

## Cricket in Bahrain is no longer at the mercy of the summer heat



Opening ceremony attended by the Ambassadors of India, Nepal, and Bangladesh, along with special invitees of the evening.

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A new indoor academy in Salmabad is giving players year-round access to training and competition through a fully air-conditioned facility equipped with modern coaching and practice systems.

The KHK Cricket Academy was inaugurated in the pres-

ence of diplomats, ambassadors, sports officials, business leaders and members of Bahrain's cricket community, reflecting the sport's growing popularity in the Kingdom.

Academy Chairman Mohammed Mansoor said the facility addresses one of the biggest challenges facing the sport, as extreme summer temperatures have long restricted outdoor

training.

He said the academy aims to make cricket more accessible by providing a suitable environment for players of all ages to train throughout the year.

The facility features multiple practice lanes, training nets and specialised equipment designed to support both beginners and advanced players. Participants will also benefit from structured

coaching programmes delivered by qualified coaches.

Mansoor stressed that the academy is not only about infrastructure but also about building a strong cricket community, encouraging families to introduce their children to the sport.

Beyond cricket, the venue is designed to host a range of sports and community activities, expanding its role as a wider



**Mohammed Mansoor** - The chairman of the KHK Cricket Academy in Bahrain



**Muhammad Shahid** - KHK Sports CEO and BRAVE Combat Federation president

sporting hub.

KHK Sports CEO and BRAVE Combat Federation President Muhammad Shahid hailed the vision of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Chairman of the General Sports Authority, and President of the Bahrain Olympic Commit-

tee, in supporting sports development, describing the academy as an important step in growing cricket, creating opportunities for young players and strengthening Bahrain's talent pipeline. Officials believe the facility will help expand participation and strengthen Bahrain's cricket ecosystem through year-round training opportunities.



### Arab Ministers discuss legal cooperation

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Bahrain's Ambassador to Egypt and Permanent Representative to the Arab League, Fawzia Zainal, participated in the 76th meeting of the Executive Bureau of the Council of Arab Justice Ministers, which included justice ministers and executive bureau members from several Arab countries.

The meeting was convened to prepare for the 42nd session of the Council of Arab Justice Ministers and the 77th meeting of its Executive Bureau, both scheduled for Algeria. Discussions focused on drafting the agenda, following up on council resolutions, sup-

porting the development of the Arab legal system, and coordinating positions on issues of common interest to strengthen judicial and legal cooperation among member states.

During the meeting, participants reviewed a report from the council's technical secretariat on implementing decisions adopted during the 41st session of the Council of Arab Justice Ministers. They also discussed ways to enhance Arab cooperation in combating terrorism, including the implementation of the Arab Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism and mechanisms to ensure its effective application.

### Authorities Finalise Ashura Plans



Bahrain's annual meeting for the Ashura season was held with the participation of representatives from official government entities and heads and officials of ma'tams from across the Kingdom's governorates, as part of preparations for the Ashura season of 1448 AH.

Speaking at the meeting, Mr. Yousif bin Saleh Al Saleh, Deputy Chairman of the Islamic Endowments Affairs Council, affirmed that the continuous support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to monitor and address the needs of communities during the Ashura season are reflected

in the efforts of ministries and concerned authorities to ensure the occasion is observed in the best possible manner each year.

The meeting was attended by officials from ministries and government entities across Bahrain's governorates and brought together around 300 heads and officials of ma'tams.

Al Saleh praised the efforts of the Ministry of Interior and its various departments under the supervision of General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior. He commended the ministry's role in maintaining stability, ensuring public safety and security, protecting national achievements, and safeguarding the wellbeing of all members of society.

## Interior Ministry wins Global award for employee happiness

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Bahrain's Ministry of Interior has won the Global Continual Improvement Award 2025 in the "Happiness and Engagement" category, recognising its efforts to enhance employee wellbeing and workplace engagement.

The award was presented to the ministry's Human Resources Directorate by the Dubai Quality Group in the United Arab Emirates.

The achievement was highlighted during a meeting between Shaikh Nasser bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior, and Major-General Adel Abdullah Ameen, Assistant Undersecretary for Human Resources.

Shaikh Nasser said the award reflects the ministry's commitment to institutional excellence and the adoption of best administrative practices that support a positive work environment and sustainable development.

He added that the achievement aligns with the vision of General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, which focuses on investing in human capital,



The Human Resources Directorate received the award in recognition of initiatives promoting employee happiness and engagement.

improving workplace environments and enhancing institutional performance.

Major-General Ameen said the recognition acknowledges a range of initiatives and specialised programmes aimed at improving employee happiness while promoting

participation, innovation and teamwork.

He attributed the achievement to the support of the Minister of Interior, the Chief of Public Security and the ministry's leadership, noting that their backing has helped strengthen a culture of contin-

uous improvement across the organisation.

The Global Continual Improvement Award is an international platform that promotes the exchange of best practices, innovation and continuous improvement among organisations worldwide.

## Students can now cancel transfer requests instantly online at UoB

**Rehab Mohammad**  
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Students at the University of Bahrain can now cancel academic transfer requests instantly through a new digital service, reducing a process that previously took two working days to complete.

The service, launched through the Student Information System (SIS), allows students to withdraw transfer requests and remain in their current academic programmes after transfer decisions have been issued.

It covers all types of academic transfers, including transfers between colleges, between

programmes within the same college, and from associate diploma or associate degree programmes to bachelor's degree programmes.

According to the university, the upgraded service enables immediate processing following OTP verification, eliminating delays associated with manual procedures.

The initiative forms part of ongoing government efforts to improve service quality and streamline administrative processes through digital transformation.

The university said the number of required documents has been reduced by 50 per cent,



**Dr. Fouad Mohammed Al Ansari**, President of the University of Bahrain

while service performance has improved by at least 25 per cent. The process has also been fully digitised.

Additional enhancements

include a redesigned user interface, simplified procedures and unified service information across all channels.

University President Dr Fouad Mohammed Al Ansari said the service reflects the institution's commitment to adopting innovative digital solutions that improve operational efficiency and enhance the student experience.

He added that reducing processing times from two working days to instant completion supports the university's broader digital transformation objectives.