

Strong Signals of Security Unity

Washington reaffirms long-term military commitment to Bahrain

The United States has reaffirmed its strong defence and security partnership with the Kingdom of Bahrain during a high-level visit by CENTCOM Commander Admiral Brad Cooper.

In a statement, US Ambassador to Bahrain Stephanie Hallett said the visit this week reflected the deep military cooperation between the two countries, built over decades of joint training, integration, preparedness, and shared strategic interests.

She said she was honoured to welcome Admiral Cooper to Bahrain, noting that both sides expressed appreciation for the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, particularly in the face of regional security challenges.

The US ambassador highlighted the close coordination between US forces and the Bahrain Defence Force, stressing that the partnership remains central to protecting Bahrain's sovereignty and security.



HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa received US CENTCOM Commander Admiral Brad Cooper during his visit to Bahrain on April 13.



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"We are here. We have been here. And we are not going anywhere," the statement emphasized, underscoring Washington's long-term

commitment to Bahrain.

The visit comes as both countries continue to strengthen military cooperation and regional security coordination.

Three Arrested Over BD4,700 Theft in Gudaibiya



The Ministry of Interior confirmed that the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science arrested three individuals aged 32 to 36, for allegedly stealing BD 4,700 from a citizen in the Qudaibiya area.

Upon receiving the report, authorities immediately launched search and investigation operations, collecting evidence that led to identifying and apprehending the suspects. The stolen money was also recovered and seized as part of the case.

Fake Link Scam

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A man was sentenced to 15 years in prison and fined BD 10,000 after being convicted of importing 1.2 kilograms of marijuana hidden inside a postal parcel sent from an Asian country, in one of the most serious drug smuggling cases detected before delivery.

According to court records, customs officers became suspicious of a parcel during routine inspections at the airport using an X-ray scanner. The shipment was later opened and found to contain six transparent bags filled with colored packaging filled with marijuana, carefully concealed.

The following day, the defendant arrived to collect the parcel. He admitted the parcel belonged to him, leading to his immediate arrest and referral to the Anti-Narcotics Directorate. Authorities later obtained permission to search his residence.

Investigations revealed that the defendant ordered the parcel for both trafficking and personal use, and used a false name to avoid detection. Laboratory tests confirmed the presence of cannabis in the seized substances, and his urine sample also tested positive.

Flags Risks to Maritime and Energy Security



Ahmed Salman bin Musallam, President of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly and Speaker of the Parliament

Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, President of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly and Speaker of Bahrain's Council of Representatives, warned that recent developments in the Middle East mark a dangerous escalation threatening regional and global security.

Speaking in Istanbul during a coordination meeting of the Asian Parliamentary Group alongside the 152nd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly, he said tensions have risen due to Iranian attacks on GCC states and Jordan.

He said these actions violate sovereignty and international law, risking further destabilization of the region.

Al Musallam also noted concerns over reported disruptions

in the Strait of Hormuz, warning of serious impacts on global energy, trade, and supply chains.

He urged stronger parliamentary action and called for support of an emergency proposal condemning the attacks and reaffirming respect for international law, civilian protection, and freedom of navigation.

Over 900 complaints exposed



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More than 900 complaints from residents across Capital districts 8 and 9 have exposed growing pressure on roads, pavements and basic municipal services, according to a detailed presentation delivered during the Capital Municipal Council session.

Covering the period from January 2024 to March 2026, the report was part of a comprehensive review of municipal and service requirements, detailing daily challenges faced by residents across both districts.


District 8 recorded 625 requests, nearly double the 339 logged in District 9, pointing to heavier service pressure despite having fewer areas. The figures suggest a higher concentration of infrastructure-related issues, particularly in residential zones.

Across both districts, road and pavement maintenance accounted for the majority of complaints submitted to the Ministry of Works, confirming a consistent pattern of demand centred on deteriorating surfaces, uneven walkways and water accumulation.


In response, authorities processed hundreds of requests, achieving completion rates over seventy per cent in both districts. District 9 recorded a slightly higher rate despite covering a broader geographical area.

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IPU Assembly in Istanbul

- Bahrain reaffirmed its focus on environmental innovation and youth empowerment.
- Leaders stressed climate cooperation and support for developing countries.
- Held talks with Ukraine and Germany to strengthen parliamentary ties.
- Bahrain and the UAE proposed an emergency item at the IPU on regiregarding attacks.
- UN resolutions supported Bahrain's position.