

Ceasefire on the brink of collapse?

US warns of renewed strikes as Iran resists peace deal, with blockade tightening and tensions rising in the Strait of Hormuz. | P7

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The Ministry of Interior confirmed that the Drug Control Directorate under the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science has arrested a 43-year-old Arab national in connection with a major drug case. The arrest was made as part of ongoing efforts to protect society from the dangers of narcotics. Authorities said the suspect was found in possession of approximately five kilograms of various narcotic substances and psychotropic substances. The estimated street value of the seized drugs exceeds BD36,000.

Emergency Motion Filed

Unified Parliamentary Stance on Iranian Attacks Targeting GCC States

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Bahrain has called for stronger international cooperation to safeguard peace and stability, as the Speaker of the Council of Representatives, Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallem, delivered the Kingdom's address at the 152nd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly in Istanbul. The high-level gathering brought together representatives from more than 116 parliaments worldwide. In his speech, Al Musallem said that promoting hope, strengthening security, protecting peace, and securing social justice for future generations remain key pillars of Bahrain's national vision, guided by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and supported by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister. He emphasised that Bahrain's legislative framework actively



Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallem, Speaker of Parliament



supports these principles through law-making, parliamentary oversight, and diplomatic engagement on the international stage. Al Musallem drew attention to recent regional developments, stating that the forum was being held amid ongoing attacks affecting Bahrain, other GCC countries, and Jordan. He described these incidents as violations of international law and humanitarian principles, as well as challenges to state sovereignty and maritime

regulations. He said Bahrain, representing the GCC and Jordan, had submitted a draft resolution to the United Nations Security Council, which was adopted as Resolution (2817) on March 11, 2026, with support from 136 member states. He added that this reflected broad international backing for protecting sovereignty and maintaining global peace. He also referred to a separate resolution passed by the UN Human Rights Council (Resolution

38 of 2026), which condemned the attacks with consensus support from 106 countries. Despite these developments, Al Musallem noted that hostile actions had continued, including missile and drone strikes targeting civilian infrastructure such as airports, ports, energy installations, and residential areas. He warned that any disruption in the Strait of Hormuz would have serious implications for global energy security and trade flows. Calling for collective action,

he urged the Inter-Parliamentary Union to play a stronger role in encouraging the international community, particularly the United Nations, to take a firm stance against such violations and ensure compliance with international law. He also confirmed that Bahrain had submitted an emergency agenda item to the IPU Assembly, based on recent UN resolutions, seeking condemnation of the attacks against GCC states and Jordan.

Deadly school shooting in Turkey prompts Gulf-wide sympathy

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The Kingdom of Bahrain and the State of Kuwait expressed solidarity and sympathy with the Republic of Turkey following a school shooting in Kahramanmara, southern Turkey, which left several people, including children, dead and injured. The Bahraini Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated it stands in solidarity with Turkey and conveyed its deepest condolences to the government, people of Turkey, and the victims' families. The Kingdom also wished a speedy recovery for those injured in the tragic incident.



Family members and mourners react on the coffin of 10-year-old Belinay Nur Boyraz as they attend the funerals for nine victims killed in a school shooting by a 14-year-old.

In a separate statement, Kuwait's Ministry of Foreign Affairs also expressed its sympathy and solidarity with Turkey, offering sincere condolences to the victims' families and wishing the injured a swift recovery. According to Turkish authorities, at least eight students and one teacher were killed, and 13 others were injured (six critically) after a shooting at Ayser Çalık Secondary School in the Kahramanmara region. Officials said the attacker, a 14-year-old student, was also killed during the incident. Turkish Interior Minister Mustafa Cif-

ci confirmed the details while investigations into the attack's motive are ongoing. Local reports suggest the suspect entered classrooms armed with multiple weapons and ammunition. Authorities also detained the attacker's father, a former police officer, as part of the investigation. The incident follows another school shooting in southern Turkey a day earlier, in which 16 people were injured before the attacker took his own life. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan expressed condolences and wished a speedy recovery for the injured. The incident has shocked the country, with distressed parents gathering outside the school as investigations continue. The funerals take place for eight children aged 10 and 11 and a 55-year-old teacher.



- Turkish authorities have detained over 160 people over online activity linked to recent school shootings.
- Charges include spreading misleading information and praising the deadly attacks.
- Justice Minister Akin Gurlek said 95 people have been taken into custody so far.
- Authorities are currently seeking an additional 35 suspects.
- Access to 1,104 social media accounts has been blocked.
- Investigators identified accounts that allegedly targeted schools and suggested possible future attacks.
- Authorities have detained 67 users linked to threatening posts directed at 54 schools.

10-DAY CEASEFIRE IN LEBANON



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CASE OF DETAINEE DEATH

Case of Detainee Death Sent to High Criminal Court

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The Special Investigation Unit (SIU) has announced the completion of its investigation into the death of a detainee and referred the accused, who is currently in custody, to criminal trial on charges of assault resulting in death. According to the SIU, it first became aware of the incident on 27 March 2026 after reports

circulated on social media, as well as through an official notification from the Inspector General of the National Intelligence Agency. The notification stated that the deceased had been detained by the agency and was assaulted by one of its personnel, resulting in multiple injuries. He was later transferred to hospital, where he died from those injuries. Following the report, the SIU immediately took over the investigation under its legal man-

date. A forensic expert was appointed to determine the nature of the injuries and the cause

of death. Investigators also reviewed the circumstances of the arrest, confirming that the detainee had been taken into custody along with others under a lawful arrest warrant. As part of the investigation, the unit collected medical reports, official documents, and video evidence, and conducted a site inspection. Judicial police inquiries were intensified, while statements were taken from the deceased's father and witnesses. The accused was also

interrogated and reportedly admitted to the allegations. Based on the evidence gathered, the SIU concluded that sufficient grounds existed to refer the accused, while in custody, to the High Criminal Court. The unit reaffirmed its commitment to carrying out its mandate with full judicial authority to uphold the rule of law and ensure justice, while stressing the importance of protecting human rights, particularly those of detainees and prisoners.

