

Early release of March salaries ahead of Eid



HRH Prince Salman
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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has ordered the early disbursement of salaries for all government sector employees and retirees for the month of March, ahead of Eid Al-Fitr.

HRH Prince Salman instructed the relevant authorities to release the salaries tomorrow.

Additionally, salaries for April 2026 will be disbursed on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, to reduce the gap between the March and April salary payments following the early March disbursement.

Gulf Air expands Dammam flights to Frankfurt, Nairobi

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Gulf Air, the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, announced the expansion of its temporary commercial network via King Fahad International Airport in Dammam in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to include Frankfurt and Nairobi, with additional destinations to be announced in the coming days.

Gulf Air indicated that the two new destinations will be available for travel from March 23-28, and will be added to the airline's list of temporary commercial flights via Dammam, which includes flights to London Heathrow, Mumbai and Bangkok.

The move reflects Gulf Air's ongoing efforts to maintain the Kingdom's air connectivity amid the temporary closure of Bahrain's airspace.

HM King hails Egypt, Netherlands support

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Egypt and the Kingdom of the Netherlands affirmed their full solidarity with Bahrain and all Gulf states in facing current challenges.

They also condemned the Iranian attacks targeting the Kingdom of Bahrain.

This came as His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received telephone calls from Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi and His Majesty King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands.

The official spokesperson for the Presidency of Egypt stated that President El Sisi emphasized his country's readiness to provide all necessary support to maintain regional security and



HM the King
stability.

Efforts

President El Sisi also highlighted that Egypt continues in-



President El Sisi

tensive contacts and efforts at the international and regional levels to end the war as soon as possible.

He commended Bahrain's role



HM King Willem-Alexander

in supporting calm and safeguarding regional stability.

The official spokesperson added that His Majesty the King expressed his deep appreciation

to President El Sisi for his steadfast position in supporting the Kingdom and the Gulf states.

Measures

His Majesty King Willem-Alexander affirmed his country's full support for all measures taken by Bahrain to protect its sovereignty, security, and stability.

His Majesty King Hamad expressed his sincere gratitude and appreciation for the support of Egypt and the Netherlands.

He affirmed that the people of Bahrain are peaceful and believe in tolerance and coexistence, and that the Kingdom remains committed to the path of peace, supporting everything that enhances security and stability in the region and the world.

Essential stability

Cabinet reviews measures to safeguard markets and security amid Iranian aggression

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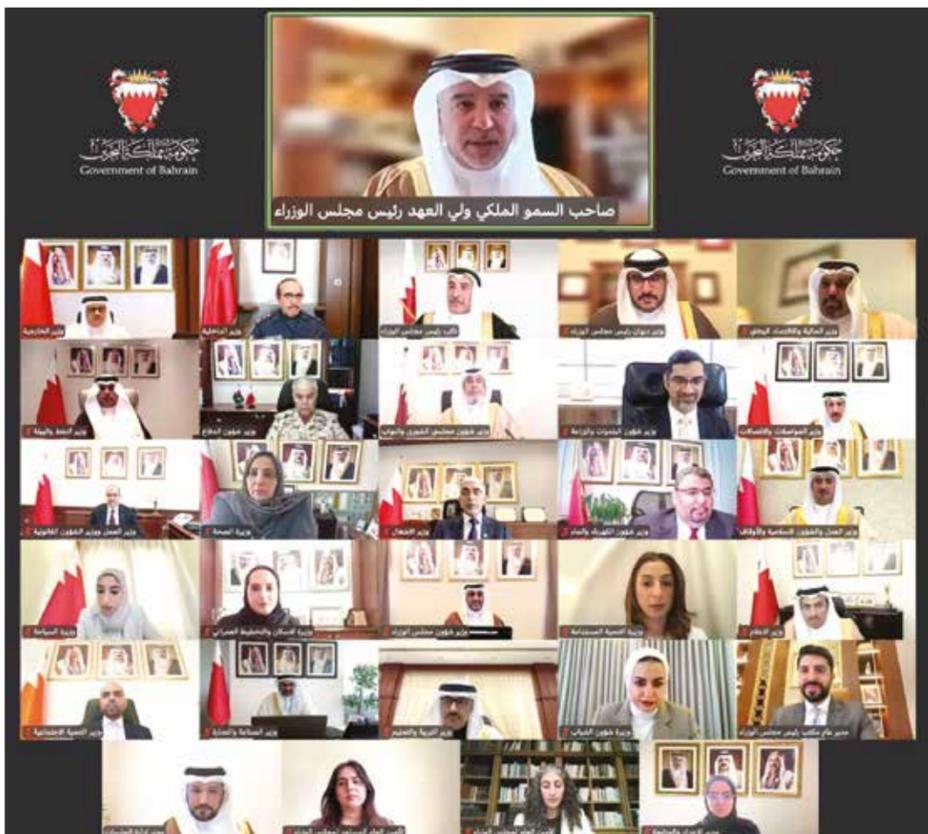
The Cabinet reviewed the plans and measures being implemented to address the impact of hostile Iranian aggression toward the Kingdom of Bahrain. It also assessed the availability of essential goods and the smooth flow of supply chains across the market, ensuring continued stability amid regional tensions.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday chaired the weekly Cabinet meeting.

In line with preparations for the upcoming Eid Al-Fitr holiday, HRH Prince Salman extended his best wishes to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the citizens and residents of Bahrain, and to Muslims worldwide.

Coordination

The Cabinet directed the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to continue close coordination with the private sector, emphasizing the ongoing monitoring of markets, enhancing oversight, and safeguarding price stability for essential goods.



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

It commended the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), National Guard, Ministry of Interior, and security and civil authorities for their readiness and professionalism in protecting the Kingdom. The Cabinet also praised the cooperation and loyalty of citizens and residents, highlighting the contribution of the national workforce across sectors as part of "Team Bahrain."

It welcomed the United Nations Security Council resolution condemning the unlawful Iranian attacks on GCC countries and Jordan.

Trust

The Cabinet noted that it received the highest number of co-sponsors in the history of the Council, reflecting international trust in Bahrain and the far-reaching vision of HM the King in promoting global security and stability.

It extended condolences to the family of a Bahraini woman killed in a Manama residential area during the attacks, and wished a speedy recovery to those injured. Authorities' readiness and professionalism in both security and medical response were commended.

Flow of goods uninterrupted

Food supplies, shipping operations steady

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The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry held an expanded meeting, bringing together representatives of the food sector and

logistics industry to review the status of shipping activity and supply chains in light of ongoing regional developments.

The meeting, chaired by Khalid Ali Al-Amin, Chairman of the Food Sector Committee at

the Bahrain Chamber, brought together members of the Chamber's Transport and Logistics Committee alongside representatives from several shipping and logistics companies.

Discussions focused on en-

suring the continued stability of food supplies and the uninterrupted flow of goods to the Kingdom's markets.

In periods of stability, maritime activity at ports may appear as routine commercial opera-

tions. However, during times of regional tension, supply chains become a matter of economic security directly linked to market stability and the daily needs of citizens and residents.

Calm departures

Expats leaving Bahrain cite personal emergencies, planned travel and medical needs, not panic

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While some expatriates have recently left Bahrain on chartered flights, community leaders say the departures are largely due to personal emergencies, pre-planned travel and medical needs rather than panic over current regional tensions.

Community organisations across Bahrain have been helping coordinate repatriation flights in cooperation with airlines and volunteers, assisting residents who need to travel urgently.

Groups including the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam, the Kannada Sangha Bahrain, and Nav Bharat have been actively organising chartered flights and assisting passengers with travel arrangements.

Travel

Many of those leaving, community representatives say, had already planned trips or faced urgent circumstances that made travel necessary.

“Those leaving are mostly stranded visitors on transit



P V Radhakrishnan Pillai

visas, short-term visa holders, elderly residents, people with medical needs, and families who had already planned trips for Eid or the festival season,” said P. V. Radhakrishna Pillai, president of Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam.

“Most of those travelling had already planned their journeys. Panic departures are very minimal — probably less than five per cent,” he said.

Flights

Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam has already helped organise two flights and is planning additional departures in the coming days, while also assisting residents who need financial support for emergency travel.



Senthil GK



Residents board buses to Dammam, arranged by BKS

Similarly, Kannada Sangha Bahrain arranged three fully booked repatriation flights on March 15-16, prioritising passengers with medical needs,



Deepika Nambiar



senior citizens, and those in urgent situations. Nav Bharat has also coordinated additional charter flights to Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Kochi,

many of which are already full.

In a discussion with The Daily Tribune, Senthil GK, President of Annai Tamil Mandram Bahrain, said priority is being given to children whose parents are in India, pregnant women, new mothers with infants, and the elderly.

The organization has arranged a flight to Chennai on March 18, with more in the pipeline.

“We have also accommodated 10 laborers free of cost, including one whose father passed away and others with medical issues,” he added.

Reasons

Many residents cite employment commitments, school-going children and long-standing ties to the country as reasons for staying.

“We have lived and worked on this island for many years, and it is not easy for us to leave and start again elsewhere,” said Deepika Nambiar, a long-time expatriate resident.

Despite the recent departures, community leaders say the majority of expatriates remain in Bahrain and continue with their work and daily routines.

Suspects detained for glorifying terrorist acts

● **Investigation begins**

Rehab Mohammad
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The Chief of the Terrorism Crimes Prosecution announced that the Public Prosecution has ordered the pretrial detention of several suspects accused of promoting and glorifying hostile terrorist acts targeting the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Public Prosecution received multiple reports from the Cybercrime Department, indicating that several social media accounts were publishing and broadcasting videos that glorify, promote, and encourage terrorist acts carried out against Bahrain, including attacks by Iranian-backed groups.

The content also included incitement to undermine internal security and stability.

Investigations began immediately after the reports were received.

The suspects were interrogated and confronted with the unlawful content found on their accounts.

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Engineer supervision required for building permits

● New ministerial decision

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Building permit applicants in Bahrain will have to appoint a licensed engineer or engineering office to oversee construction work before it begins, under a new ministerial decision that also eases the rule for small changes, repair work and some light structures.

Decision No. 25 of 2026, issued by Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister, His Excellency Wael Al Mubarak, and published in the Official Gazette, changes parts of the executive regulations of the Building Regulation Law.

It also opens the way for licensed engineering offices to inspect finished buildings before occupancy or use permits are granted, sets out the steps for replacing the supervising engineer during a project, and lists the kinds of minor changes to approved plans that will not count as a breach of the permit.

Under the new rules, anyone seeking a building permit must appoint a licensed engineer or engineering office to supervise the permitted works.

Responsibility

Full responsibility for that



H.E. Wael Al Mubarak

supervision will rest with the engineer or office in charge.

Before any work starts, the applicant must also submit a written undertaking from that engineer or office to the Capital Municipality or the relevant municipality.

Some cases are exempt.

Rule

The rule will not apply to simple changes to a building, by extension or by adding upwards or sideways, where the area does not exceed 50 square metres and the height does not go beyond two storeys including the ground floor, so long as no special structural designs are needed.

The exemption also covers support work, maintenance and restoration that have written approval from the Capital Municipality or the relevant municipality, as well as light above-ground structures of up to 500 square metres that do not need special structural designs.

'Necessary step'

Tamkeen urged to cover full wages for Bahraini employees of war-affected SMEs

● MP proposal

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An urgent proposal has been put before Parliament calling for Tamkeen to pay the full wages of Bahraini staff at small and medium-sized firms hit by the war and the attacks on Bahrain.

MP Hassan Bukhammas, chairman of Parliament's Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee, wants the government to direct the Labour Fund to launch an emergency support scheme for a fixed spell, or until the fallout from the war has passed.

He said the call came as the region faces "exceptional circumstances" from the ongoing war and "the criminal Iranian attacks that targeted the Kingdom of Bahrain", with the effects feeding into the local market and weighing on many smaller firms.

Pillar

Bukhammas said such businesses are "a basic pillar of the economy" and one of the main homes of Bahraini workers.

Keeping them on their feet, he said, and stopping them from falling into trouble or shedding local staff, is now "a strategic, economic and security necessity", especially as supply chains are shaken and running costs climb.

He said the proposal aims to keep salaries reaching Bahraini



"The proposal would help keep money moving in the home market and avoid closures or bankruptcies among smaller businesses."

— MP HASSAN BUKHAMMAS

in the private sector "without interruption or delay", while easing the load on owners of small and medium-sized firms so they can face the slowdown brought on by the current conditions.

Bukhammas said the move would also help keep money moving in the home market and avoid closures or bankruptcies among smaller businesses.

Action

He described fast action through Tamkeen, by way of an emergency support scheme, as "a necessary step" to keep Bahraini workers secure and

shield firms from financial strain caused by the regional climate.

Such a move, he said, would help build trust in the economy and keep business activity going across many fields.

Bukhammas said the urgent nature of the proposal stems from "the pressing need to protect the stability of the Bahraini family from the effects of regional crises".

Shocks

He added that small and medium-sized private firms are the most exposed to economic shocks, which calls for immediate action to keep their work going and stop job losses or financial strain from hitting many Bahraini businesses.

The lawmaker said an emergency Tamkeen scheme to cover the wages of Bahrainis working in small and medium-sized firms would be "an economic and social safety valve at this stage" and would help protect the labour market while giving Bahrain's economy a better chance of getting through the current strain.

10-year jail punishment for harmful news posts

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The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security has confirmed that the law punishes anyone who publishes or broadcasts news, information, or images that may cause panic among the public or harm military preparedness or operations.

This offense is punishable by imprisonment of up to 10 years, in accordance with Article (133) of the Penal Code.

The directorate explained that Article (133) stipulates penalties for anyone who intentionally spreads false or misleading news, statements, or rumors during wartime, or engages in provocative propaganda that could harm military preparations or operations, or cause panic and weaken the morale of the nation.

Accuracy

The directorate stressed the importance of accuracy and responsibility when sharing information or publishing images and data through various media outlets and social media platforms, especially during exceptional circumstances, in order to protect national security and safeguard the public interest.

It also called on everyone to comply with the applicable laws and regulations and avoid spreading rumors or sharing unreliable information.

Criminal case filed over fabricated social media videos

● Public security threat

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The Head of the Terrorism Crimes Prosecution an-

nounced that the Public Prosecution has referred several defendants to criminal trial.

The charges involve publishing fabricated videos and spreading false news on social media in a manner that could harm public security and cause panic among members of the

community.

The Public Prosecution had received several reports from the Cybercrime Department stating that, during its monitoring operations, a number of social media accounts were detected publishing and circulating false news and malicious rumors about the

locations of missile strikes during the ongoing hostile attacks targeting the Kingdom.

One of the defendants was also found to have published and circulated a fabricated image falsely showing residential neighborhoods being bombed, which could provoke

fear and panic among citizens and residents and threaten civil peace.

Upon receiving the reports, the Public Prosecution immediately launched an investigation. The suspects were questioned and confronted with the evidence against them.

Authorities also ordered the examination of the electronic devices used in committing the offense and heard witness testimonies.

The suspects were detained pending investigation and later referred to trial before the competent criminal court.

Draft law on dangerous animals reviewed



The Public Utilities and Environment Committee of the Shura Council, chaired by Dr. Mohamed Ali Hassan Ali, reviewed a draft law aimed at regulating the possession and trade of dangerous animals in the kingdom. The draft law seeks to establish a legal framework to ensure the proper care of these animals and address the current legal gap, which lacks penalties for individuals keeping such animals without a license, posing risks to lives and property. The committee also examined the decision of the Council of Representatives and the report of the Shura Council's Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee on the draft law. It decided to invite relevant authorities for further study and to gather their opinions and feedback before final approval. (Report by Rehab Mohammad)

Mistaken private house entry leaves man with hearing loss

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A man who mistakenly entered a private house believing it was a nearby mosque suffered permanent hearing loss after being slapped by the homeowner, according to proceedings before Bahrain's First High Criminal Court.

The incident occurred after the victim left Salmaniya Medical Complex and began searching for a mosque to perform his prayers, court records show.

While walking through the area, he approached a house displaying flags on its façade, which he believed marked the entrance to a mosque.

Acting on that assumption,



Prosecutors say the homeowner, angered by the intrusion, slapped the man on the left side of his face.

he opened the door and entered the property.

The homeowner immediately confronted him.

Realising his mistake, the visitor apologised and attempt-

ed to leave, explaining that he had entered unintentionally after confusing the house for a mosque.

Prosecutors say the homeowner, angered by the intrusion, slapped the man on the left side of his face.

Victim

Shocked by the incident, the victim left the scene without escalating the situation.

Later that evening, however, he began experiencing severe pain in his left ear and sought medical attention.

Doctors later confirmed that he had suffered a perforated eardrum, resulting in permanent hearing loss estimated at 7 per cent, according to medical reports submitted to the court.

Abundant stock

Markets maintain strong availability of livestock, meat, and poultry ahead of Eid

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As families across Bahrain prepare for Eid Al Fitr, reassurance is coming not only from homes and neighbourhood markets, but also from the steady flow of food supplies reaching the Kingdom.

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce confirmed that Bahrain's markets are witnessing strong availability of livestock, meat and poultry products, with supplies continuing to arrive regularly to meet the expected rise in demand ahead of the holiday.

For many households, Eid preparations often begin with planning family meals and gatherings, making food availability an essential part of the festive season.

According to the ministry, shipments of livestock are continuing to enter Bahrain at a steady pace, reflecting the readiness of the local market to meet consumer needs during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year.

Indicators

Officials noted that indicators across the market show stable availability of meat and poultry products in various retail outlets, supported by a flexible supply chain capable of responding to demand under different cir-



Officials from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce visit warehouses to check food availability

cumstances.

The ministry also confirmed that food prices, including meat and poultry, remain stable and competitive, helped by sufficient supply and the continued flow of shipments into the Kingdom.

Monitoring teams are also carrying out inspection campaigns to ensure price stability and prevent practices that could negatively affect consumers.

Monitoring

Behind the scenes, authorities are closely tracking the food stock through electronic monitoring systems, alongside field



Maintaining market stability and ensuring the availability of essential goods remains a national priority.

inspections and coordination with suppliers, slaughterhouses and retail outlets across Bahrain.

The ministry stressed that maintaining market stability and ensuring the availability of essential goods remains a national priority, praising the cooperation of suppliers and traders in supporting food security in the Kingdom.

At the same time, residents were encouraged to shop responsibly and purchase according to their actual needs, helping maintain market balance and ensuring that supplies remain available for everyone during the Eid season.

Barbershops brace for Eid rush as queues grow longer

● Growing demand for haircuts

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With Eid Al Fitr approaching, men's barbershops across Bahrain are beginning to fill with customers eager to look their best for the celebrations.

In a survey conducted by The Daily Tribune in cooperation with several barbershops, owners said the rush began yesterday as families started bringing children for haircuts, while some adults also visited to tidy their beards using threading or waxing.

Barbers explained that most adult customers prefer to come a day or two before Eid.

The reason, they say, is simple. When a beard is trimmed with clippers or a razor, hair usually begins to reappear gradually after around three days.

Many therefore delay their visit so their grooming looks fresh on Eid morning.

Despite the growing crowds, barbers are advising residents not to leave their visit until the

very last moment.

Those who wish to avoid waiting for hours should come early in the morning or shortly after iftar, when the shops tend to be slightly quieter.

Some barbershops have also introduced a special system for this period by offering appointments.

Time

Customers can reserve a specific time slot either by visiting the shop in advance or by making a phone call, ensuring their haircut and grooming services without long delays.

Barbers say that during the final two days before Eid, the estimated waiting time for walk-in customers may range between two and a half to four hours, and sometimes even reach five or six hours.

The queues grow longer as many customers add extra services such as facial cleansing with masks and creams along with their haircut and beard trim.

On the night before Eid, many barbershops plan to remain open until the early hours of Eid morning, working through the night so everyone can welcome the holiday looking their best.

Busy days for sweet shops

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As Eid approaches, sweet shops across Bahrain begin to witness a familiar rush.

Just a few days before Eid, many items start selling out as families hurry to prepare their Eid "Qadooa," the traditional assortment of sweets, nuts and treats served to visiting relatives and guests.

Shop owners say the demand rises sharply in the final days before Eid.

Popular sweets, chocolates and packaged treats are often among the first items to run out, especially Bahraini halwa.

Bahraini traditional sweets are also in high demand and often sell out quickly before Eid.

Many families prefer to buy them fresh, which is why some residents choose to visit sweet shops early on the morning of Eid itself.

"People like to take Bahraini halwa while it is freshly prepared," one shopkeeper explained. "That's why we see many customers coming early on Eid morning to buy Bahraini halwa."

Along with sweets, families often buy nuts, fruits, cakes and different types of desserts to complete their Eid trays.

These items are carefully arranged as part of the Qadooa, creating a welcoming display for guests.

Ramadan majalis keep Manama memories alive

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The old streets of Manama take on a special spirit during Ramadan, where tradition, faith and memory meet in ways that are difficult to find anywhere else.

During a special tour by The Daily Tribune, the atmosphere becomes clear from the moment one enters the capital's old quarters.

Ramadan decorations stretch across the narrow streets, while the sound of Qur'an recitations flows gently through loudspeakers from different majalis.

On some corners, small street stalls offer tea, water and light

foods such as dates to passersby and visitors.

Residents say Manama has over 20 Ramadan majalis, and each one carries its own story.

Among them is the majlis of Bait Haji, an open-air gathering space inside a traditional Bahraini house.

The building has walls on all four sides, with an open courtyard in the middle where guests sit and talk under the night sky, surrounded by the quiet beauty of old architecture.

One Manama resident told The Daily Tribune that Ramadan in the capital has a unique flavour.

Many original Manama families no longer live in the area



Majalis reconnect relatives and share stories from the past

because land is limited and new homes could not be built there.

Today, these families are spread across different parts of Bahrain, yet many still keep what they call "the old house" in Manama — the home that

once belonged to their fathers or grandfathers and where they spent their childhood.

For them, Ramadan becomes a time when everyone returns to the majalis, reconnecting with relatives and sharing stories of a

past filled with simple moments and neighbourhood memories.

An elderly resident said he feels a quiet sadness when he meets younger generations whose families are originally from Manama but who know little about the area.

Some, he said, even mention the district they live in today rather than Manama when asked where they are from.

His message to parents is clear: bring children back to Manama from time to time, especially during occasions like Ramadan, so they can walk its streets, learn the names of its neighbourhoods, and see the homes where their families once lived.

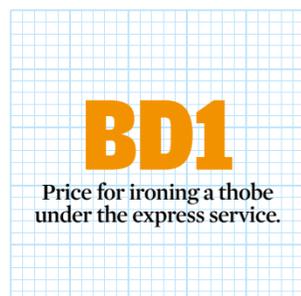
Residents flock to laundry shops ahead of festivities

● Clothing services in high demand

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With Eid Al Fitr just around the corner, laundry shops across Bahrain are witnessing one of their busiest periods of the year as residents rush to prepare their clothes for the celebrations.

In a survey conducted by The Daily Tribune, several laundry shop owners said the pressure this week has been far greater than usual, with customers



bringing in thobes, dresses and abayas to be pressed in time for Eid gatherings and family visits. Many laundries said that they will accept ironing orders only until Wednesday at the latest due to the heavy workload.



A worker irons clothes at a laundry shop

After that, they expect to stop receiving new items so they can focus on completing existing orders and ensure all clothes are ready a day before Eid.

Despite the rush, some shops said they will continue to accept

garments after Wednesday under what they call an "express service." The cost, however, will be significantly higher.

Normally, ironing a thobe in Bahrain costs between BD0.300 and BD0.500. Under the ex-

press service, laundries say the price may rise to around BD1 per thobe.

A number of 24-hour laundries said they would continue receiving garments even on Eid day itself.

However, their prices are typically higher throughout the year. Customers often use them for full washing and ironing services for thobes, usually priced around BD3.

One employee at Al Nabaa Laundry said ironing orders are still being accepted for now, although services usually close two days before Eid so that all garments can be completed a day before the holiday.

Compassion in action

Filipino volunteers in Bahrain come together to deliver hope to war-affected countrymen



Indian-Filipino couple King and Gab, right, organize lunch food packs for "no work, no pay" employees affected by the ongoing conflict

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The Filipino spirit of bayanihan, the tradition of communal unity and cooperation in times of need, remains strong among Filipinos in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Members of the Filipino community have come together to support fellow Filipinos facing hardship, demonstrating solidarity and compassion by organizing various initiatives to assist workers affected by financial and employment challenges during periods of conflict and uncertainty.

Among the first to respond were the Indian-Filipino couple, King and Gab, who quickly organized the preparation of lunch food packs for "no work, no pay" employees affected by the ongoing conflict.

Meals

From the very first day of the crisis, they began cooking and

packing meals, ensuring that displaced and struggling workers had something to eat.

Beyond the daily food packs, they also spearheaded the distribution of grocery items to Filipinos staying in evacuation shelters and those unable to work.

Each food pack contains essential grocery items to help sustain recipients during these challenging times.

The assistance includes 10 kilograms of rice, one tray of eggs, canned goods, and other basic necessities.

Lunches

On 14 March, Lenila Estuche Ronco, 53 years old, a caregiver from Pototan, Iloilo, was among who volunteered to cook and prepare packed lunches.

Ms. Romco, who has been in Bahrain for 24 years, has witnessed both the crisis during the pandemic and the challenges brought about by the present conflict.



United with Christ (UWC) Bahrain members with Pastor Virgilio Fernandez



Pinay Ikaw Na (PIN) president Dinah E. Sta. Ana distributes rice and grocery items to needy Filipinos

Reflecting on her experience, she shared her appreciation for the support Filipinos helping one another in times of crisis.

"What I have observed also is that the Bahrain government is doing its best to provide assis-

stand the feelings associated with being in a difficult situation, and it brings both relief and comfort to have my husband, King, alongside me, recognizing the burden of these challenges and accompanying me on this journey," stated Ms. Gab, her voice embodying both appreciation and strength.

She guided the team, which, with the assistance of committed volunteers like Reggie Gaguite, Yasmin Galope, Rubie D. Belandres, Cecil Ancheta, and others, prepared and distributed food packages to assist Filipinos enduring hardship during this trying time.

Distribution

Pinay Ikaw Na (PIN) president, Dinah E. Sta. Ana, organized a distribution of rice and grocery items in Gudaibiya, Manama, and Juffair, which also encompassed Budaiya, aimed at PIN members and those who are unable to work and are confined to their homes.

Hearts

"The support genuinely originates from our hearts. I under-

“The support genuinely originates from our hearts. I understand the feelings associated with being in a difficult situation, and it brings both relief and comfort to have my husband, King, alongside me, recognizing the burden of these challenges and accompanying me on this journey.”

— MS. GAB

Similarly, members of United with Christ (UWC) Bahrain, led by Pastor Virgilio Fernandez, recently conducted a relief effort by distributing 100 packs of grocery items to members affected by financial difficulties.

Businesses

Restaurants and food businesses within the Filipino community played a key role in the ongoing humanitarian efforts to support Filipinos facing hardship.

Leading the initiative was Atarah Eatery and Pastries, which coordinated closely with volunteers to prepare and distribute meals to affected workers.

Eight-year prison term verdict for company owner

BD6m fraud case

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The Fifth High Criminal Court of Appeal upheld an eight-year prison sentence against a company owner (the first appellant), along with a fine of BD105,000.

The court also ordered him to repay BD6,831,707 and confiscated criminal proceeds amounting to BD6,831,205 from his assets and properties equivalent to the funds involved in the crime.

The case involves fraud, forgery, and embezzlement exceeding BD6 million.

The main defendant was convicted of money laundering proceeds obtained from fraud and embezzlement from the private sector, in addition to forging private documents and using them.

Community service

Meanwhile, the court sentenced the second to fourth appellants — the CEO and two

board members — to one year in prison, but ordered the sentence to be replaced with community service.

The court also rejected an appeal filed by the Public Prosecution seeking to oblige the appellants to jointly repay the value of the last two transactions.

The defendants were ordered to pay legal expenses and expert fees amounting to BD812,695, to be shared equally.

They were convicted of using funds belonging to investors in the final two transactions for purposes other than those announced by the company.

In its ruling, the court stated that the case against the first appellant included all the legal elements necessary for conviction.

The decision was based on witness testimonies, the defendant's statements during prosecution investigations, the report of the appointed financial auditor, findings from forensic forgery experts, a financial analysis report, and seized cheques.

Man loses BD12,756 in phone scam after sharing bank details

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A man in his fifties lost BD12,756 after falling victim to a phone scam in which fraudsters posed as company employees following up on a complaint he had filed about vehicle organization at a fuel station. According to case details, the victim received a call from a person claiming to be a company employee handling his complaint.

The caller asked him to enter his personal information and bank card details through an electronic link, claiming it was required to receive a reward and complete the complaint process.

Information

After submitting the requested information, the victim later



discovered that BD12,756 had been withdrawn from his bank account.

Investigations revealed that the defendant, an Arab man residing in the country illegally, allegedly collaborated with another unidentified individual to access the victim's bank account using an electronic verification

code.

The suspects are accused of sending fraudulent messages, obtaining the victim's banking information and carrying out unauthorized financial transactions.

Financial investigations showed that BD8,000 of the stolen amount was spent using

credit cards, BD1,556 was transferred to a cryptocurrency platform, and BD1,354 was returned to the victim's account.

Questioning

During questioning, the defendant admitted activating the bank's mobile application on his phone and stated that BD10,000 had been deposited into his account on the same day, claiming he was unaware of the source of the funds.

However, bank records indicated that the defendant had opened the account himself and that the deposits were made in several installments on the same day.

The case is currently before the First High Criminal Court, which has scheduled March 29 to appoint a lawyer for the defendant.

Online orders resume despite delivery 'delay'

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Online shopping activity is gradually returning to normal in Bahrain, although

delivery times remain longer than usual as regional shipping routes continue to adjust.

The Daily Tribune has observed that several international e-commerce platforms have

resumed accepting new orders from customers in the Kingdom. However, estimated delivery periods have increased; expected arrival times now range between one and two weeks.

Shipments are being rerouted through alternative logistics corridors. Parcels first arrive in the UAE before being transported overland through Saudi Arabia to Bahrain.

Al Salam Bank launches 'Ayadi' Service at Branches ATMs 24 Hours

● Al Salam Bank cardholders will be able to withdraw new banknotes in various denominations free of charge

Manama

In light of the current regional developments, and as part of Al Salam Bank's commitment to the safety of its clients and employees while ensuring the smooth delivery of



banking services during this period, the Bank has announced that the 'Ayadi' cash withdrawal service will be made available through ATMs located at all its branches across the Kingdom of Bahrain, during the period from 17 March 2026, while stocks last.

This step aims to facilitate access to Ayadi in a faster and more seamless manner.

Mr. Mohammed Buhijji
- Chief Retail Banking
Officer at Al Salam
Bank,

The service will therefore be provided exclusively through ATMs during the specified period and will not be available through tellers, ensuring a safer and more convenient banking experience for all.

Through these ATMs, Al Salam Bank cardholders will be able to withdraw new banknotes in various denominations free of charge, helping meet the needs of Bahraini families during the Eid season while ensuring a quick and convenient process. Through this step, the Bank further enhances its self-service capabilities and provides a more efficient chan-

nel for addressing seasonal financial requirements.

This initiative reflects Al Salam Bank's vision to continuously develop its services in a manner that aligns with clients' lifestyles and expectations, particularly during periods that require practical and prompt solutions. It also comes in direct response to client feedback and requests for accessible Ayadi withdrawal services in convenient locations. Through this step, the Bank continues to reinforce its position as a flexible financial institution that remains in step with social and banking seasons

alike. On this occasion, Mr. Mohammed Buhijji - Chief Retail Banking Officer at Al Salam Bank, commented: "At Al Salam Bank, we are keen to introduce qualitative initiatives that enhance our clients' convenience and align with their daily requirements, especially during important religious and social occasions. By providing a dedicated Ayadi withdrawal service across the ATMs at our branches, we reaffirm our commitment to delivering practical banking solutions that simplify financial preparations during festive seasons and elevate the overall client experience."

BENEFIT holds Annual General Meeting virtually and approves 10% Cash Dividend

Manama

BENEFIT, the Kingdom's innovator and leading company in Fintech and electronic financial transactions service, successfully convened its Annual General Meeting for the year 2026.

The meeting, which was held remotely via video conference with a full legal quorum, was attended by shareholders, members of the Board of Directors, and the executive management team to discuss the scheduled agenda items.

During the session, shareholders

ratified the minutes of the previous Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meetings held on September 24, 2025. The assembly also discussed the Board of Directors' report regarding the company's operations for the financial year ended December 31, 2025, which highlighted key achievements and milestones reached during the year. The report further reviewed the evolution of BENEFIT's digital financial services ecosystem and the company's future strategic objectives.

The attendees reviewed the

external auditors' report concerning the consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended December 31, 2025. Following an extensive review of the company's financial performance throughout the year, which resulted in a net profit of BHD 1.85 million for the Group, the consolidated financial statements were formally approved and adopted.

The meeting also reviewed transactions conducted with related parties during the same financial year, as disclosed in Note (21) of the audited finan-

cial statements. This review was conducted in strict accordance with the requirements of Article (189) of the Commercial Companies Law.

The General Assembly approved the Board of Directors' recommendation regarding the allocation of net profits for the financial year ended December 31, 2025. This approval includes a cash dividend distribution to shareholders at a rate of 10% and the transfer of retained earnings, subject to the final approval of Central Bank of Bahrain and relevant regulatory authorities. Additionally, the assembly adopted the company's Corporate Governance report in full compliance with the mandates of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Central Bank of Bahrain.

The assembly officially discharged the members of the Board of Directors from liability arising in connection with their duties during the financial year ended December 31, 2025. Additionally, the assembly approved the re-appointment of Ernst & Young as the external auditor for the company and its subsidiaries, including Sinnad Company W.L.L. and Bahrain FinTech Bay W.L.L., for the financial year ending December 31, 2026.

The Board of Directors was
Mrs. Muna AlHashemi,
Chairperson
of the Board
of Directors



Mr. Abdulwahed AlJanahi, Chief Executive of BENEFIT

authorized to set the auditors' fees, pending approval from the Central Bank of Bahrain and relevant regulatory bodies. The meeting concluded by addressing any other matter in accordance with Article (207) of Commercial Companies Law.

Mrs. Muna AlHashemi, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, stated: "We take great pride in the financial results achieved by BENEFIT in 2025, and the significant milestones reached during this period. We have successfully established a foundation for the next phase of local and regional expansion while continuing to fortify our infrastructure, broaden our high-impact service offerings, and accelerate the pace of innovation across the financial ecosystem. Notably, BenefitPay maintained its strong growth trajectory, driven by the introduction of several new features such as the digital direct debit service, the addition of business accounts, and Hadeya (E-gift) service, alongside substantial enhancements to the user experience. Furthermore, EFTS continued to demonstrate significant year-on-year growth through Fawri, Fawri+, and Fawateer services. This was complemented by the transition of settle-

ment operations to a full year-round schedule and the increase of the daily Fawri+ transfer limit to BD 3,000."

Mrs. AlHashemi further added: "BENEFIT's strategic vi-

ision for the 2025 to 2027 period is anchored by three primary pillars that will guide our next phase of growth: innovation, data monetization, and international expansion. These core imperatives establish a robust foundation for our long-term roadmap, empowering the company to identify and capitalize on untapped market potential. Throughout the current year 2026, we are poised to debut a suite of high-value services while simultaneously advancing initiatives that strengthen domestic and cross-border payment infrastructures. We remain committed to executing these plans with accelerated momentum to fulfill the high expectations of our shareholders and partners."

Mr. Abdulwahed AlJanahi, Chief Executive of BENEFIT, commented: "Our 2025 performance serves as a powerful validation of a strategy centered on sustainable growth and the development of pioneering solutions that deliver substantive value to both our clients and shareholders. Achieving these strong results in a period of rapid digital transformation reflects the agility of our ecosystem and its ability to maintain market leadership. It also under-

scores our role in advancing the Kingdom's transition to a fully integrated digital economy through a successful resilient payments infrastructure that connects individuals and businesses across Bahrain."



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Bahrain Flour Mills Company B.S.C

Reminder

Bahrain Flour Mills Company B.S.C. ("BFM") announces to its esteemed shareholders that, in light of the prevailing circumstances and in the interest of public safety, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 18 March 2026 at 1:00 PM (Bahrain Time) will be conducted virtually through the electronic AGM portal (eAGM) at the following link:

<https://eagm.bahrainclear.com/>

Shareholders wishing to attend the AGM are kindly requested to follow the registration guidelines available on the Company's website and the Bahrain Bourse website in order to complete the registration process and participate in the meeting.

Shareholders may also review the AGM agenda and related meeting materials on the Company's website:

www.bfm.bh

as well as on the Bahrain Bourse website:

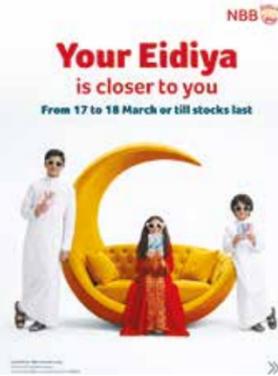
www.bahrainbourse.com.

National Bank of Bahrain provides “Eidiya” new Banknotes through ATMs and branches

Manama

The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has announced the availability of new Eid banknotes through ATMs and branches across the Kingdom, starting 17th March 2026 until stocks last.

The new banknotes will be available through six ATMs and fourteen branches across various locations in Bahrain. Customers can obtain the new banknotes from ATMs located at Seef Mall, Muharraq Souq,



The new banknotes will be available through six ATMs and fourteen branches across various locations in Bahrain. Customers can obtain the new banknotes from ATMs located at Seef Mall, Muharraq Souq, Souq Waqif, Bukowarah - Riffa, Marassi Galleria, and Sitra, available 24 hours a day. They will also be available at the following branches from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM: Hamad Town, Isa Town, Al Istiqlal Street, Riffa Souq, Muharraq Souq, Souq Waqif, Al Muthanna, Khalifa City, Salmaniya, Exhibition Road, Budaiya, Atrium Mall, Bukowarah, and Jidhafs.

Souq Waqif, Bukowarah - Riffa, Marassi Galleria, and Sitra, available 24 hours a day. They will also be available at the fol-

lowing branches from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM: Hamad Town, Isa Town, Al Istiqlal Street, Riffa Souq, Muharraq Souq, Souq

Waqif, Al Muthanna, Khalifa City, Salmaniya, Exhibition Road, Budaiya, Atrium Mall, Bukowarah, and Jidhafs.

Guided by the Bank's campaign slogan 'Your Eidiya is closer to you' this initiative reflects NBB's customer-first approach by ensuring safe, convenient, and seamless access to Eidiya notes across multiple locations. By bringing this service closer to communities across the Kingdom, the Bank aims to make this special time of year more accessible and enjoyable for families, enhancing the overall customer experience during the holiday period.

UAE's ADNOC 'suspends' loading oil at Fujairah terminal: source

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The UAE's state-owned energy giant ADNOC halted the loading of oil into storage tanks at their Fujairah facility, a source with knowl-

edge of the operations told AFP Monday, following repeated strikes on the energy installation.

"ADNOC oil loading at Fujairah is suspended," the source told AFP.

Fujairah is home to a major port where Iranian attacks have already targeted oil storage tanks. The port is also home to a key oil export terminal just at the entrance of the Strait of Hormuz.

Iran Guards threaten to target US companies in region, urge evacuations

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Iran's Revolutionary Guards threatened on Monday to target US companies across the region, calling on employees to evacuate the sites.

"Employees of American

companies... are requested to leave these areas immediately. These areas will soon be targeted by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps," said the Guards in on their official Sepah News website.

It was not immediately clear

which companies would be targeted but last week, the Tasnim news agency published a list of potential targets on Telegram that included the offices of tech giants such as Amazon, Google, Microsoft and Nvidia in Gulf countries.

Israel army says ground assault against Hezbollah underway in Lebanon

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

The Israeli military said on Monday it was carrying out what it described as "limited" ground operations against Hezbollah in southern Lebanon, with its defence minister warning that those displaced would not return home until northern Israel was secure.

Lebanon was drawn into the Middle East war on March 2 when Tehran-backed Hezbollah attacked Israel in response to the killing of Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in US-Israeli strikes.

Israel responded with air raids on its northern neighbour and troop incursions. Lebanon said on Monday that Israeli at-

tacks have killed 886 people, including 111 children, in the country since the latest war erupted. More than 830,000 people have registered as displaced. An Israeli military statement said that in recent days its troops "have begun limited and targeted ground operations against key Hezbollah strongholds in southern Lebanon".

Non-Iran tanker transits Hormuz with tracker on: MarineTraffic

● Since the peak of disruptions due to the war, "the Aframax tanker Karachi, carrying Abu Dhabi's Das crude, has become the first non-Iranian cargo to transit the chokepoint

AFP | London, United Kingdom



Boats manoeuvring around a tanker vessel during a military exercise by members of the IRGC and navy in the Strait of Hormuz.

A Pakistani oil tanker transited the Strait of Hormuz with its automatic transponder system activated, despite major disruption to shipping in the crucial waterway from the Middle East war, monitor MarineTraffic said yesterday.

Since the peak of disruptions due to the war, "the Aframax tanker Karachi, carrying Abu Dhabi's Das crude, has become the first non-Iranian cargo to transit the chokepoint while broadcasting its AIS signal, suggesting that select shipments may be receiving negotiated safe passage," MarineTraffic said on X.

It said the 237-metre-long Pakistani-flagged oil tanker had a draft of 11.5 metres, indicating it was heavy and likely loaded.

It entered Iranian waters on Sunday and "is currently sailing

in the Gulf of Oman at around 9.6 knots, having successfully passed through the strait with AIS active," MarineTraffic said in a post on Monday at 1028 GMT.

"The transit follows weeks of significantly reduced traffic through the strategic waterway."

Bloomberg data indicated it was last moored at the Emirati oil hub of Das Island.

The Strait of Hormuz is a strategic route for oil and gas exports from Gulf countries, with one-fifth of global oil production and of liquefied natural gas passing through it in normal times.

Tehran has targeted the waterway in retaliation for Israeli-US strikes, aiming to hurt the global economy to put pressure on Washington.

Maritime data firm Lloyd's List Intelligence had recorded 77 ships passing through Hormuz as of Friday since the start of the war on February 28 -- mostly vessels belonging to the so-called "shadow fleet", outside traditional insurance and tracking systems.

Since March 1, 20 commercial vessels, including nine tankers, have been attacked or reported incidents in the region, according to UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO).

Oil eases, equities rise as market focuses on Strait of Hormuz

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Oil prices pulled back and equities rose yesterday as investors focused on the crucial Strait of Hormuz and the head of the IEA said more crude could be released on the market if necessary.

As the Middle East war entered its third week, Wall Street and most European stock markets climbed after Asian stocks mainly dipped.

International benchmark Brent North Sea crude dropped back 1.3 percent to \$101.84, while the main US contract West Texas Intermediate fell 3.5 percent to \$95.27.

The price falls came after a Pakistani oil tanker became the first non-Iranian tanker to transit the Strait of Hormuz with its automatic transponder system activated, according to monitor

Key figures at around 1630 GMT

West Texas Intermediate:	▼ 3.5% at \$95.27 per barrel
Brent North Sea Crude:	▼ 1.3% at \$101.84 per barrel
New York - Dow:	▲ 0.6% at 46,831.02 points
New York - S&P 500:	▲ 0.8% at 6,683.37
Nasdaq Composite:	▲ 1.0% at 22,326.20
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 0.6% at 10,317.69 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ 0.3% at 7,935.97 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX:	▲ 0.5% at 23,564.01 (close)
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▼ 0.1% at 53,751.15 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▲ 1.5% at 25,834.02 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▼ 0.3% at 4,084.79 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▲ at \$1.1480 from \$1.1416 on Friday
Pound/dollar:	▲ at \$1.3292 from \$1.3223
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 159.32 yen from 159.74 yen
Euro/pound:	▲ at 86.37 pence from 86.33 pence

Marine Traffic.

"The impact of geopolitical events on markets, and the mac-

ro outlook, hinges more on when transits through the Strait of Hormuz begin to normalise than

it does on when hostilities come to an end," wrote Michael Brown at Pepperstone.

Meanwhile, the head of the International Energy Agency, Fatih Birol, said member countries could unlock more oil from strategic stocks "if needed".

IEA member countries already agreed last week their biggest-ever release, of 400 million barrels.

"When you get a bit of a reprieve in the energy price, it's not surprising to see a bounce in equity markets," Art Hogan, from B. Riley Wealth Management, told AFP.

US President Donald Trump piled pressure on allied powers over the weekend to help reopen the vital shipping lane choked off by Iranian attacks, although the call has not found an enthusiastic response.

"The market, again, appears

to be leaning on the notion that the war will come to an end relatively soon without much lasting damage to the global economy," said Briefing.com analyst Patrick O'Hare.

"Therefore, a buy-the-dip trade has taken root," he added.

In Asia, Tokyo and Shanghai closed lower, while Hong Kong rose.

During Asian trading hours, crude had climbed further above \$100 a barrel after attacks on oil infrastructure on the UAE's east coast and strikes on Iran's Kharg Island.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told CBS his country was not interested in talks with Washington, but was ready to speak to countries about safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz.

More strikes occurred Monday, with Saudi Arabia saying it

had intercepted more than 60 drones since midnight, while flights were temporarily suspended at Dubai's airport after a "drone-related incident" sparked a fire nearby.

Traders' attention will turn this week to policy meetings of major central banks including the US Federal Reserve, Bank of England, the European Central Bank and the Bank of Japan.

While they are expected to keep interest rates unchanged, any remarks on the impact of the war and rising energy prices on their respective economies will be closely followed.

"Investors want to hear what the world's central bankers think about a potential inflation shock and a prolonged energy crisis and how this feeds into their future decision making," said Kathleen Brooks, research director at trading group XTB.

'Limited' operations

The Israeli military said yesterday it had begun what it described as "limited ground operations" against Hezbollah in southern Lebanon.

"In recent days, IDF troops from the 91st division have begun limited and targeted ground operations against key Hezbollah strongholds in southern Lebanon, aimed at enhancing the forward defence area," the military said in a statement

UAE oil zone attacked

A drone attack on oil infrastructure on the Fujairah oil industry zone on the UAE's east coast sparked a large fire, authorities said.

Drones over Saudi

Saudi Arabia has intercepted 61 drones in the east of the country since midnight, according to a tally of defence ministry figures posted Monday on X.

Iran announces 60 percent minimum wage hike: local media

AFP | Paris, France

Iran's labour minister has announced a more than 60 percent hike in the minimum wage, local media reported Sunday, months after anti-government protests that began as an expression of discontent over dire economic conditions.

The country adjusts its minimum wage yearly to account for inflation, which had skyrocketed under international sanctions.

A report from the Tasnim news agency citing the minister of labour said that "with the government's approval", the monthly minimum wage would increase from 103 million rials to 166 million in the coming year of the Persian calendar, which will begin in a few days' time.

It also announced a similar hike in child support benefits.

The Iranian currency trades at about 1.47 million rial to the dollar, according to the monitoring website Bonbast.

Trump says some countries not 'enthusiastic' about Hormuz help

Trump says NATO faces 'very bad' future if allies don't help open Hormuz



Smoke plumes rise following Israeli bombardment on the village of Khiam in southern Lebanon near the border with Israel, as seen from nearby Marjayoun



A smoke plume rises from an ongoing fire near Dubai International Airport in Dubai

Iran FM says ready to take war with Israel, US 'as far as' necessary

Transport, energy hubs hit

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said yesterday they had targeted Tel Aviv and Ben Gurion Airport in Israel, as well as military bases used by US forces in the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

Iran said it was ready to take the Middle East war "as far as necessary" as it launched strikes across the region on Monday, while Donald Trump piled pressure on world powers to help reopen a vital shipping

lane. "By now they have... understood what kind of nation they are dealing with, one that does not hesitate to defend itself and is ready to continue the war wherever it may lead, and take

it as far as necessary," Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told reporters in Tehran.

Explosions hit the Iranian capital on Monday as air defence systems were activated, an AFP journalist said,

and Israel said it had also targeted the cities of Shiraz and Tabriz.

A loud blast rang out over Jerusalem as well, after the military detected incoming missiles. More than two weeks into the

Middle East war, Israeli military spokesman Brigadier General Effie Defrin said they still had "thousands of targets in Iran, and we are identifying new targets every day".

Dubai airport flights disrupted after nearby drone fire, one killed in Abu Dhabi

AFP | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Missiles and drone attacks struck across the UAE yesterday, with a drone-related incident sparking a fuel tank fire near Dubai airport that disrupted travel, while a missile killed a civilian in Abu Dhabi.

In the eastern emirate of Fujairah, a drone attack on oil infrastructure sparked a fire, days after an AFP journalist saw smoke rising from a major Emirati energy installation in the emirate.

The attacks came a day after Iranian foreign minister Abbas Araghchi said in an interview that rockets had been launched from the UAE to attack Kharg Island. UAE officials have denied the claim.

A Palestinian civilian was killed on the outskirts of the Emirati capital Abu Dhabi when a missile hit their car, the Abu Dhabi Media Office said in a statement.

The UAE has reported seven deaths since the war began, including five civilians and two military personnel, who died in a helicopter crash blamed on a technical malfunction.



The Dubai skyline with the landmark Burj Khalifa skyscraper (R) is pictured as a smoke plume rises from an ongoing fire near Dubai International Airport

Earlier on Monday, Dubai Airports said flights were gradually resuming at what is usually the world's busiest for international flights, following the nearby fuel tank fire sparked by a "drone-related incident".

Authorities said they had contained the fire and reported no injuries.

Dubai airport has been target-

ed by several attacks since Iran began its Gulf campaign, as have many airports in the Gulf.

'Limited schedule'

Two witnesses told AFP they saw a thick plume of black smoke rising from the direction of the airport at around 10:00 am local time, hours after the incident.

A witness at Dubai airport told AFP that passengers awaiting their flights had been evacuated to a lower floor for several hours after the attack.

"It has been a difficult few weeks hearing explosions regularly, but the Iranian attacks followed me in my last hours before I could fly back home," the witness added.

Iran has fired over 1,900 missiles and drones at the United Arab Emirates, more than any other country targeted by Tehran since the start of the Middle East war, upending travel plans in the financial hub despite its air defence intercepting the vast majority of the projectiles.

In Fujairah, on the UAE's east coast, a drone attack on oil infrastructure sparked a large fire, authorities said, reporting no injuries and adding that "efforts continue to bring it under control".

The site sits on the UAE's Gulf of Oman coast. A pipeline to the eastern emirate allows a large proportion of the country's oil exports to bypass the Strait of Hormuz, which has effectively been closed by Iran.

AFP journalists also heard explosions in the Qatari capital Doha, where foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari earlier told reporters talks with Iran are only possible if it ceases its Gulf attacks.

Neighbouring Saudi Arabia's defence ministry also reported intercepting more than 60 drones since midnight on Monday in the east of the country.

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Saint Patrick, aged about 16, is captured by Irish pirates from his home in Great Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland (traditional date)

1861

Italy is unified into a single kingdom under Victor Emmanuel II following the campaigns led by Giuseppe Garibaldi



1905

Albert Einstein finishes his scientific paper detailing his quantum theory of light, a foundation of modern physics

1939

Battle of Nanchang between the Kuomintang and the Japanese breaks out during the Second Sino-Japanese War (1937-1945)

Western allies push back on Trump call for NATO help to reopen Hormuz



Members of the Iranian Red Crescent and Iranian firefighters searching the rubble of a collapsed building following a reported military strike in an undisclosed location.



Lorries roll along the highway between Riyadh and al-Ahsa, some 200 kilometers east of the Saudi capital

UK 'will not be drawn into the wider war' in Middle East: Starmer

Not NATO's war: Germany

Global oil prices have surged by 40 to 50 percent as Iran attacks shipping in the Strait of Hormuz and launches waves of missile and drone strikes in the Gulf

NATO and other Western allies pushed back yesterday on US President Donald Trump's demand that military alliance members help reopen the Strait of Hormuz, the critical conduit for crude oil Iran has effectively closed.

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer said London was working with allies to craft a "viable" plan to reopen the strategic waterway but ruled out a NATO mission, while Berlin insisted it was "not NATO's war".

Poland, Spain, Greece and Sweden were among the other European nations to distance themselves from any military

UK PM says any plan to reopen Strait of Hormuz 'won't be' a Nato mission

London, United Kingdom

Prime Minister Keir Starmer said yesterday that a plan the UK is working on with allies to reopen the Strait of Hormuz during the Middle East war would not involve NATO.

involvement in the Strait of Hormuz in the wake of Trump's call. Japan and Australia voiced similar sentiments earlier Monday, with Canberra saying it

"Let me be clear, that won't be and it's never been envisioned to be a NATO mission," Starmer told reporters.

His comments came after President Donald Trump said NATO faces a "very bad" future if US allies fail to help open the key oil transport route.

would not be sending a navy ship to the Strait of Hormuz.

Trump over the weekend called on countries including China, France, Japan, South Ko-

rea and Britain to send warships to escort tankers through the strait, warning refusing would be "very bad for the future of NATO".

Oil prices jumped after the strait was closed and remained Monday above \$100 per barrel as the Iran war moved into a third week.

In Berlin, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz's spokesman said the conflict has "nothing to do with NATO".

"NATO is an alliance for the defence of territory" and "the mandate to deploy NATO is lacking" in the current situation, Stefan Kornelius told reporters.

Meanwhile German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius said there would be "no military participation" from his country, but added the country was prepared to support diplomatic efforts "to ensure safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz".

A NATO official noted that members "have already stepped up to provide additional security in the Mediterranean".

"We are aware that individual allies are talking with the US and others on what more they might do, including in the context of security in the Strait of Hormuz," the official told AFP.

Qatar says diplomacy with Iran possible 'if they stop the attacks'

AFP | Doha, Qatar

Diplomatic talks with Iran are only possible if it ceases its attacks, Qatar's foreign ministry spokesman said yesterday, as Tehran presses its missile and drone campaign against Gulf states.

"If they stop the attacks, then we can find a way out with diplomacy. But as long as our countries are being attacked, this is not the time to establish committees, it's the time to take a very principled position (on) protecting our countries and for them to stop attacking us immediately," Qatar's foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari said.

Netanyahu's coffee shop video AI-generated? Grok's deepfake claim sparks buzz

India Today

A fresh video shared by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu from a coffee shop to dispel rumours of his death has sparked a buzz online after Grok claimed that the video was AI-generated.

The video was shared after reports of his death in an Iranian attack circulated on the internet. In the video, Netanyahu mocked the reports of his death and quipped, "I am dead for coffee."

He then holds up his hands to the camera and asks viewers if they want to count his fingers. It is a direct reference to social media claims that his recent televised address was generated by AI.

However, Grok claimed that the video is not real and is an AI-generated deepfake clip. The



Netanyahu's new video, released to dispel rumors of his death, instead sparked fresh speculation about his health after Grok claimed the footage was AI-generated.

claim further fuelled speculation about his whereabouts and wellbeing. The Israeli PM appeared to have six fingers in the previous video, sparking speculation about its authenticity.

UAE, Saudi leaders discuss Iran attacks in second call since Mideast war

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Emirati President Mohamed bin Zayed discussed yesterday Iran's retaliatory strikes on the Gulf and expressed solidarity and sympathy in their second call since a public row in late December.

The de facto Saudi ruler and the UAE's president discussed "the continued and blatant Iranian attacks targeting countries in the region," according to a statement published by Emirati news agency WAM.

"Both sides stressed the need for the immediate cessation of military escalation... underscoring the importance of prioritising serious dialogue and diplomatic means," it added.



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People in the Middle East deserve to live without fear, to raise their children without the sound of bombs, to return home without wondering when they have to flee again. The @UN & I will spare no effort in striving for the peaceful future this region so richly deserves.

@antonioguterres

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@WHO is increasing its support to countries impacted by the conflict in the Middle East, releasing US\$2 million in emergency funds to support the health responses in #Lebanon, #Iraq and #Syria. These resources are from the WHO Contingency Fund for Emergencies, thanks to the support of donors. The funds will help strengthen emergency coordination, trauma care, disease surveillance and ensure access to essential medicines and medical supplies. As casualties rise, so do attacks on health care, which are increasing the burden on the health systems at a time when they are most needed. I urge all parties to choose the brave and life-saving path to peace.

@DrTedros

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Good meeting with @DrJaisankar today. At the EU-India Summit in January, we concluded our Free Trade Agreement - the mother of all deals - and signed a Security and Defence Partnership. Now we are focused on efficient implementation, to deliver for the people of Europe and India as soon as possible. We also discussed developments in the Middle East and in Ukraine. De-escalation, stability and energy security are our shared objectives.

@vonderleyen

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)

Indian diplomacy beats **warships** in opening Strait of Hormuz amid Iran tensions

The Telegraph online

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar says diplomacy, not warships, may be the most effective way to reopen the Strait of Hormuz after direct talks with Iran allowed two Indian gas tankers to pass safely through the crucial waterway.

"I am at the moment engaged in talking to them and my talking has yielded some results," Jaishankar told the Financial Times in an interview. "This is ongoing. If it is yielding results for me, I would naturally continue to look at it."

His remarks come as tensions rise over the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow channel between Iran and several Gulf countries through which roughly a fifth of the world's oil and gas normally flows. Iran has largely closed the waterway amid the widening Middle East conflict, choking off tanker traffic and sending global energy prices sharply higher.

India's diplomatic approach contrasts with calls by US President Donald Trump for countries including China, France and the UK to send "warships" in a "team effort" to the region to help the United States force open the strait.

Oil prices climbed above \$100 a barrel last week for the first time since 2022, with analysts warning they could hit \$150 or more if shipping remains blocked.

Iran's foreign minister Abbas Araghchi said the waterway "is open" but closed to ships be-



External Affairs minister S. Jaishankar

longing to Iran's "enemies", referring specifically to the United States and Israel.

In practice, analysts say this means countries not directly aligned with the US-led military pressure may still be able to send ships through. However, passage will require coordination with Iran's navy, according to Iranian officials.

For India, which imports around 85 per cent of its oil and gas, reopening the strait is critical for the economy.

Jaishankar suggested that quiet diplomacy may be more effective than military pressure. "Certainly, from India's per-

spective, it is better that we reason and we co-ordinate and we get a solution than we don't," he told the Financial Times. "So if that sort of allows other people to engage, I think the world is better off for it."

The two Indian-flagged gas carriers that transited the strait on Saturday did so after discussions between New Delhi and Tehran, a development that India says shows negotiation can work.

Jaishankar said India has struck no sweeping deal allowing Indian ships free passage.

"There is no blanket arrangement," he said. "Every ship

movement is an individual happening."

Nor, he said, had India offered concessions in exchange.

"It's not an exchange issue," he said. "India and Iran have a relationship. And this is a conflict that we regard as something very unfortunate."

Governments around the world are now weighing their options as the energy shock ripples through global markets. Some are considering joining military operations to reopen the route, while others are exploring diplomatic channels with Tehran.

European countries are among

those testing the negotiation path. France and Italy have begun discussions with Iran about restoring tanker traffic.

Jaishankar was speaking ahead of a meeting of European Union foreign ministers in Brussels on Monday where the Hormuz shutdown is expected to dominate discussions.

Asked whether European countries might replicate India's approach, Jaishankar said relationships with Iran differ from country to country.

"Each relationship frankly, in a way stands on its own merits," he said. "So now it's very hard for me to compare this with some other relationship which may or may not have these."

Still, he said India was open to sharing its experience.

"I'd be happy to share with EU capitals what we are doing. I know many of them have had conversations with Tehran as well."

For now, the safe passage of two ships is only an early sign that diplomacy might ease the crisis.

"These are still early days," Jaishankar said. "We have many more ships there. So while this is a welcome development, there is continuing conversation because there is continued work on that."

An Indian-flagged oil tanker escaped unscathed after a drone attack struck Fujairah port in the United Arab Emirates and has since set sail for India with a cargo of 80,800 tonnes of crude,

the government said on Sunday.

Fujairah sits on the east coast facing the Gulf of Oman, while the other emirates lie on the Persian Gulf. This means oil tankers can load and store crude there without having to pass through the Strait of Hormuz. As a result, Fujairah has grown into an important backup export route for Gulf energy whenever tensions threaten shipping through Hormuz.

The developments came as the war between the United States, Israel and Iran escalated over the weekend with new missile strikes and mounting casualties. Iran launched fresh barrages of missiles at Israel and said it had targeted US bases in Iraq and Kuwait, while Israel said it had struck sites in Iran's central Isfahan province.

Araghchi said Tehran was prepared for a long conflict and denied it had sought a ceasefire with Washington.

US President Donald Trump said Iranian officials had reached out about a possible deal, but that the terms "aren't good enough yet".

Separately, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said over the weekend that "on crude oil, on fuel, we are pretty well placed. We have good stocks in hand. There has been absolutely no disturbance of any sort on the crude or the fuel front, petrol, diesel, aviation fuel."

India has resumed buying Russian oil after the US gave the go-ahead, easing pressure on its crude supplies.

Buzz, unease as UK crowds watch US bombers

AFP | Fairford, United Kingdom

Hidden behind a tall hedge-row in the English countryside, Charlie Cumming stood at the fence of an air force base, camera raised towards a US B-1 Lancer bomber parked nearby.

He was one of hundreds of curious onlookers who flocked to the airfield at RAF Fairford in the southwestern county of Gloucestershire since US aircraft began arriving on March 6, days after the start of the US-Israeli war with Iran.

"I've come just for pictures for my Instagram, really," said the 17-year-old. "It's a bit concerning they're here, but I still think they're really cool to see."

Beside him stood his friend James Martin, 18, from Oxford, who first got him into plane spotting. Seeing bombers loaded for active combat felt "quite surreal", Martin said.

"Seeing these machines going out to cause destruction and actually being used in a war zone is quite a weird experience... we've always seen planes just doing standard training roles."

On Saturday, cars spilled onto verges and down narrow lanes as visitors converged from across the country.

Along a road offering a panoramic view, veteran enthusiasts, excited locals, dog walkers



Plane spotters stand at a perimeter fence to see and photograph US Air Force (USAF) B-1 Lancer bomber jets taking off at RAF Fairford in south-west England

and father-and-son pairs found their spots in the spring sunshine, armed with telephoto lenses, binoculars, stepladders and air-traffic scanners.

Some settled in with fold-out chairs, sandwiches and flasks of tea.

Dave Savage, a truck driver who had driven three hours from mid-Wales with his son, summed up the "excitement" many felt.

"I just like the power and the size of them," he said. "I get a buzz out of seeing something that big and that impressive."

Adrian, a warehouse worker from Doncaster, arrived in time to see a B-1 take off shortly after dawn.

He has spent 22 years spotting warplanes and said the turnout on Saturday dwarfed anything he had seen at a military airfield on a normal weekend.

"Down the lane there's just as many cars as there would have been on air show days," the 58-year-old said, asking not to give his full name.

He came prepared, arriving with a multi-camera setup and heavy-duty ear defenders round

his neck.

"The B-1 is pretty much the loudest thing on earth. I've never heard anything as loud as that before."

Thrill and dread

Yet the excitement was tempered by an awareness of what these planes were being sent to do -- and Britain's role in their mission.

Fairford, along with Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean, is one of two bases Britain finally allowed the United States to use for "defensive" operations

in Iran.

The US Department of Defense did not immediately respond to a request for comment on its use of the base.

But according to estimates from AFP journalists at the site, around six B-52s and 12 B-1s have been using the base, conducting two to three sets of departures and landings per day.

Starmer's refusal to join the US and Israel in bombing Iran from February 28 triggered a public row with US President Donald Trump.

Polls show most Britons oppose the war, with half against US use of RAF bases even when the missions are restricted to bombing Iranian missile sites.

James Martin, who grew up close to RAF Brize Norton some 12 miles (19 kilometres) away, said even those in his local village accustomed to military aircraft overhead were now listening differently.

"Every time the fighter jet comes over, they're very worried about what that could mean," he said. "It's just scary how quickly it's evolving."

Research analyst Christoph Bergs from the London think tank RUSI said Fairford staff were experienced in dealing with large numbers of plane spotters.

"Given the US administra-

tion's public statements on Iran, visible activity at RAF Fairford may have been deemed an acceptable if not a welcomed externality of the current air campaign," he told AFP.

For Adrian, the spectacle was compelling.

"You can't turn your back on it, even though you might not necessarily agree with what they're actually doing," he said.

"We're never going to see this again. It's special in that respect -- but a little bit sad as well."



Fairford is one of two bases, along with the Diego Garcia facility in the Indian Ocean, that the UK has given the US permission to use for "specific defensive operations into Iran" to destroy Iranian missiles at source, the British defence minister said in a statement.

Iran, at UN, insists will not submit to 'lawless aggression'

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● The Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Iran has said the war in the Middle East is likely to result in worsening institutionalised domestic repression of Iranian citizens.

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

Iran vowed at the United Nations on Monday that it would not submit to "lawless aggression", and said its citizens were in "grave danger" from US and Israeli strikes.

At the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, where countries were discussing the rights situation in Iran -- notably following its deadly crackdown on protesters in recent months -- Tehran said the focus instead should be on the Middle East war.

"The most urgent and fundamental human rights issue concerning Iran is the imminent threat to the lives of 90 million



United Nations (UN) members vote at a Security Council meeting to consider sanctions on Iran following Wednesday's UN resolution, which condemns Iran's attacks on neighboring countries as the conflict in the Middle East intensifies

people whose lives are in immediate and grave danger under the shadow of reckless military aggression," said Ali Bahreini, Iran's ambassador to the UN in Geneva.

He called it "an aggression that is carried out by some of the most lawless and unscrupulous actors on the international stage".

Bahreini said that if such "reckless militarism" was met with indifference, "Iran will most certainly not be the last country to suffer such treatment".

The ambassador said more than 1,300 people had been killed in Iran and more than 7,000 injured since the US-Is-

raeli strikes began.

"Under such circumstances, what exactly is Iran expected to do?" he asked, stating: "Iran is not a nation that submits to coercion, intimidation or lawless aggression."

'Wounded protesters arrested'

The six Gulf Cooperation Council countries, plus Jordan, condemned Iran's attacks on their territories, saying they endangered regional security and civilian lives, and "cannot be justified under any pretext".

The UN Human Rights Council was holding an interactive dialogue between nations and the council's special rapporteur on rights in Iran and its

fact-finding mission on the country.

Special rapporteur Mai Sato said Tehran's deadly crackdown on the nationwide protests that began on December 28, in which "over 7,000 deaths have been reported by civil society", followed a "pattern of persecution" that long predated the uprising.

"What was new and what has left a profound impression on me was the violation of medical neutrality," she said.

"Hospitals were raided. Wounded protesters arrested from their beds. Medical professionals assaulted and arrested. A state directive instructing hospitals to provide information on injured protesters.

"The result was a healthcare system in which the injured feared seeking treatment more than the injuries themselves, and the act of saving life criminalised."

She said that the US-Israeli strikes "remain unlawful, no matter the assumed or stated objectives of those strikes".

She said her mandate exists for the people of Iran, and whether perpetrators are Iranian or foreign, "the people harmed are the same".

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WIDE ANGLE

Reporters of War: Digital Media Challenges



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War-time journalism demands a particular kind of discipline. It requires restraint, verification, and a deep commitment to accuracy—qualities that are often neglected when events unfold rapidly and emotions run high.

Today's media environment makes that discipline harder than ever to maintain.

In an era of round-the-clock connectivity and 24x7 news channels, editors and journalists feel relentless pressure to stay ahead of the curve. The fear of being left behind drives many to share information as it happens, in real time.

However, when reporting becomes a race, speed is eagerly pursued, and verification is often neglected. And when verification is neglected, truth becomes the casualty.

The modern digital networks have made the challenge even greater. Images and videos now emerge from every corner of the world within seconds of an event. Cyberspace quickly fills with countless visuals, many captured on high-definition mobile phones by ordinary people who happen to be at the scene.

For journalists competing not only with rival news outlets but also with social media algorithms, the temptation to publish immediately is enormous. News must appear before it becomes stale—before platforms push it down users' feeds and user attention starts to shift elsewhere.

This urgency often leads to serious mistakes. Since the start of the latest war in West Asia on February 28, 2026, troubling examples have already emerged. A senior news editor shared videos on social media that were entirely incorrect: buildings in Bahrain were presented as buildings in Dubai, and an old video of a drone strike in Kyiv, Ukraine, in 2024 was circulated as a new attack in Manama, Bahrain, in 2026.

In another instance, a well-known television news anchor announced arrests that had never actually taken place. The information, apparently received from unnamed sources, was later debunked and quietly retracted.

At the same time, AI-generated images of drones and missiles have circulated online as though they depict real events.

What makes these incidents particularly concerning is that this misinformation did not originate from some anonymous social media users. It was shared by professional journalists and established news outlets—the very institutions we rely upon to verify facts before broadcasting them to the public.

Too often, sensationalism and speed appear to take precedence over accuracy. News is forwarded and amplified before its authenticity is confirmed.

In our digitally connected world, the consequences are serious. False information spreads at extraordinary speed. Before journalists have time to correct themselves, misleading posts may already have been shared thousands of times.

By then, the damage is done, and, even if corrected, the truth may never travel as far as the falsehood.

If journalists must really be respected as purveyors of truth, especially in times of war, they must exercise discipline and caution.

The responsibility of journalism is not merely to be first, but to be right.

News organizations may feel pressure to compete with rival channels, and to satisfy the relentless demands of the digital news cycle. Yet their highest responsibility is not to power, nor to algorithms, but to the public they serve.

In moments of conflict, when fear and uncertainty run high, misinformation can inflame tensions, deepen divisions, and distort reality.

Truth, verification, and restraint must remain the core principles of journalism. Speed may win attention for a moment, but credibility is what sustains trust over time. And in the end, it is credibility—not immediacy—that defines the true value of journalism.

(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Daily Tribune)

Why Iranian drones are hard to stop

AFP | Paris, France

Cheap and deadly, Iranian-designed Shahed drones have inflicted major damage in the Middle East war, and have anti-jamming and other capabilities that make them difficult to stop.

Offline navigation

Designed to explode on impact, Shahed drones connect to GPS to register their location shortly before or after takeoff, then typically turn off their receivers, said Thomas Withington, a researcher at Britain's Royal United Services Institute (RUSI).

The drones then travel long distances towards their target using gyroscopes that measure their speed, direction and position -- known as an "inertial navigation system".

"GPS is going to get jammed by whatever is protecting the target," Withington told AFP.

"If you look at a map of GPS jamming at the moment in the Middle East, you see that there's a lot of jamming... By not using the GPS, you avoid that."

The drones can then return to GPS just before impact for a more precise strike, or remain offline.

"It's not always necessarily very accurate, but it's as accurate as it needs to be," said Withington.

Anti-jamming mechanisms

Russia has been making Sha-



Mark Wallace, CEO of the non-profit United Against Nuclear Iran, delivers remarks next to a Shahed 136 military drone during a press conference on Capitol Hill

hed-style drones to use in its war in Ukraine.

The US-based Institute for Science and International Security found in 2023 that those drones used "state-of-art antenna interference suppression" to remove enemy jamming signals while preserving the desired GPS signal.

Anti-jamming mechanisms were found in the wreckage of an Iranian-made drone that struck Cyprus in the opening days of the Middle East war, a European industry source told AFP.

"They have put (the Shahed) together using off-the-shelf parts, but it has... many of the capabilities that US military GPS equipment has," Todd Humphreys, a professor of aerospace engineering at the University of Texas at Austin, told AFP.

Defending against them now requires sophisticated electronic warfare equipment.

"The Shaheds have been upgraded," said Ukrainian air force spokesman Yuriy Ignat.

Stealth materials

The Shahed is built from "lightweight radar-absorbing materials", such as plastic and fibreglass, a 2023 RUSI paper said.

Their small size and low altitude allow them to slip through aerial defence systems.

Other positioning systems? Some experts think Iran is using multiple positioning systems, making it easier for its drones to dodge jamming.

Serhii Beskrestnov, a technology adviser to the Ukrainian defence ministry, said Iran is using the BeiDou system, a Chinese rival to the US-devel-

oped GPS.

And the Russia-made version of Shaheds uses both BeiDou and the Russian equivalent, GLONASS, he said.

Others suspect Iran may be using LORAN, a radio navigation system developed during World War II.

LORAN, which does not require satellites, largely fell out of use when GPS emerged.

But Iran said in 2016 it was reviving the technology, which requires a network of large ground-based transmitters, though experts have not confirmed it is active today.

Counter-strategies

Militaries have mainly defended against Shaheds by shooting them down with cannon fire, missiles and interceptor drones, with the United States and Israel also developing lasers.

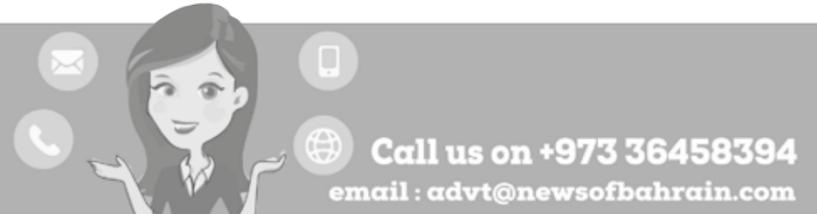
But jamming can work, as Ukraine has shown, as can "spoofing", which involves hacking into the drone's navigation system to change its destination.

Ukraine used electronic warfare to neutralise 4,652 attack drones from mid-May to mid-July 2025 -- not far off the number it shot down in the same period, 6,041, according to AFP analysis of Ukrainian military data.

Its experts insist that electronic and conventional defences are often used in tandem against the drones.

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Sabalenka edges Rybakina to claim long-awaited title



Aryna Sabalenka reacts as the streamers fall over her and the championship trophy

- Match decided in third-set tiebreak
- Players struggled in “boiling” desert temperatures
- Rybakina rises to world number two

AFP | Indian Wells

Aryna Sabalenka saved a match point on the way to a 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (8/6) victory over Elena Rybakina on Sunday to claim a long-awaited first Indian Wells title.

Sabalenka ended a frustrating run of finals futility against Rybakina, who had won their last four title clashes starting with a triumph at Indian Wells in 2023 and including a nail-biter at the Australian Open in January. Sabalenka rallied from a break down in the second set and fought off a match point trailing 5-6 in the tiebreaker before finally gaining the longed-for title -- and a healthy measure of revenge.

“Thanks God I got this trophy,” said Sabalenka, who lost to Russian teen Mirra Andreeva in last year’s final.

She had appeared on her way with a break for 2-1 in the third set. But Rybakina piled on the return pressure to break back for 5-5 and fought off five break points in the next game.

Deflated but determined, Sabalenka held at love to force the tiebreaker, rallying from 3-5 down before saving match point with a stunning backhand winner. She won the next point on Rybakina’s serve and delivered another massive serve herself to seal it.

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“But what I’m happy with is that in the next one I was able to pull out great serves to get that game and get into the tiebreak.”

Sabalenka said that the “boiling” temperature on court had her “dying” in the tiebreaker, but she could see that Rybakina was affected, too.

“So I was trying to push myself basically to the limit,” Sabalenka said. “I’m super happy that in those last three points of the match, I was able to pull out really great tennis and get the win.”

The latest clash between the big-serving, big-hitting rivals was again a match of razor-thin margins.

Rybakina converted the only break point of the opening set for a 4-2 lead and backed up the break with a love game.

It wasn’t until she served for the set that Rybakina lost two points in a service game. But after falling behind 0-30 she powered back, giving herself a set point with an ace and pocketing the set when Sabalenka’s backhand down the line slipped wide.

A double-fault on break point

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The win was a massive mental breakthrough for Sabalenka; prior to Sunday, she had lost four consecutive finals to Rybakina, including a heart-wrenching defeat at the Australian Open earlier this year

in the opening game of the second set left Sabalenka in a world of trouble.

‘Big drop’

But despite her obvious frustration Sabalenka dug in, winning the next four games to take a 4-1 lead.

She broke Rybakina at love to level the set at 1-1 and saved two more break points in a marathon third game.

Rybakina, her forehand errors rising along with the desert heat, double-faulted on break point to hand Sabalenka a 3-1 lead, Sabalenka holding with ease to make it 4-1 before Rybakina stopped the rot.

Sabalenka had to fend off a break point for 5-2 and saved another one with an ace as she served out the set.

“I think the first set I played really well, and I was much more with the energy. Second set, big drop,” Rybakina said. “Then in the third, I think for both of us was quite difficult.”

Sabalenka will now head into her Miami Open title defense aiming to complete the “Sunshine Double.”

Rybakina will arrive in Miami ranked second in the world, climbing one spot to overtake Poland’s Iga Swiatek.

Laporta reelected Barca president for next five years

AFP | Barcelona

Joan Laporta was reelected as Barcelona president on Sunday, defeating Victor Font to stay in charge of the Catalan giants until 2031.

The charismatic 63-year-old, who also beat out Font in the

2021 election, will reclaim his position in July after resigning a few weeks ago as part of the electoral process.

Around 42 percent of Barcelona club members voted -- translating to 48,480 votes. Laporta triumphed by 68.18 percent to Font’s 29.78 percent.

“This result makes us very happy and gives us a lot of strength, a lot, so much that it leaves us speechless,” Laporta told reporters.

“No one will stop us. I am sure that in the coming years, as I’ve said to you, we have some thrilling times ahead.”

Sinner wins first Indian Wells crown

Sinner rallies from 4-0 down in second-set tiebreaker to beat Medvedev

● **Jannik Sinner beats Daniil Medvedev 7-6, 7-6.**

● **No service breaks in entire match**

AFP | Indian Wells

World number two Jannik Sinner surged home to beat Daniil Medvedev 7-6 (8/6), 7-6 (7/4) on Sunday to capture his first Indian Wells ATP Masters 1000 crown.

Four-time Grand Slam champion Sinner won his first title of 2026, rallying from 0-4 down in the second-set tiebreaker to seal the win against a resurgent Medvedev, winner of the title in Dubai last month who was riding a nine-match ATP winning streak.

That included an upset semi-final triumph over Carlos Alcaraz that ended the top-ranked Spaniard's 16-match winning streak to start the season.

But Sinner, who didn't drop a set in the tournament, proved just that bit better in a match where both sets went to the tiebreakers without a break of serve.

"I kept believing and kept pushing," Sinner said of his closing burst. "I went for my shots a little more. A third set, we would



Jannik Sinner of Italy hoists the championship trophy after defeating Daniil Medvedev

have started even, so I tried my best to close it out and I am very happy.

"It was an incredible ending," added Sinner, who said he wasn't troubled by the hot afternoon temperatures thanks to the lack of humidity and some extra days of pre-tournament preparation.

Sinner didn't face a break point in the one-hour 55-minute contest, winning 43 of the 47 points on which he put his first

serve in play.

Medvedev saved the only two break points he faced in the seventh game of the opening set, but Sinner's tiebreaker prowess proved too much.

Medvedev was up 5-4 in the first-set tiebreaker when he let a ball sail by him and it landed in.

He'd go on to save one set point, but Sinner gave himself another with a blistering forehand that the Russian couldn't

handle and pocketed the set with a thundering service winner.

Medvedev looked on track to level the match when he raced to a 4-0 lead in the second-set decider -- aided by Sinner's second double-fault of the match.

But Sinner roared home to join Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer as the only players to win all six of the ATP's hardcourt Masters 1000 tournaments.

"It feels amazing, great

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I kept believing and kept pushing. I went for my shots a little more. A third set, we would have started even, so I tried my best to close it out and I am very happy. It was an incredible ending

JANNIK SINNER

achievement," said Sinner, who was already turning his gaze to the Miami Open, the second leg of the "Sunshine Double" where men's first-round play begins on Wednesday.

"I have couple of days to relax (but) there is not so much time in between here and Miami ... we try to play the best tennis possible there, too."

Bittersweet feeling

Medvedev said the outcome was "bittersweet" after a semi-final victory over Alcaraz -- who beat him in the Indian Wells finals in 2023 and 2024 -- that felt like winning the tournament.

"But that's not the reality," he said. "There is a final to play. I had my opportunity, small opportunity in the first set. A bit bigger opportunity in the tie-break in the second.

"But at the same time, I was hanging by not big margins in

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With this victory, Jannik Sinner joins the elite company of Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer as the only players in tennis history to have won all six of the ATP's hard-court Masters 1000 tournaments

the whole set.

"It's a bittersweet feeling where it feels good to do what I did this week. But of course I wanted to try to push him even more. He was serving phenomenal. (It) was super tough to be on the return position today."

While Medvedev missed a chance to become just the second player to beat both Alcaraz and Sinner in the same tournament, the former world number one underscored his return to form after a disappointing 2025 campaign and will return to the top 10 on Monday.

"It's great to see Daniil back playing this level," Sinner said. "I do believe that tennis needs him."

Manama's Sabah Hussain Suffers ACL Injury

Hussain Almaskati
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Sabah Hussain, star of the Bahrain national basketball team and Al Manama Club, has been ruled out for the remainder of the season after suffering a serious knee injury.

The injury occurred during Game 2 of Manama's semi-final match against Al Najma Club in the Khalifa bin Salman Basketball Cup last Saturday, where his team secured a 77-75 victory. During the contest, Hussain received possession and, upon landing on the court, became involved in a mid-play collision with Najma's Mohamed Kowaid. Their legs tangled, causing Hussain's left knee to twist awkwardly.

Medical examinations, including an MRI scan conducted after the match, confirmed that the Bahraini had sustained a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL).

Hussain, a key figure for both club and country, is widely recognized for his strong performances on both ends of the



Sabah Hussain

court. His absence is expected to be a significant setback for Manama as the team prepares for the final of the Khalifa bin Salman Basketball Cup and the semi-finals of the Zain Basket-

ball League.

As a result of the injury, the player will be sidelined for at least six months, ruling him out for the remainder of the current basketball season.

Sitra Level Relegation Play-Off with Game 2 Win



Top scorer Austin Ajukwa drives Sitra forward

Hussain Almaskati
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Sitra kept their hopes alive for a spot in next season's Zain Bahrain Basketball League premier division by defeating Al Hala 104-92 last night in game two of the best-of-three relegation play-off. The win evens the series at 1-1, setting up a winner-takes-all third game tonight at 8:30pm at Khalifa Sports City.

Al Hala had taken the first leg

on Friday 107-102, with Austin Ajukwa producing a 52-point masterclass. Despite the loss in the second game, Ajukwa was once again the standout performer for Sitra, posting 44 points, 10 rebounds, and 7 assists to earn man of the match honours. He was supported by Ali Mohsen, who added 26 points.

Sitra set the tone early, outscoring Al Hala 28-17 in the first quarter, and managed to keep their lead throughout the game. Quarter-by-quarter scores were

28-17, 27-26, 20-25, and 29-24, as Sitra combined strong defense with timely scoring to maintain control. For Al Hala, Abdelkader scored 25 points while Ahmed Bindayneh contributed 20, but they were unable to match Sitra's overall efficiency and cohesion on both ends of the court.

With the series tied, everything now comes down to the decisive third game, where the winner will secure a place in next season's premier division.

Chelsea's Neto avoids ban for pushing PSG ball boy

AFP | London

Chelsea winger Pedro Neto is free to play in this week's Champions League last-16 second leg against Paris Saint-Germain after being given a retrospective yellow card for pushing a ball boy last week, UEFA said

yesterday.

The Portuguese forward apologised for the incident which happened in PSG's 5-2 first-leg win at the Parc des Princes.

A UEFA investigation found Neto was guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct and added a booking to his disciplinary

record.

He will be available for Tuesday's second leg at Stamford Bridge.

"We were losing and in the emotion of the game I wanted to get the ball fast and I gave him a little push," Neto told broadcaster TNT Sports after the game

Races off, Mercedes dominance, McLaren woe: China GP talking points

Mercedes remains undefeated in 2026 while McLaren and Red Bull face reliability nightmares

● Mercedes claims second consecutive one-two

● Five-week gap before Miami GP

AFP | Shanghai

Kimi Antonelli, 19, converted being the youngest pole-sitter in history into a maiden victory at the Chinese Grand Prix after an action-packed weekend dominated by Mercedes.

Teammate George Russell took the chequered flag in the sprint but there were big problems for Red Bull's Max Verstappen while both McLarens, including world champion Lando Norris, failed to even start the race.

Let us look at three talking points from the second race weekend of the 2026 Formula One calendar at the Shanghai International Circuit:

Bahrain, Saudi headache

The paddock in China woke up on Sunday to a confirmation of the worst-kept secret in Formula One: next month's grands



Winner Mercedes' Italian driver Kimi Antonelli (2nd R) and third-placed Ferrari's British driver Lewis Hamilton (R) speak after the Formula One Chinese Grand Prix

prix in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia had been cancelled because of the war in the Middle East.

The decision leaves teams and drivers with an almost five-week gap between the Japanese Grand Prix on March 29 and the start of the Miami race weekend on May 1.

The change in schedule will

affect development plans of teams already wrestling with sweeping regulation changes and new car designs.

Many were planning to bring upgrades to the Middle East races but they will now lose six practice sessions and two races in which to gather valuable data and on-track running.

On the plus side, it will give more time behind the scenes and in the simulators to get their heads around F1's brave new world.

Mercedes dominate

Mercedes took a second consecutive one-two in China, with Antonelli leading home Russell.

Russell leads Antonelli by four points in the drivers' championship and Mercedes have 98 in the constructors' table, 31 clear of Ferrari, who seem to be their only challengers at present.

After front-row lockouts in qualifying for both races this season, it has observers predicting confidently that a Mercedes driver will be crowned world champion in 2026.

It appears just a question of whether it will be Russell or Antonelli.

Both would be champions for the first time.

McLaren, Red Bull in mire

Constructors world champions McLaren were hurting badly after neither of their drivers even made the formation lap in Shanghai.

McLaren's Oscar Piastri has now failed to start either of this season's two grands prix, though he did pick up three points for sixth place in Saturday's sprint.

A few garages along the pit lane, Verstappen and Red Bull had very little to smile about either as the four-time world champion could only qualify eighth, dropped down the field after a terrible start and then retired on lap 46 with a cooling problem.



The cancellations of the Bahrain and Saudi Arabian Grands Prix create an unusual five-week gap in the 2026 calendar, forcing teams to rethink development plans under the sport's sweeping new regulations

The once-dominant Red Bulls have suffered more than most from Formula One's sweeping new regulations and for the first time the team failed to score a point in a sprint race.

"Nothing works. So it's just not nice," fumed Verstappen. "Every lap is honestly survival for me. I'm not enjoying it at all."

After two weekends McLaren are already a massive 80 points behind Mercedes in the constructors' championship and Red Bull are a further six points back.

Bahraini junior tennis player wins Asian Development Grant

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Bahraini junior tennis player Ahmed Al Sayed has received the 2025 Development Achievement Grant from the Asian Tennis Federation, recognising his strong performance in the continental rankings and marking a new milestone for the sport in the kingdom.

The award is presented annually to players who finish the season among the top ranks in Asia, and Al Sayed earned the honour after securing third place in the final Asian Under-16 boys' singles rankings for 2025. Officials said the achievement reflects the player's dedication and consistent performances throughout the season.

The grant was presented at



Ahmed Al Sayed in action (file photo)

the Bahrain Tennis Federation headquarters by federation president Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa and

vice-president Sheikh Khalid bin Rashid Al Khalifa. Sheikh Abdulaziz praised the young player's discipline and commit-

ment, describing the result as a significant accomplishment for Bahraini tennis and a reflection of the federation's strategy to develop emerging talent capable of competing at continental and international levels.

Sheikh Khalid also commended Al Sayed's progress, noting that a Bahraini player reaching third place in the Asian Under-16 rankings highlights the success of national programmes aimed at nurturing promising athletes and strengthening Bahrain's presence in Asian tennis.

Al Sayed welcomed the recognition, saying the grant would serve as strong motivation to continue improving his performance and striving for further success in regional and international competitions while representing Bahrain.

Djokovic withdraws from Miami Open

AFP | Miami

World number one Novak Djokovic withdrew from next week's ATP-WTA Miami Open on Saturday in the wake of his shock exit at Indian Wells.

The 36-year-old Serbian star said in a statement on social media he had opted to skip Miami for scheduling reasons.

"Unfortunately I won't be playing the @MiamiOpen this year," Djokovic announced on X, formerly Twitter.

"At this stage of my career, I'm balancing my private and professional schedule. I'm sorry that I won't experience some of the best and most pas-



Novak Djokovic sionate fans in the world. "I'm looking fw competing in MI in future!"

The 24-time Grand Slam champion returned to play the early season US hardcourt swing at Indian Wells in California, only to suffer a shock third-round exit yesterday to lowly ranked Italian Luca Nardi.

City boss Guardiola still has hope of revival against Real Madrid

AFP | London

Pep Guardiola has insisted "many things can happen" as his Manchester City side try to overturn a 3-0 deficit against Real Madrid in the Champions League.

City face a huge task to rescue their last-16 tie at the Etihad Stadium on Tuesday after following a heavy defeat by the European giants in last week's first leg at the Bernabeu Stadium.

But City manager Guardiola, speaking at his pre-match press conference yesterday, said: "It's a football game, many things can happen."

"We have to focus and try to



Manchester City's Phil Foden (L) Erling Haaland (R) react (file photo)

win the game and after see what happens. I don't have a specific

plan -- just try."

Guardiola has opted not to train on the day prior to the game as the team recover from the trip to Madrid and their 1-1 draw at West Ham on Saturday which damaged City's Premier League title hopes.

"Training won't improve us a lot and we don't have time to train," Guardiola said. "I prefer them to be at home."

The Spaniard, who made his name as a player and manager with Real's arch-rivals Barcelona, added: "We will train tomorrow (Tuesday). We will arrive at 2:00 pm (1400 GMT), move the legs a little and go. I've done it two or three times this season."

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Bahrain boxing's 'Cinderella Story'

Sami Al Adsani on Boxing's Rise in the Kingdom

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Sami Nabeel Al Adsani's call-up to the Bahrain Boxing National Team comes at a moment of growing ambition for the sport in the kingdom. The 25-year-old boxer, with an amateur record of 6-3 (4 KOs), is part of a generation hoping to carry the nation onto the international stage.

In an exclusive sit-down with TDT, Al Adsani reflected on his role in the national setup, the impact of new leadership, and the opportunities emerging for Bahraini fighters.

National Team Breakthrough

"It's fantastic to be part of this team right now," Sami said. "It's full of talented and enthusiastic boxers and will continue to grow in the long term." Though still developing, the national team's direction is clear. With increased structure and investment, Bahrain aims to test itself against stronger competition in the coming years.

"We hope to make a shot at Olympic and world qualification bouts," the boxer said. "There are many obstacles, but the reception so far has been positive, and it will only get better over time."

For Al Adsani, the opportunity is about more than competing internationally. He is focused on building a strong foundation for boxing at home, efforts that now



Boxer Sami Al Adsani at The Daily Tribune headquarters

align with the broader changes taking place at the national level.

Leadership Shift

A major step forward came with the appointment of Irish coach John Conlon at the end of last year, replacing Tony Davis. Conlon brings experience coaching Olympic, World, European, and Commonwealth medalists.

"He's been fantastic to train under, and Bahrain is very lucky to have him," Sami said. "Coach-

es benefit, gyms benefit, and the culture benefits from his mentality and experience."

Al Adsani also credited Bahrain Boxing Federation president Rashid Isa Fleifel for bringing Conlon on board. "It's a huge credit to Mr. Rashid. It shows Bahrain is serious and getting better equipped to rise to that international level and be on par with everybody else."

Earlier this year, Conlon and federation representatives toured gyms across the kingdom to understand local talent and the sport's culture, including the boxer's home gym, Killa Boxing Club. The visits revealed the enthusiasm and potential already present in Bahrain's boxing community.

Athlete Development

Conlon has introduced a 10-year plan focused on developing Bahraini boxers through international exposure and stronger coaching systems.

"It centers on developing Bahraini boxers, and that takes time," Al Adsani explained. "That means bringing them to international camps and hosting international teams here."

The plan also prioritizes



Bahrain Boxing National Team after a training session at Spartan Fitness

strengthening coaching standards across the country. "He's going to have to grind it out," the boxer said. "Develop boxers, get them experience, and build a boxing infrastructure with the coaches in Bahrain."

Sami sees the opportunity as open to anyone willing to commit. "It doesn't really matter your level. If you're enthusiastic and hardworking, you can be part of this journey because boxing is really just kicking off in this part of the world."

He also hopes to mentor younger athletes as the program grows. "The youth team is actually much bigger than the adult team," Al Adsani said. "There's a lot of talent and enthusiasm, and I want to support them to bridge the gap so they can eventually represent Bahrain at a competitive level."

Looking ahead, the boxer believes the current progress could define the sport in Bahrain for years to come. "This is a chance for Bahrain-born boxers to be developed from scratch and reach the international level," he said. "This is just a Cinderella story," Al Adsani reflected. By all accounts, the most exciting chapters are yet to unfold.



Coach Conlon congratulates Al Adsani after Sports Day victory



Bahrain Boxing Federation tours Killa Boxing Club facilities

Chelsea fined £10.75 mn and hit with suspended one-year transfer ban

AFP | London

Chelsea have been fined £10.75 million (\$14.27 million) and received a suspended one-year transfer ban in relation to historical breaches of Premier League rules, it was announced yesterday.

The London club have also been hit with an immediate nine-month academy transfer ban, the Premier League said.

The sanctions relate to information shared with the league by the consortium led by American businessman Todd Boehly following their takeover of Chelsea from Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich in 2022.

The Premier League found that between 2011 and 2018, undisclosed payments by third parties associated with Chelsea were made to players, unregistered agents and others.

However, the league determined that even if the payments had been properly included in historical financial submissions, the club would not have been in breach of the profitability and sustainability rules (PSR).

Officials said that Chelsea's "proactive self-reporting, admissions of breach and exceptional co-operation" were also mitigating circumstances when it came to deciding the severity of the punishments.



Muharraq take on Al Ahli in a recent clash

Bahrain Basketball League Playoffs Confirmed

TDT | Manama

The Bahrain Basketball Association has confirmed the schedule for the 2025-2026 Zain Basketball League (First Division) semi-finals and finals, with all matches to be played at Khalifa Sports City Hall in Isa Town in a best-of-five format.

Top seeded Muharraq faces fourth placed Al Ahli, while second-placed Manama meets third-placed Al Najma.

The semi-finals begin on Thursday, 26 March, with Manama vs Al Najma at 6 PM, followed by Muharraq vs Al Ahli at 8 PM. If any series goes the full five games, the semi-finals

could run until 7 April.

All eyes will be on Muharraq and Manama, who meet just days earlier in the Khalifa bin Salman Cup final on 23 March, also at Khalifa Sports City.

Both teams have proven their league credentials, and the cup final could offer a glimpse of the rivalry that may carry into the league finals. Meanwhile, Al Najma will aim to challenge Manama and stake their claim as title contenders.

The league finals are set to begin on 5 April if a semi-final series is decided in three games, or 8 April if extended to four.