

HM King, Pakistan president attend Arabian horse show

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Excellency Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari, attended an Arabian horse show, which included a military formation by the Royal Guard cavalry of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF).

H.E. President Zardari was briefed on the horses and the longstanding efforts made in the Kingdom of Bahrain to care for and preserve their bloodlines.

This came as HM the King re-

ceived H.E. President Zardari at Al Safriya Palace yesterday.

First Lady

The Pakistani leader was accompanied by Her Excellency Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, First Lady of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

During the meeting, HM King Hamad and H.E. President Zardari exchanged cordial talks reflecting the longstanding ties and close cooperation between the two countries at all levels.

His Majesty commended the



HM the King with H.E. Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari and H.E. First Lady Aseefa Bhutto Zardari

successful visit of H.E. President Zardari to Bahrain and its positive outcomes in enhancing bilateral relations. HM the King expressed appreciation for His Excellency's role and efforts in further developing these relations.

H.E. President Zardari expressed appreciation to HM the King for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to him and his accompanying delegation.

His Excellency praised the horse show and the Kingdom's efforts to preserve these pure-bred horses.

Bahrain condemns terrorist attack in Pakistan

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The Kingdom of Bahrain strongly condemned and denounced the terrorist attack that targeted a police vehicle in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in northwestern Pakistan, which resulted in the death of several officers.

A statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed the Kingdom's sincere condolences and sympathies to the government and people of Pakistan, and to the families of the victims.

It reaffirmed Bahrain's absolute rejection of acts of violence and terrorism that aim to undermine security and stability and terrorise innocent civilians.



Israel striking Hezbollah targets

AFP | Jerusalem

The Israeli military yesterday said it conducted air strikes against Hezbollah targets shortly after issuing evacuation orders for the village of Sohmar in southern Lebanon.

"In response to Hezbollah's repeated violations of the ceasefire understandings, the (Israeli military) is striking Hezbollah terror targets in several areas in Lebanon", the military said in a statement.

Earlier yesterday, the army had warned residents of Sohmar to evacuate certain areas ahead of strikes against Hezbollah targets.

Asset freeze

US sanctions Iranian officials and financial networks over protest crackdown



The wreckage of a burnt bus bearing a banner that reads "This was one of Tehran's new buses that was paid for with the money of the people's taxes," in Tehran's Sadeghieh Square. (AFP).

White House claims Iran 'halted' 800 protester executions

AFP | Washington

The US imposed sanctions yesterday on Iranian security officials and financial networks, accusing them of orchestrating a violent crackdown on peaceful protests and laundering billions in oil revenues.

Meanwhile, the White House said yesterday Iran halted 800 executions under pressure from President Donald Trump over its crackdown on a wave of protests, but US military action remains an option.

"The president understands today that 800 executions that were scheduled and supposed to take place yesterday were halted," Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt told reporters.

"All options remain on the table for the president," she said,

adding that Trump had warned Tehran of "grave consequences" if the killing of demonstrators continued.

Measures

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent announced the measures in the wake of the biggest anti-government protests in the history of the Islamic republic, although the demonstrations appear to have diminished over the last few days in the face of repression and an almost week-long internet blackout.

"The United States stands firmly behind the Iranian people in their call for freedom and justice," Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said in a statement, adding that the action was taken at President Donald Trump's direction.

Among those sanctioned is Ali Larijani, secretary of Iran's Supreme Council for National Security, whom Washington accused of coordinating the crackdown and calling for force against protesters.

Four regional commanders of

Iran's Law Enforcement Forces



The sanctions freeze any US assets of those designated and prohibit Americans from doing business with them.

and Revolutionary Guard were also sanctioned for their roles in the crackdown in Lorestan and Fars provinces.

Gunshot

Security forces in Fars "have killed countless peaceful demonstrators" with hospitals "so inundated with gunshot wound patients that no other types of

patients can be admitted," the Treasury said.

The Treasury additionally designated 18 individuals and entities accused of operating "shadow banking" networks that launder proceeds from Iranian oil sales through front companies in the UAE, Singapore and Britain.

These networks funnel billions of dollars annually using cover companies and exchange houses, as Iranian citizens face economic hardship, according to the Treasury.

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Foreign financial institutions risk secondary sanctions for transactions with the designated entities.

The action builds on the Trump administration's "maximum pressure" campaign against Iran.

In 2025, the Treasury sanctioned more than 875 persons, vessels and aircraft as part of this effort, it said.

600 exhibitors for Autumn Expo 2026

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The Autumn Expo is set to welcome visitors for its 36th edition, taking place from January 22 to 31, 2026, at the Bahrain International Exhibition & Convention Centre.

The event will feature approximately 600 exhibitors from over 24 countries, further solidifying its position as one of the region's leading family shopping festivals.

This year's expo will showcase a wide array of international pavilions offering thousands of imported and exclusive products, alongside a comprehensive entertainment program catering to all family members.

Highlights include children's activities, an electronic games zone, and an expanded food court featuring a variety of cuisines.

Model

Dana Osama Al Saad, Vice President of Resources and Projects at the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), said the expo represents a comprehensive model for modern family-oriented exhibitions and reflects the confidence of regional and international markets in Bahrain's status as a leading hub for events and exhibitions.

Meanwhile, Mohammed Ibrahim, General Manager of Informa Bahrain, noted that this year's edition is distinguished by the diversity of exhibits and activities, enhancing the visitor experience and supporting commercial activity.

The expo will be open daily from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM in Halls 2, 3, 5, and 6 at the Bahrain International Exhibition & Convention Centre.

Admission is free, with pre-registration available via the official website.

