

**Bumrah claims
five as India seize
advantage in first
South Africa Test**

Jasprit Bumrah claimed 5-27 as India bundled out South Africa for 159 on the first day in Kolkata | **P12**

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19th Annual GPCA Forum to take place in Bahrain for the first time this December

Royal Champion clinches 2025 Bahrain International Trophy

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Royal Champion powered to victory in the 2025 Bahrain International Trophy (Group 2) yesterday at the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club in Sakhir, sweeping past rivals in the closing stages to secure the biggest share of the race's US\$1 million purse.

The Karl Burke-trained runner, partnered by James Doyle, lived up to his 15-8 favouritism with a well-timed surge over the 2,000-metre trip.

The five-year-old travelled smoothly throughout the mile-and-a-quarter feature, sitting handy before unleashing a decisive final burst — a performance



that has prompted his trainer to consider stepping him up in distance next season.

"James gave him a great ride," Burke said. "We wanted him switched off and in a rhythm.



I told James he would take a hundred metres to really hit top gear. A furlong and a half out I

thought we might be beaten, but he had it under control. He stays well and he's tough."

Galen, from Joseph O'Brien's yard and ridden by Dylan Browne McMonagle, made the running and fought on gamely but had to settle for second, while Charlie Appleby's Military Order, under William Buick, kept on for third.

Pride Of Arras finished fourth, with Lion's Pride completing the top five. Calif, Bright Picture and Persica followed home.

Royal Champion earned US\$600,000 for the win, with US\$200,000 awarded to Galen and US\$100,000 to Military Order. The Bahrain International Trophy continues to strengthen its reputation as a leading international contest, drawing elite runners from major European stables.

HM King sends a written letter to Italian Prime Minister

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a written letter to Giorgia Meloni, Prime Minister of the Italian Republic, highlighting the strong and long-standing ties between the two nations.

The message was delivered by Osama Abdullah Al Absi, Ambassador to Italy, during his meeting with Fabrizio Saggio, the Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Italy.

The advisor also handed Ambassador Al Absi a written message from Prime Minister Meloni to His Majesty the King, affirming the close and growing partnership between Bahrain and Italy.



UN forces say Israel built walls inside Lebanon

AFP | Beirut, Lebanon

United Nations peacekeepers said yesterday that Israel's army has built walls in south Lebanon near the UN-demarcated Blue Line, the de facto border, while Israel denied the accusation.

50,000

Strong AI workforce by 2030

Tamkeen, govt bodies and universities unite to build the region's next AI hub

● **Integrates AI across modelling, services and long-term economic planning**

● **AI policies and digital economy strategies to anchor growth**

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Artificial intelligence is the future — and Bahrain isn't waiting.

The kingdom is gearing up to build a 50,000-strong AI-skilled workforce by 2030.

Leading the charge is the Labour Fund Tamkeen, steering a government-backed mission outlined by the Economic Development Board.

In support, the Information and eGovern-

ment Authority has already rolled out the National Artificial Intelligence Policy and an AI ethics guide — tools now serving as a reference point for neighbours across the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Bahrain's Economic Recovery Plan also leans heavily on AI, aiming to weave it into production lines and services to boost output and create high-quality jobs.

To drive this shift, the kingdom is advancing a three-pronged strategy: the Digital Economy Strategy, the Financial Services Development Strategy and the Industrial Sector Strategy.

The Ministry of Finance and National Economy says it is already using AI-driven economic modelling to track performance and forecast growth.

On the talent front, the Arti-

ficial Intelligence Academy at Bahrain Polytechnic is preparing citizens for digital innovation, while youth are exposed to AI through the Khalid bin Hamad Innovation Competition and Hackfest events.

Artificial intelligence forms a core pillar of the National Digital Economy Strategy, itself anchored within the wider Telecommunications, Information Technology and Digital Economy Strategy. AI is also embedded throughout the enabling frameworks of Bahrain Economic Vision 2050.

The Ministry of Cabinet Affairs notes that the Government Programme 2023-2026 carries a full pillar on state performance and digital transformation, with 48 national initiatives designed to spark innovation, build digital skills

and prepare infrastructure and legislation for a fully digital economy.

According to the ministry, the Digital Economy Strategy approved in 2023 rests on three pillars: an inventive and borderless digital economy; a flexible, responsive digital government; and a globally connected digital hub. Strong collaboration between the public and private sectors is seen as essential to delivering these goals.

For its part, the Nasser Centre for Science and Technology says a dedicated national AI strategy would be a pivotal step towards boosting competitiveness and achieving Bahrain Economic Vision 2030. It added that AI promises major advances across industry, finance, education and health.

US and several Arab states urge 'swift adoption' of UN Gaza resolution

United Nations, United States

The United States and several Arab and Muslim-majority nations including Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Turkey called yesterday for the UN Security Council to quickly adopt a US resolution endorsing Donald Trump's peace plan for Gaza.

"The United States, Qatar, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Jordan, and Türkiye express our joint support for the Security Council Resolution currently under consideration," the countries said in a joint statement, adding they were seeking the measure's "swift adoption."



Modi celebrates as party set for big win in state vote

AFP | New Delhi, India

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday hailed a "resounding" victory for his party and its allies in a key local election in the state of Bihar.

The election commission said partial results and projections suggested a solid majority for Modi's Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its allies in the state assembly. Modi called the win a "victory of good governance".

