



BDF on highest alert



Bahrain's Defence Force (BDF) said its air defence systems successfully intercepted and destroyed several Iranian missiles and drones launched toward the Kingdom on Thursday, accusing Iran of continuing unlawful attacks targeting civilians.

The General Command said all military units remain at the highest level of combat readiness to protect the Kingdom. It urged the public not to approach suspicious objects or remnants from the attacks and to report them immediately to authorities.

The BDF said Royal Field Engineering teams are on full alert to safely dispose of unexploded remnants, adding that attacks on civilians and private property constitute a violation of international humanitarian law.

'Derasat' highlights role in documenting national resilience



Centre for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (Derasat) has reaffirmed its role in documenting the Kingdom's national resilience, describing the initiative as a strategic vision reflecting the unity between the leadership and the people.

During the centre's second Board of Trustees meeting this year, chaired by Transportation and Telecommunications Minister Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, members reviewed key research programmes and projects completed during the second quarter of 2026.

The board also highlighted regional and international partnerships, including the launch of the Gulf-US Think Tank Strategic Dialogue in cooperation with the American Foreign Policy Council and a forum discussing Bahrain's relations with the Arab League.

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'Bahrain Is in Good Hands'

114 Officers Graduate from Bahrain Police Academy

● Minister praised King's leadership for Bahrain's security and stability

● Academy integrates AI and modern technology into training

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Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa presided over the graduation ceremony for the 14th batch of university officer candidates at the Royal Police Academy.

The Minister expressed gratitude to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for the security and stability Bahrain enjoys, crediting the King's wisdom with strengthening the country's

defence and security capabilities. He also commended the government, led by HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa for its comprehensive approach to navigating current challenges.

The Minister told graduates that today's security environment has grown more complex, doubling the workload for officers. "Bahrain is in good hands," he said, urging the new

graduates to match the dedication shown by their fellow security personnel.

The 114 graduates completed programmes in the Higher Diploma in Law and Police Sciences and the Diploma in Forensic and Police Sciences.

Academy prepares future-ready officers

Royal Police Academy Commander Brigadier General

Fawaz Al Hassan said graduates are equipped to carry out policing duties and protect national security. He noted the Academy is integrating artificial intelligence and modern technology into its curriculum to meet evolving security demands.

Graduates took the official oath before the Minister presented certificates and honoured top-ranking officers.



Kingdom widens higher education footprint

Higher Education Council approved a series of international cooperation agreements linking local universities with institutions across four continents, following a board meeting chaired by Education Minister Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma.

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Bahrain Medical University secured memoranda of understanding with four institutions: the Voller Medical University in Iraq's Kurdistan Region, the Children's Cancer Hospital Foundation in Egypt, the Association of American Medical Colleges in the United States, and the University of Malta.



The American University of Bahrain also received approval for agreements with the Chartered Management Institute in the United Kingdom and WACOM Europe GmbH in Germany.

Meanwhile, the University of Applied Sciences gained sign-off on five new partnerships

covering India, Tunisia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and an arrangement with Pathway Education Global Ltd.

The board also reviewed progress on decisions from its previous session and considered reports from the council's General Secretariat before issuing

its approvals.

Officials said the agreements form part of a broader national strategy to expand Bahrain's footprint in international higher education and open new avenues for student exchange, joint research, and professional development.



Unite Against Cross-Border Threats

Gulf States Strengthen Criminal Intelligence Ties at Riyadh Summit

Gulf security chiefs gathered in Riyadh this week for the 45th meeting of Directors General of Criminal Investigations and Police Departments of the Gulf Cooperation Council; Bahrain was represented by a senior security official.

Major General Abdulaziz Mayouf Al Rumaihi, Director General of Bahrain's General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science, at-

tended the annual summit at the GCC General Secretariat headquarters. He said the gathering reflects member states' shared commitment to strengthening coordination in the fight against crime.

Al Rumaihi warned of the growing threat posed by organised and cross-border criminal networks, stressing the need for unified regional action. He called for continued exchange of expertise and best practices

among GCC security agencies to raise investigative standards and operational efficiency.

The senior official also praised the GCC General Secretariat and the GCC Police Organisation for their ongoing role in

driving joint security cooperation. Delegates reviewed a range of shared security concerns, focusing discussions on reinforcing regional stability and safety through deeper collaboration among member states.



Maritime Ban Hours Extended

The Ministry of Interior has announced revised timings for the maritime ban on fishing and pleasure boats as part of measures to protect coastal areas and enhance maritime safety.

Under the updated decision, the ban will be in effect daily from 6:30 p.m. - 4:00 a.m. and continuing until further notice.

BIPA boosts youth skills through Youth City 2030

Bahrain Institute of Public Administration (BIPA) has reaffirmed its commitment to developing national talent through its participation in Youth City 2030, organised by the Ministry of Youth in partnership with the Labour Fund (Tamkeen).

BIPA Director-General Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Duaij Al Khalifa said the institute's involvement reflects its role in equipping young Bahrainis with leadership, management and personal development skills to prepare them for the future.

The institute is delivering three specialised workshops focusing on management, teamwork and emotional intelligence, helping participants strengthen practical skills and enhance their readiness for professional and leadership roles.



SLRB digitises survey office selection service



Survey and Land Registration Bureau (SLRB) has fully digitised its Survey Office Selection service, enabling property owners to compare quotations from licensed survey offices and choose a provider entirely online.

The upgraded platform reduces processing times from an average of four working days to instant completion while simplifying the application process to just three steps. Officials said the changes are expected to improve service delivery by at least 25 per cent.

SLRB President Bassem bin Yaqoub Al Hamer said the initiative supports the Kingdom's digital transformation strategy by simplifying procedures, improving customer experience and enhancing efficiency within the real estate sector.