

Security, defence forces remain on 'high alert'

Legal action taken against 45 drivers for causing public disturbance

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Authorities in Bahrain said security, defence and public service systems remain on alert as officials continue to monitor regional developments and maintain readiness to protect the public.

Speaking during the National Communication Centre daily briefing, Captain Abdullah Al-Mannai of the Ministry of Interior, said the General Di-

rectorate of Traffic has taken legal action against 45 drivers for deliberately producing loud and disturbing noises from their vehicles.

He said the behaviour caused fear among residents and disrupted public calm, adding that the violations were addressed in accordance with traffic regulations.

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He also noted that the Interior Minister, His Excellency Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, recently visited the General Directorate of Civil Defence to

review operational readiness.

During the visit, the Minister condemned the Iranian aggression and conveyed the appreciation of His Majesty King Ham-

ad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to Civil Defence personnel for their efforts in protecting the community.

Al-Mannai also clarified that emergency sirens and wireless alert systems are activated only when a direct threat to targets within Bahrain is detected. He said the systems are not used unless there is an immediate risk.

CBSE cancels Class 12 exams in Gulf



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● **Students await fair evaluation**

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The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has cancelled the Class 12 board examinations that were scheduled in several Gulf countries, including Bahrain, Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

The decision affects thousands of Indian students studying in CBSE-affiliated schools across the region.

Authorities said the decision was taken after reviewing the current situation in the Middle East, with student safety and well-being cited as the primary reason for cancelling the exams.

CBSE is expected to announce an alternative evaluation method soon.

While parents across the Gulf recognize the need for caution, the sudden cancellation has left many anxious about their children's academic future after months of preparation for board exams, hoping that CBSE provides a fair evaluation system soon.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Rashmi, a parent of a Class 12 CBSE student, said, "our major concern now is eligibility for entrance exams for higher education, especially for competitive exams where percentages and marks play a



"While some students perform better in board exams than in pre-boards, we trust CBSE to come up with a student-friendly formula, so there's no need for stress or apprehension."

— DR. K. GOPINATH MENON, PRINCIPAL OF NEW INDIAN SCHOOL

big role. If model exam marks are used as the evaluation criteria, they may not fully reflect students' actual performance, as students tend to perform better in the final board examinations than in model or pre-board tests."

School leaders, however, say there's no need for panic, expecting CBSE to adopt a fair evaluation system.

Dr. K. Gopinath Menon, Principal of New Indian School, said, "We are awaiting further details on the evaluation."

125 missiles, 211 drones destroyed

● **BDF air defence systems counter Iranian attacks**

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The General Command of the Bahrain Defence Force announced that through the unwavering vigilance of its personnel, the BDF's air defence systems continue to successfully counter successive waves of the hostile terrorist Iranian aggression.

Since the onset of hostilities,

air defences have intercepted and destroyed 125 ballistic missiles and 211 drones targeting the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The General Command expressed its pride in the exceptional combat readiness and vigilance demonstrated by BDF personnel, and commended their sustained operational effectiveness in defending the Kingdom.

The performance of Bahrain's forces continues to inspire confidence that the Kingdom's skies remain secure.

The General Command urged all members of the public to

The use of ballistic missiles and drones to target civilian areas and private property constitutes a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law and the United Nations Charter.

exercise the utmost caution for their personal safety.

Citizens and residents are advised to: Keep clear of affected areas and any suspicious objects; refrain from filming or

photographing military operations or debris sites; avoid spreading unverified information; and consult only official and government media channels for updates, alerts, and advisories.

The General Command further emphasised that the use of ballistic missiles and drones to target civilian areas and private property constitutes a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law and the United Nations Charter.

These indiscriminate attacks represent a direct threat to regional peace and security.

UK updates travel advice for citizens

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The UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) has updated its travel guidance for British citizens in the Kingdom of Bahrain, citing current regional developments.

In a statement obtained by Al-Ayyam, the ministry urged citizens to avoid areas near security or military installations, as well as facilities belonging to the US government, due to the ongoing escalation in the region.

Officials noted that Iran continues to target civilian infrastructure across several countries, including hotels, roads, bridges, energy facilities, oil production sites, water systems, and airports. The FCDO reiterated its advice to avoid travel to Bahrain except in cases of extreme necessity.

British nationals in the country are also urged to register their presence and subscribe to the alerts service via the UK Foreign Office's travel advice page, which provides guidance on emergency procedures.

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NOTICE OF VENUE CHANGE Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) Wednesday, 25 March 2026

Due to current circumstances, Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company B.S.C. wishes to inform its esteemed shareholders that the venue for the Ordinary General Meeting (OGM), scheduled on Wednesday, 25 March 2026 at 10:00 AM, has been changed to Sayer Ballroom, 1st Floor Lobby Level, Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa Hotel, Kingdom of Bahrain, instead of Gulf Hotel, Manama. The meeting will continue to be held in person. All other arrangements remain as per the original notice. Shareholders are kindly requested to take note of this change.

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