

Commander-in-Chief Meets Minister

Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), received Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy. The meeting reviewed cooperation and coordination between the BDF and the Ministry of Finance and National Economy.

Bahrain Chamber Extends Sectoral Committee Registration

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The Bahrain Chamber has announced a two-week extension of the registration period for membership in its Sectoral Committees for the 31st term, with applications now open until Thursday, 2 July 2026.

Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Nabeel Khalid Kanoo said the extension aims to expand participation and enable more business leaders and experts to contribute to the work of the committees, reinforcing their role in supporting economic development and strengthening engagement between the Chamber and the business community.

He emphasized that joining the Sectoral Committees represents an opportunity for business owners and private-sector professionals to play an active role in shaping economic priorities and contributing to the development

of Bahrain's business environment through the Chamber, the unified voice of the private sector. Kanoo noted that the commit-



Nabeel Khalid Kanoo, Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber

tees are a key pillar of the Chamber's work, serving as platforms for examining sector-specific challenges and opportunities and providing recommendations that support business growth and enhance the competitiveness of the national economy.

He added that applicants should possess relevant expertise and professional experience in

the sector they wish to represent. Membership is open to both business owners and qualified specialists, including non-members of the Chamber, enabling greater utilization of national expertise and strengthening the quality of committee outputs and recommendations.

The Chairman reiterated his call for business owners and individuals interested in economic affairs to take advantage of the extension and register, highlighting the important role the committees play in supporting initiatives and policies that foster economic growth and address future opportunities and challenges.

The Sectoral Committees for the 31st term have been structured to ensure balanced representation across economic activities, with particular focus on key contributors to Bahrain's GDP, as well as promising non-oil sectors that continue to drive the Kingdom's economic growth.

LuLu Financial Holdings' Adeb Ahamed Appointed to The Wall Street Journal CEO Council

Adeb Ahamed, Managing Director of LuLu Financial Holdings, has been appointed to The Wall Street Journal CEO Council, an invitation-only network of business leaders convened by the WSJ Leadership Institute.

The appointment was announced during the CEO Council Summit held in London on June 9-10, which brought together senior executives from across industries to discuss the global economic outlook, leadership, innovation, technology and geopolitics. The summit serves as one of the flagship gatherings of the CEO Council community and attracts leaders from some of the world's most influential companies and institutions.

As a member of the CEO Council, Adeb will join a global network of chief executives and business leaders who engage in ongoing discussions on the opportunities and challenges shaping the future of business. Through a series of summits, peer forums and leadership exchanges, members contribute perspectives on issues ranging from economic growth and technological transformation to corporate leadership and resilience in an increasingly complex



Adeb Ahamed, Managing Director of LuLu Financial Holdings

world.

Commenting on the appointment, Adeb Ahamed said: "I am honoured to join The Wall Street Journal CEO Council and contribute to a community of leaders focused on navigating the profound changes reshaping the global economy. At a time when technology, demographics and geopolitics are redefining how businesses operate, the ability to engage with perspectives and participate in meaningful dialogue has never been more important. I look forward to sharing insights from the markets and communities we serve."

Adeb is the Managing Director of LuLu Financial Holdings, one of the leading financial ser-

vices groups operating across the GCC, Indian subcontinent and Asia-Pacific region. Under his leadership, the Group has expanded its footprint across multiple markets while investing in digital innovation, cross-border payments, foreign exchange and financial inclusion initiatives.

Beyond his role at LuLu Financial Holdings, he is a prominent voice on issues relating to financial inclusion, migration-linked economies, digital transformation and cross-border commerce. He currently serves as Chair of the FICCI Arab Council and regularly participates in international forums focused on business, technology and economic cooperation.

His appointment to The Wall Street Journal CEO Council reflects the growing relevance of perspectives from emerging markets and the increasing importance of cross-border financial ecosystems in the global economy.

The WSJ Leadership Institute's CEO Council is an invitation-only community designed to facilitate dialogue among senior executives through exclusive events, peer-to-peer exchanges and discussions on the issues shaping business and society.

Five Gaza Children Receive Cancer Treatment Under RHF Initiative

● **First phase:**
5 Gaza children treated for cancer

● **Second phase:**
5 more children set for treatment

● **Programme ongoing**
until full budget is used



The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) has continued its follow-up on the implementation

of its agreement to provide cancer treatment, medical care for the injured, and prosthetic limb services for Palestinians

in the Gaza Strip.

Acting Secretary-General Eng. Ebrahim Dalhan Aldoseri visited the King Hussein Can-

cer Center in Jordan to monitor the program's progress and review the healthcare services delivered to beneficiaries. The

visit is part of RHF's ongoing efforts to ensure effective implementation of the agreement and high-quality medical care.

During the visit, Aldoseri inspected specialised treatment services and met with children currently receiving care, reaffirming the Foundation's commitment to supporting patients according to the highest medical standards.

He confirmed that the first phase of the initiative is complete, providing treatment for five children with cancer from Gaza, while the second phase has begun and will cover an

additional five children. He added that the programme will continue until the allocated treatment budget is fully utilised.

Aldoseri also praised the cooperation of the King Hussein Cancer Center and the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization, highlighting their role in facilitating procedures and ensuring smooth delivery of medical services.

He commended the medical and administrative teams for their dedication to providing advanced care.

100 Cameras Out of Service at Souq Al Shaabi Raise Safety ConcernsTDT | Manama
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A municipal councillor has raised concerns over safety conditions at Souq Al Shaabi, highlighting that around 100 surveillance cameras are currently not functioning, while the market's lighting system has reportedly been out of service since Ramadan.

Southern Municipal Council member Mubarak Faraj said during a council session that the disruptions have affected security at the market, noting that the cameras have been inactive for nearly a year and the lighting has remained off for several months, leaving parts of the area in darkness at night.

He linked the situation to reported theft incidents, warning that the absence of surveillance and proper lighting reduces deterrence and makes monitoring more difficult.

Faraj said he had been informed that an underground cable fault was responsible for



Southern Municipal Council member Mubarak Faraj the lighting failure, but questioned the prolonged delay in repairs and the lack of a clear timeline for restoration.

He also pointed to what he described as limited communication and slow response from the relevant authorities, saying the issue had worsened due to insufficient follow-up.

Calling for urgent action, Faraj urged the restoration of both lighting and surveillance systems, stressing the need to maintain basic infrastructure in public markets. He added that the matter goes beyond maintenance, emphasizing its direct impact on public safety and confidence.

"Ma'an" Programme Wins Arab Ideas International Award

The Anti-Violence and Addiction Prevention Programme "Ma'an" won the Arab Ideas International Award in its 18th edition under the Education and Training category, part of the Dubai Quality Group Awards, which recognise innovative initiatives and ideas that have a measurable impact on institutional performance and the promotion of a culture of innovation and quality.

The achievement reflects directives from His Excellency Lieutenant General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, who has consistently supported innovation in security and community work, as well as the development of preventive programmes based on education, training, and awareness. These efforts aim to protect young people, reinforce positive values, and strengthen community safety.

The award ceremony was held in Dubai as part of the Dubai Quality Group Awards 2026, where Ali Ahmed Amini, Director of the Crime Prevention Directorate and Head of the "Ma'an" Programme, received the honour. The recognition highlights the programme's excellence in preventive education and training through targeted initiatives for students, parents, and the wider school community.

New Move to Speed UP Housing and Investment Permits

The Undersecretary for Municipal Affairs at the Ministry of Municipalities and Agriculture, Engineer Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa,



said that granting licensed engineering offices the authority to conduct final inspections of completed buildings will accelerate procedures and improve the efficiency of municipal services.

He explained that the decision aligns with the Ministry's broader efforts to enhance the licensing system and municipal services, and to improve processes for issuing residential and investment permits. He noted that this supports Bahrain's ongoing urban development needs.

Shaikh Mohammed highlighted that Ministerial Decision No. (25) of 2026, which amends parts of the executive regulations of the Building Regulation Law, aims to streamline inspection procedures by utilizing the expertise of licensed national engineering offices. Under the new framework, these offices will be responsible for conducting final inspections of completed buildings in accordance with approved legal and regulatory standards.