

I sincerely urge the organisers and the official delegation to create a structured channel or a short interactive session for expatriates who genuinely seek redressal. This gesture would reflect Kerala's continued care for its global citizens and strengthen the emotional and cultural bridge that binds Bahrain and Kerala.

- Rafik





Youth Affairs Minister Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi received German Ambassador Henning Simon to discuss enhancing Bahrain–Germany cooperation. The meeting focused on promoting youth collaboration through joint initiatives, training, and knowledge exchange. The ambassador commended the ministry’s efforts in youth development and expressed Germany’s interest in expanding partnerships that foster skills and innovation among young Bahrainis



The Spanish community in Bahrain celebrated Spain’s National Day with fellowship and festivity at the Barceló Hotel & Residence in Manama. Now in its third year, the Spanish Colony Fellowship Party brought together around 80 guests for an evening filled with Spanish cuisine, music, and camaraderie—reflecting the vibrant spirit of Spain amid Bahrain’s warm hospitality



The American Chamber of Commerce in Bahrain (AmCham Bahrain) held its annual meeting under the patronage of H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce. The event gathered senior officials, business leaders, and members to discuss the strengthening Bahrain–U.S. partnership. H.E. Fakhro commended AmCham’s pivotal role in promoting investment and trade relations, emphasizing the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA) as a milestone for enhanced economic and security cooperation. AmCham President Qais Hatim Al Zubi highlighted a 7% membership growth and more than 40 events and initiatives organized to foster bilateral collaboration. The meeting concluded with expressions of gratitude to sponsors, including WestPoint Home Bahrain and Chevron, for their continued support in advancing Bahrain–U.S. economic relations



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Drivers from the Bahrain Public Transport Company (BPTC) attend an interactive Financial Life Skills Workshop conducted by the Indian Community Welfare Association (ICRF) Bahrain in association with the Bahrain Chapter of ICAI. Held for World Financial Planning Day, the session aimed to empower the BPTC workforce with crucial tools for personal financial management, covering vital topics such as budgeting, debt management, and fraud awareness. ICRF Chairman Advocate V K Thomas noted the importance of the association, while BPTC Head of Human Resources Sampath Suvarna emphasized that “literacy in personal finance is a crucial life skill.” The workshop was led by CA Kaushalendra Manglunia, supported by CA Rushabh Dedhia and CA Vinit Maroo



Abdul Rahman, Indian politician and former Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Vellore, Tamil Nadu, and former Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board, arrived in Bahrain. He currently serves as the Principal Vice-President of the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) – Tamil Nadu and Chairman of the Saaliheen Educational Trust. Bharathi Association General Secretary Nagore Abdul Qaiyum and Membership Secretary Sabeek Meeran extended a warm welcome with a traditional shawl at Bahrain Airport



Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan’s visit to Bahrain has been confirmed for October 16 and 17, marking his first trip to the Kingdom in eight years. The highlight of his visit will be the grand Pravasi Sangamam, organized by the Malayalam Mission and Loka Kerala Sabha members, to be held at Bahrain Keralaeeya Samajam (BKS) on October 17 at 6:30 PM. The Chief Minister will address the Malayali expatriate community during the event. The announcement was made at a press conference attended by Organising Committee Chairman P. V. Radhakrishna Pillai and General Convenor P. Sreejith. The gathering will focus on the theme ‘Malayali, Malayalam, Manavika’ (Malayali, the Malayalam Language, and Humanism), with several dignitaries including Indian Ambassador H.E. Vinod K. Jacob, Minister Saji Cherian, Chief Secretary Dr. J. Jayathilak, and industrialist M. A. Yusuf Ali expected to attend

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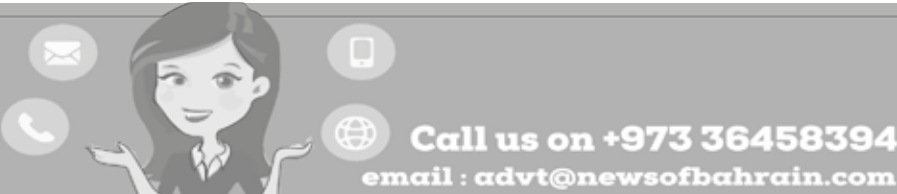
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Dubai T100 unveils 2025 course as Bahrain Victorious duo eye title push

Marten Van Riel, Jelle Geens headline Dubai T100 tilt

- **New course showcases Dubai skyline**
- **Part of Dubai Fitness Challenge**
- **Multiple races for all abilities**
- **Burj Khalifa finish line backdrop**

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The route for the 2025 Dubai T100 has been unveiled, featuring a new 100km course that will take athletes from Jumeirah 3 Beach – Sunset to a finish beneath the Burj Khalifa, in one of the most visually striking triathlons on the global calendar. The event, taking place 13–16 November as part of the Dubai Fitness Chal-

lenge (DFC), will see the world's top triathletes compete over a 2km swim, 80km bike, and 18km run. The redesigned route also passes Meydan Racecourse, offering athletes a fast, flat layout designed for high speeds and dramatic racing.

Among those set to feature are Marten Van Riel, reigning T100 World Tour champion, and Jelle Geens, currently second in the standings – both representing Bahrain Victorious



Jelle Geens



The Dubai leg debuts a brand-new scenic route

13. The Belgian duo are expected to challenge for the overall title, with Geens chasing series leader Hayden Wilde heading into the penultimate stop of the season.

Organisers say the Dubai T100 reflects the

emirate's growing commitment to sport and community fitness. H.E. Saeed Hareb, Secretary General of the Dubai Sports Council, said the event embodies Dubai's vision of making physical activity "part of everyday life" and "a celebration where elite competition meets grassroots participation."

Ahmed Al Khaja, CEO of Dubai Festivals and Retail Establishment, added that hosting the T100 during the Dubai Fitness Challenge highlights the city's "energy, diversity, and drive to become one of the world's most active cities."

Beyond the elite race, the weekend will feature community events such as the Sprint Triathlon (750m swim, 20km

bike, 5km run), the Duathlon Relay (5km run, 22km bike, 5km run), and the crowd-friendly Music Run, a 5km fun run open to all fitness levels.

The T100 World Tour concludes in Qatar in December, following earlier stops in Singapore, San Francisco, London, and Valencia.



Marten Van Riel

Pakistan fancy chances as spinners run riot in South Africa Test

AFP | Lahore

The first Test between Pakistan and South Africa was set for a thrilling conclusion after rival spinners Noman Ali and Senuran Muthusamy wrought destruction on day three in Lahore yesterday.

Muthusamy took a maiden 10-wicket match haul to help bowl Pakistan out for 167 in their second innings on another day dominated by spin and give South Africa a target of 277 for victory.

But Noman, following up his 6-112 in the first innings, dismissed captain Aiden Markram for three and Wiaan Mulder (nought) to keep the visitors down to 51-2 at the close.

Ryan Rickelton, 29 not out, and Tony de Zorzi, unbeaten on 16, fought till stumps with South Africa needing another 226 runs.

Pakistan need eight wickets for a 1-0 lead in the two-match series.

With the threatening spin duo of Noman and Sajid Khan the home team will fancy their chances, especially because no visiting team in Pakistan has ever chased more than the 220-8 Sri Lanka did in Rawalpindi in 2000.



Pakistan's Noman Ali (R) celebrates after taking the wicket of South Africa's captain Aiden Markram

Scorecard

South Africa 51 for 2 (Rickelton 29*, de Zorzi 16*, Noman 2-20) and 269 (de Zorzi 104, Noman 6-112, Sajid 3-98) need another 226 runs to beat Pakistan 167 (Babar 42, Muthusamy 5-57, Harmer 4-51) and 378 (Agha 93, Imam 93, Masood 76, Rizwan 75, Muthusamy 6-117)

Pakistan head coach Azhar Ali was in buoyant mood.

"We will definitely defend this target," said the former Pakistan all-rounder.

"The state of the pitch and our spinners make us favourites, despite our batting not up to the mark in the second outing."

De Zorzi, who hit a century in South Africa's first innings, acknowledged the pressure was on.

"These are tough conditions for batting, but hopefully myself and Rickelton can build tomorrow," he said.

"We will definitely give our best tomorrow, knowing that partnerships will be like gold."

Bahrain hosts FIFA Arab Cup Trophy Tour

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As part of the promotional campaign for the FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2025, Bahrain will host the official Trophy Tour, with the coveted cup going on display at The Avenues – Bahrain from today to 19 October.

The event offers football fans a rare chance to see the trophy up close and capture photos in an interactive setting designed to build excitement ahead of



the tournament's kick-off in December.

Bahrain's stop is part of a wider regional tour aimed at energising supporters and celebrating the spirit of Arab football, as the competition brings together top national teams from across the region.

The Bahrain national team will face Djibouti on 26 November in a qualification play-off for a place in the tournament finals.

Historic World Cup qualification for Cape Verde islanders



Supporters celebrate Cape Verde's victory against Eswatini

AFP | Johannesburg

Cape Verde beat Eswatini 3-0 on Monday to secure a spot at the 2026 World Cup, booking their place in football's global showpiece for the very first time.

The team from an archipelago off the coast of Senegal has about 550,000 inhabitants, making Cape Verde the country with the smallest population to represent Africa in the global showpiece.

Cape Verde won Group D with 23 points, four more than Cameroon, who hold the African record for World Cup appearances with eight. Cameroon drew 0-0 with Angola in Yaounde.

After dominating the first half of the 2026 qualifier, but

seldom threatening to score, the Blue Sharks struck twice through Dailon Livramento and Willy Smedo in the first nine minutes after half-time before a 15,000 flag-waving crowd in Praia.

Livramento claimed his fourth goal of the 10-round qualifying campaign on 48 minutes and Smedo struck six minutes later. Both goals came from close-range tap-ins.

Cape Verde added a third goal in added time when Stopira, a substitute for Joao Paulo, pounced on a loose ball to score.

Cape Verde rely heavily on players born outside the nation to Cape Verdean parents or grandparents. Livramento was born in Rotterdam and Smedo near Paris.

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Qatar Seal World Cup Berth, UAE Left Waiting

Doha delight as Emirati hopes delayed again

- Qatar qualify with 2-1 win
- UAE drop to second place
- Late goal sparks anxious finale
- Afif impresses with two assists

Hussain Almaskati
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Qatar have secured their place at the 2026 FIFA World Cup after a marginal 2-1 win over the UAE in Doha last night. The result ended Emirati hopes of direct qualification and sent the defending Asian champions to next year's global showpiece in the United States, Mexico and Canada. For the UAE, the loss means their path to a first World Cup appearance since 1990 now runs through the play-offs. They finish second in Group A and will face the Group B runners-up,



Qatar's flag flies high as 2022 hosts return to the world stage

either Saudi Arabia or Iraq, in the fifth round of Asian qualifying. The winner of that tie will move on to the intercontinental play-offs for a final shot at qualification. At the Jassim bin Hamad Sta-

dium, the UAE began brightly. Cosmin Olariu's side dominated possession in the first half, creating the better chances through Nicolas Giménez and Ali Saleh, but failed to find the breakthrough.

Qatar, led by the influential Akram Afif, struck early after the restart when Boualem Khoukhi rose highest to head home Afif's free kick in the 49th minute. The UAE pushed for a response, but defensive gaps began to show,

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UAE held 60% possession despite falling short

and in the 74th minute Pedro Miguel doubled Qatar's lead from another Afif delivery. Substitute Sultan Adel pulled one back for the UAE deep into stoppage time with a brilliant strike, sparking a late surge of pressure after Qatar's Tarek Salman was sent off in the 87th minute. Yet Mahmoud Abunada's late saves preserved Qatar's lead and sealed their ticket to North America. The result brought joy to the home crowd in Doha and disappointment for the travelling fans. Qatar celebrated qualification on home soil, while the UAE's World Cup dream continues - alive, but hanging by a thread.

Rain stops Sri Lanka's momentum in New Zealand washout at World Cup



Groundsmen cover the field
AFP | Colombo

Sri Lanka and New Zealand were forced to share points in their Women's World Cup fixture after heavy rain had the final say in Colombo on Tuesday, washing out play after the innings break. The hosts had done the hard yards, posting a competitive 258-6 and fancying their chances with a spin heavy attack on a pitch tailor made for the slow bowlers. The total was also the highest in the Colombo leg of the competition so far. The innings belonged to lower order dynamo Nilakshika Silva, who threw caution to the wind to smash the fastest half-century of this World Cup. Coming in at number six, she turned the tide with a whirlwind knock, reaching her fifty in just 26 balls, bettering the previous mark of 34 deliveries set by Bangladesh's Shorna Akter earlier in the week. It was also a new Sri Lankan record, eclipsing Nilakshika's own milestone of 28 balls.

BRAVE CF 101 Follows Historic Milestone With Kombat Kingdom Return

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BRAVE Combat Federation (BRAVE CF), the world's fastest-growing and most global mixed martial arts organization, proudly announces the long-awaited return of its iconic Kombat Kingdom series with BRAVE CF 101, set to ignite the Khalifa Sports City Arena in Isa Town, Bahrain, on Sunday, November 9. Only two days after the monumental BRAVE 100, the promotion refuses to slow down, charging forward with another world-class spectacle that cements Bahrain's position on the sport's landscape. Mohammed Shahid, President of BRAVE Combat Federation, stated: "BRAVE 100 represents a defining milestone for



the organization and the sport itself. But what makes BRAVE CF truly different is our ability to sustain momentum — to carry the energy from one historic moment straight into the next. BRAVE CF 101 marks the continuation, a statement of our commitment to the sport, and the beginning of a new chapter for the company. We're not just celebrating our legacy; we're

immediately writing the next line of our story." The premium live event promises a breathtaking card featuring the best of Bahrain's homegrown talent and elite international warriors converging under one roof to create another unforgettable night of MMA excellence. In the headliner, Bahrain's own Magomed Idrisov will

take center stage as he looks to storm up the flyweight ladder and solidify his place among the division's elite. Standing across from him is Brazil's Marciano Ferreira, a mixed martial artist whose explosive style guarantees a high-octane clash from the opening bell. Meanwhile, the co-main event promises no less drama, as No. 3-ranked lightweight contender and Bahraini standout Ramazan Gitinov, one of the most technically gifted athletes on the roster, will square off against an equally skilled Turkish newcomer in Nursultan Asker. Additional event details, including the complete bout lineup, will be announced in the coming weeks.

Gill wins first series as India captain with 2-0 West Indies sweep



India's players celebrate with the trophy after their win against West Indies

- India win second Test by seven wickets

AFP | New Delhi

Shubman Gill yesterday won his first Test series since becoming India captain as his side beat the West Indies by seven wickets at Delhi's Arun Jaitley Stadium for a 2-0 sweep. Chasing 121 for victory in the second Test, India resumed on day five at 63-1 and reached their target in the first session with KL Rahul unbeaten on 58. West Indies captain Roston Chase struck twice with his off-spin to send back Sai Sudharsan for 39 and Gill, who made 13. Rahul hit the winning four as India reached 124-3 after a spirited fightback from the West Indies, who made 390 in their second innings with centuries from John Campbell and Shai Hope after being forced to

follow on. India are a team in transition under 26-year-old Gill, after the retirements of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. They won the opening Test by an innings and 140 runs after a thrilling 2-2 draw in their five-Test series in England from June to August, Gill's first in charge. "It's a really big honour and I would say I'm getting used to it," Gill said at the post-match presentation. "Managing all the players and leading this team is a great honour." India head coach Gautam Gambhir said the young leader was marching on after having passed his "toughest test as a Test captain" in England. "No one has done him a favour by appointing him the Test and one-day captain," the former batsman told reporters. "I think he deserves every bit of it. I think he's worked hard, and he ticks all the boxes."

Bahrain Finalizes Media Strategy for 2025 Asian Youth Games

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Bahrain's National Communication Centre (NCC) has finalized a comprehensive communication strategy for the 3rd Asian Youth Games, scheduled to take place from October 22-31, 2025, under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. NCC CEO Ahmed Al Araifi confirmed the kingdom's readiness to host media delegations

and ensure extensive coverage of the event. The strategic framework, developed in coordination with relevant authorities, aims to highlight Bahrain's integrated national efforts in hosting the Games. Al Araifi stated the plan aligns with the vision of the kingdom's leadership to establish Bahrain as a premier destination for major international events. The NCC will leverage its full logistical resources and ex-



NCC CEO Ahmed Al Araifi

pertise to facilitate media operations and ensure a high-quality experience for all journalists. The initiative falls under the directives of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, reflecting a coordinated national effort to present a successful edition of the Games. The event is poised to reinforce Bahrain's growing profile as a capable host for international sporting competitions.

The calm before the storm

Asian Youth Games countdown enters final week in the Kingdom

- Games run from October 22–31
- 356 Bahraini athletes
- Futsal, volleyball, swimming lead numbers
- Record 54 female participants

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TDT | Manama

The wait is almost over. With just one week remaining until the curtain rises on the 3rd Asian Youth Games (AYG), Bahrain is in the final stretch of preparations to host one of the continent's largest multi-sport events. Scheduled from October 22 to 31, the Games will welcome 356 Bahraini participants, including 150 male and 54 female athletes, competing across 26 sports and 253 events. The Bahraini delegation spans a mix of individual and team sports. Futsal leads in participation with 38 athletes, followed by volleyball (36) and swimming (24), while handball and equestrian endurance racing feature 23 and 27 participants respectively. This edition also features the largest-ever female participation in Bahrain's AYG history, reflecting the country's growing focus on women in sport. Held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Games will be Bahrain's debut as host of a continental multi-sport competition, and its most ambitious sporting event to date. Beyond the medals, the AYG serves as a



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa inspects Bahrain National Stadium preparations for the 3rd Asian Youth Games, accompanied by HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Dr. Abdulrahman Sadiq Askar, and Yousef Duaij

qualifying pathway to the 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal. It is also the first edition since Nanjing 2013, following cancellations in 2017 and 2021. Yesterday, HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the General Sports Authority, and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, inspected final preparations at Isa Sports City. He was accompanied by senior officials including HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, BOC Secretary-General Faris Al Kooheji,



The Games were reasigned to Bahrain less than a year ago

and Yousef Duaij, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Third AYG. On Monday, Shaikh Khalid

conducted a similar inspection at Bahrain National Stadium, checking the athletics track, VIP platform, spectator stands, media platform, athletes' changing rooms, and other facilities. "The readiness of venues is one of the key factors for success," Shaikh Khalid said, praising the pace of progress and reaffirming Bahrain's commitment to delivering "an event that reflects the Kingdom's growing sporting stature."

Bahrain's Squads Confirmed

The Bahrain Olympic Committee has confirmed the Kingdom's participation in five other sports including athletics, 3x3

Bahrain's Squads

Men's 3x3 basketball: Somto Patrick Onoduenyi, Hassan Abdulkadir, Divine Tochukwu Abochi, Ali Hussain Mahdi, Yousif Meshaei, Hussain Fuad Ghuloom; coached by Bogdan Dragovic (Serbia) and Bahraini assistant Murtadha Mohammed

Athletics: Salah Rashid, Yousef Ayman Rizq, Talal Al Dossary, Maryam Ateeq, competing in sprints, middle distance, and cross-country

Jiu-jitsu: Pedro Bisi de Jesus, Yousif Mercer, Hamad Fuad Waheed

Badminton: Ali Ashoor, Fatima Ebrahim

E-sports: Captained by Hussain Al Jawder

Handball Groups

Group A: Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Maldives, Hong Kong-China

Group B: Kuwait, Iran, China, UAE, Thailand, Kazakhstan

Umm Alhassam Sports Hall for handball, and the Bahrain Endurance Village for equestrian competitions.

Early Matchups

Group draws for futsal, handball, and volleyball were conducted at the Gulf Hotel, attended by Yusuf Duaij and senior OCA officials. Bahrain's boys' handball team will open against Hong Kong-China on October 19, with matches against Maldives, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia to follow.

Following withdrawals from India, Qatar, and Uzbekistan, a revised draw on October 9 at the Asian Handball Federation HQ in Kuwait created two groups:

- Group A: Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Maldives, Hong Kong-China

- Group B: Kuwait, Iran, China, UAE, Thailand, Kazakhstan

A Legacy in Motion

Bahrain has been a consistent participant in the Asian Youth Games since its inception, winning bronze medals in athletics at both the 2009 Singapore and 2013 Nanjing editions. This time, as host nation, Bahrain will give its next generation a platform while confirming its readiness to stage a major multi-sport event in record time.



Athletes from Thailand and Indonesia arrive in Bahrain to participate in Asian Youth Games. Participants continue to flock to the Kingdom, amid an atmosphere of enthusiasm in preparation for the launch of the biggest continental event in the history of Bahraini sports

BIC to bring head-to-head thrills with Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night this Thursday



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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East', continues to ramp up its public offerings this 2025/2026 season with the first edition of Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night, set to take place this tomorrow in Sakhir.

The event offers motorsport enthusiasts the opportunity to engage in head-to-head battles along BIC's world-class quar-

ter-mile drag strip in their very own cars or motorbikes.

Interested participants can invite their family or friends for an exciting one-on-one challenge, but instead of the traditional standing start, they will begin their run at a rolling speed of 80kph.

Thursday's event is scheduled from 7pm to 12midnight. To book a slot or for more information, visit BIC's official website bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.



The cost to be a part of the Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night is BD22 for each driver or rider. Spectators can watch from the stands for a fee of BD2.

Just as in all activities at the circuit, safety is paramount for all taking part. Cars and motorbikes must therefore go through scrutineering before being able to hit the BIC strip, which is a part of the NHRA Worldwide Network of the U.S.-based National Hot Rod Association (NHRA).

Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night makes for a unique experience, putting fans into an engaging, yet friendly, duel. Both participants will be able to push their vehicles to their limit within the secure and controlled environment at BIC.

For more information on Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night or other events and activities at BIC, visit the circuit's website, call the BIC Hotline, or follow the circuit's official social media channels.