

HM King's Youth City visit hailed



Bahrain Paralympic Committee President Shaikh Mohammed bin Daejj Al Khalifa expressed his appreciation for His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's visit to Youth City 2030, describing it as a message of support and empowerment for Bahraini youth.

He said the visit reflects the Royal attention given to young people and encourages initiatives that develop their skills, nurture their talents and create opportunities for active participation in national development.

Shaikh Mohammed said the visit carries particular significance for people of determination, highlighting Bahrain's commitment to equal opportunities and their integration into youth and community activities as key partners in development and the future.

Royal Medical Services praised



Bahrain Defence Force Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Royal Medical Services Commander Major General Dr Shaikh Fahad bin Khalifa Al Khalifa on Monday.

The BDF Commander-in-Chief welcomed the Royal Medical Services commander and praised the continued development of medical and treatment services.

He also commended the ongoing progress in healthcare provided by the Royal Medical Services within the Bahrain Defence Force.

18 Evacuated After Jidhafs Building Fire

Civil Defence evacuated 18 women and children from a building in Jidhafs and extinguished a fire in the building yesterday. No injuries were reported. Investigations are underway to determine the cause of the fire.

More Than a Race

Deputy King praises Malaysia's role in hosting Bahrain F1 race

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Deputy King, received His Excellency Shazryll Zahiran, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Kingdom of Bahrain, at Gudaibiya Palace.

During the meeting, HRH Prince Salman affirmed that Malaysia's hosting of the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix, with the blessings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar, Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, reflects the close and longstanding relations between Bahrain and Malaysia.

HRH the Deputy King expressed his appreciation to the Malaysian King for extending his blessing for Malaysia to host the race, and thanked Malaysian



Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim for his support and cooperation in organising the event.

HRH Prince Salman also expressed his gratitude to Formula 1, the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), Bahrain

International Circuit, Sepang International Circuit and the participating teams for their support in ensuring the successful transition of the race.

He stressed the importance of continuing to strengthen bilateral

cooperation and expanding opportunities that serve the mutual interests of Bahrain and Malaysia.

The meeting also addressed the latest regional and international developments, as well as issues of common interest.

National Talent at Heart of Bahrain's Development



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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Deputy King, met with several newly appointed Assistant Undersecretaries and Directors at Gudaibiya Palace.

HRH Prince Salman emphasised the important role of the skills and dedication of Bahraini nationals in advancing the Kingdom's comprehensive development under the leadership of His Majesty King



Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The Deputy King expressed confidence in Bahrain's future, highlighting the capabilities and contributions of the national workforce across various fields.

HRH Prince Salman congratulated the newly appointed Assistant Undersecretaries on receiving the Royal Trust and the Directors on their appointments, wishing them success in carrying out their national responsibilities.

He stressed the importance of sustained efforts to strengthen

government work by fostering a culture of creativity and creating a competitive environment that encourages innovative ideas and transforms them into effective initiatives and programmes.

Such efforts, he noted, contribute to improving government performance, keeping pace with developments and creating new opportunities to support further progress.

The Deputy King affirmed that advancing Bahrain's development and building on its national

achievements is a shared responsibility requiring collective effort, unified determination and a commitment to working as one team.

He also emphasised that investing in national talent, developing capabilities, enhancing skills and empowering Bahrainis remain among the Kingdom's key priorities, reflecting the belief that Bahraini nationals are central to the Kingdom's continued development and aspirations for greater progress and competitiveness across various fields.

Trump threatens Oman

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Trump threatened to bomb Oman if it "gets in the way" of a US deal with Tehran on the Strait of Hormuz and called for Iran to surrender.

"If Oman gets in the way, we'll bomb them," Trump told Fox News journalist Trey Yingst, referring to ongoing



trol of the strait, while Washington is also pursuing its own talks.

Tehran and Muscat have been talking for weeks on future maritime navigation

arrangements through the shipping route, and the foreign ministry in Tehran said earlier Monday that the two sides were working on a joint declaration.
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Bahrain-Türkiye ties praised



Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh said Bahrain-Türkiye relations continue to advance through bilateral partnerships, cooperation and co-ordination across various development sectors.

He made the remarks while receiving the Turkish Ambassador to Bahrain Dr Aisha Hilal Sayan Koytak, marking the end of her tenure in Bahrain. Al Saleh praised her diplomatic efforts to strengthen relations and wished her success in her future assignments.

He highlighted promising opportunities to further strengthen ties between the two countries, particularly in trade, tourism and healthcare.

Euro Game Jam



The European University of Bahrain (EUB) held the closing ceremony of its Euro Game Jam 2026 initiative, bringing together students, parents, officials and representatives from government and private sectors, as well as gaming and esports enthusiasts.

Education Minister and Higher Education Council Board of Trustees Chairman Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma said initiatives of this kind demonstrate successful integration between higher education institutions and emerging sectors. He noted that they provide young people with practical opportunities to develop their skills, apply their knowledge and turn creative ideas into opportunities in technology, innovation and digital industries.

Muharraq Police arrest 29-year-old

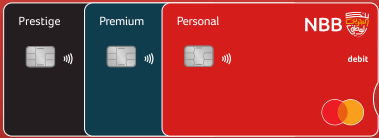
Muharraq Governorate Police arrested a 29-year-old man suspected of carrying out several thefts from commercial outlets, the Ministry of Interior announced on Monday.

The stolen items included cash, bank cards and mobile phones. Police said investigations, searches and evidence gathering following reports of the incidents led to the suspect's identification and arrest, with several stolen items recovered.

Legal procedures have been taken and the case has been referred to the Public Prosecution.



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Three MPs Lead Deputy Speaker Race

Al Salloom, Al Ashiri and Abdulameer emerge as leading contenders for vacant post



Dr Hisham Al Ashiri



Ahmed Al Salloom, MP



Zainab AbdulAmeer, MP

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Three MPs have pulled ahead in the race for the vacant first deputy speaker post as rival camps begin counting votes and sounding out allies inside Parliament.

Ahmed Al Salloom, Hisham Al Ashiri and Zainab Abdulameer are now the clearest names in the running, parliamentary sources told The Daily Tribune, as the contest moves from private talk towards a fight for support.

The post has been empty since May, when MPs voted unanimously to strip former first deputy speaker Abdulnabi Salman of his membership.

Since then, talks have spread through the House, with MPs testing support, weighing alliances and seeking enough votes to put a candidate over the line.

Ms Abdulameer has emerged as the leading woman in the race, while Al Salloom and Al Ashiri are also understood to have built strong groups of supporters. The field is far from fixed.

Jalal Kadhem, Mohammed Salman Al Ahmed, Abdullah Al Rumaihi, Dr Muneer Suroor and Mohammed Al Olaiwi are also being discussed as possible contenders, alongside MPs Jaleela Alawi Al Sayed and Basema Mubarak.

Sources said several names have already begun calling colleagues and seeking pledges of support. Some have made greater

headway than others, giving the first signs of how the vote could break.

At the same time, MPs are sounding out the chances of agreeing on one candidate who can command support across several groups and avoid a split field.

No contender has yet made a final declaration, leaving room for late entries, withdrawals and deals between parliamentary blocs.

The outcome is likely to turn on alliances and raw vote numbers as MPs work out which candidate can draw the widest support.

Sources said the race remains open, but the next round of talks is expected to narrow the field and give a clearer sense of who has the votes to take the post.

Schools Prepare for New Academic Year

Ministry outlines school timings, first-week programmes and readiness checks for 2026-2027

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Morning assemblies will move indoors during periods of high temperatures, while schools will run reception and orientation programmes throughout the first week of the 2026-2027 academic year, under a Ministry of Education circular.

The circular sets school hours for primary pupils at 7.05am to 12.35pm, while intermediate pupils will finish at 1.15pm. In schools covering both stages, pupils will leave according to their respective stage.

Secondary technical and vocational students will attend from 7.05am to 1.45pm during the morning period, with an evening period running from 2pm to 7.30pm. Students at religious institutes in the intermediate and secondary stages will attend from 7.05am to 1.45pm.

Schools have been instructed to organise welcome and orientation programmes throughout the first week, including introductions to



school facilities, staff, support offices and subjects. Special programmes will also be held for first-year primary pupils and their parents.

The ministry also instructed schools to ensure all pupils are assigned to classes, provided with timetables and have their records updated on the school management system by the third week of September. Textbooks must be distributed to all pupils, and shortages must be addressed in coordination with education directorates.

Readiness Checklist

- Indoor assemblies during high temperatures
- First-week reception and orientation programmes
- Facilities and safety systems inspected
- Textbooks distributed before classes begin
- Air-conditioning operated for two weeks before term

Call for Tougher Rules on Mental-Health Practitioners

MP warns against bogus therapists, Reiki claims and unproven ‘energy’ treatments

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People with flimsy certificates or no proper clinical training should be stopped from posing as therapists and treating serious mental-health problems, Dr Maryam Al Dhaen has said.

She called for far stricter rules on who can diagnose, assess or treat patients, saying the public must be able to tell the difference between psychologists, therapists, counsellors, coaches and unlicensed practitioners.

Her call follows a recent decision in Kuwait and comes amid growing concern over people selling unproven practices as treatment for anxiety, depression and trauma.

‘Once someone claims they can treat anxiety, depression, trauma or other psychological problems, the state has the right to require proper qualifications, evidence-based methods and clinical oversight,’ Dr Al Dhaen told The Daily Tribune.

She said proper rules would also make it easier to judge what happened when care went wrong. Patient records, informed consent, supervision, referral rules for suicidal or dangerous patients, duties of confidentiality and limits on advice about medicines would all help show if a practitioner had acted as they should.

‘A short course or an online certificate should not be enough for someone to open a clinic and start treating serious psychiatric problems,’ she said.

Dr Al Dhaen called for recognised degrees, supervised clinical training and firm limits on what each type of practitioner is allowed to do.



“Belief should not be sold as mental health treatment.”
- DR MARYAM AL DHAEN, MP

But she warned against treating all non-clinical qualifications in the same way.

‘Of course, there are qualifications that are recognised internationally, such as YMCA, VTCT and NVQs,’ she said, citing yoga qualifications offered in Britain. ‘We cannot wrong people who hold these certificates and are qualified to work with them.’

Dr Al Dhaen has previously called for stricter checks on Reiki healing, warning that it can give patients ‘false hope’, especially when sold as a substitute for recognised medical or psychological care.

She also took aim at social-media adverts linking gemstones and rings to what sellers call ‘hidden energies’ or ‘vibrations’.

‘You see claims that wearing a certain stone or ring can increase income, bring wealth, improve the chances of pregnancy, bring luck or success, or affect health and a person’s psychological state,’ she said.

Some claims go much further. Dr Al Dhaen said certain sellers even claim that ‘jinn’ or other unseen beings live inside particular stones or rings and can wield special powers over their owners.

Behind the Scenes of Media Work

Dialogue session explores intellectual property, media inspection and forecasting

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Youth City 2030 hosted a dialogue session titled “My Job Is Reading Books and Watching Films” as part of the “Media Professional’s Diaries” series organised by the Ministry of Information.

The session, held at the Youth City theatre, was part of the Youth City 2030 programme organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs in cooperation with strategic partner Labour Fund (Tamkeen).

The session was moderated by media professional Jumana Al Dhowadi, a programme presenter and producer, who explained that the “Media Professional’s Diaries” series introduces young people to the behind-the-scenes professions and demanding tasks involved in producing pro-



grammes, books and other media content.

She said the sessions provide young participants with a clearer understanding of specialised media careers, their responsibilities and future employment opportunities in the sector.

Maryam Imran, Head of the Intellectual Property Section

at the Ministry of Information, highlighted the importance of protecting and registering creative works and journalistic and media content.

She explained that providing creators with legal protection safeguards their moral and financial rights and formally establishes ownership of their

intellectual property, helping prevent violations and the unauthorised use or theft of their work.

Imran stressed that legal protection and action against violations provide creators with greater professional security and encourage them to continue producing creative work.

Indonesian Embassy Marks 81st Independence Day



The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Manama commemorated the 81st Anniversary of Indonesia’s Independence with a flag-raising ceremony at the embassy’s diplomatic complex in Mahooz.

The ceremony was led by Indonesia’s Ambassador to Bahrain, H.E. Ardi Hermawan. It was attended by embassy diplomatic staff, members of the Dharma Wanita Persatuan (DWP) women’s association and hundreds of Indonesian diaspora

members representing different professional sectors in Bahrain.

In his address, Ambassador Hermawan highlighted the importance of community solidarity among Indonesians living abroad, while encouraging the diaspora to contribute to Indo-

nesia’s cultural and economic diplomacy.

He described the 81st Independence Day as an important milestone for strengthening solidarity and praised the cohesion and civic contributions of the Indonesian community in Bahrain.

NBB Delivers Future Digital Banker Workshops and Hosts NBB Nights at Youth City 2030

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As part of its Platinum Sponsorship of Youth City 2030, the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) delivered a series of educational and cultural initiatives designed to broaden young people's financial knowledge while honouring Bahrain's heritage and showcasing emerging local talents.

In line with its focus on advancing financial literacy and innovation, NBB's Retail Digital team delivered three interactive workshops titled 'Future Digital Banker'. The sessions introduced participants to modern banking fundamentals, budgeting, and smart saving through practical exercises and real-life financial simulation challenges.

The Bank also hosted three 'NBB Nights' throughout the programme, beginning with a celebratory Bahraini Musical



Night featuring cherished local and national songs. This was followed by engaging competitions and prizes, encouraging young participants to test and build their general knowledge. The series concluded with a final evening marking International Youth Day with a talent showcase.

The activities form part of NBB's wider contribution to Youth City 2030, organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs.

Through its participation, the Bank reinforces its commitment to developing Bahrain's human capital, equipping the next generation with practical skills, financial awareness, and opportunities for personal growth.

Ebrahim K. Kanoo Explores Strategic Collaboration Opportunities with American University of Bahrain

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Ebrahim K. Kanoo (EKK) recently visited the American University of Bahrain (AUBH) to explore potential strategic collaboration opportunities aimed at enhancing student learning, skill development, and career growth.

The delegation from Ebrahim K. Kanoo included Michael Brightmore, Chief Executive Officer; John Mathew, Head of People and Culture; Abdulameer Darwish, Head of Bahraini Talent Management; and Sumaya Alaraifi, Specialist in Bahraini Talent Management. During the visit, representatives engaged with AUBH's Interim President and Provost, Dr. Wafa Almansoori, and members of AUBH's management. The delegation also held high-level discussions on bridging the gap between academia and industry,



toured the university campus, and connected with AUBH graduates.

Michael Brightmore, Chief Executive Officer at Ebrahim K. Kanoo, said: "Partnering with leading educational institutions like AUBH is essential for developing the next generation of professionals. By strengthening the connection between industry and academia, we aim to provide young Bahraini talent with practical pathways to succeed in today's dynamic market."

Through these planned initiatives, Ebrahim K. Kanoo reaffirms its commitment to supporting education, empowering local talent, and contributing to national workforce development initiatives across the Kingdom.

JETOUR Bahrain Supports Summer Camp Initiative for Children with Disabilities



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JETOUR Bahrain, operating under JMC Al Jazeera Motors by Motorcity, recently sponsored a special recreational day organised as part of the Summer Camp programme of the Bahrain Association for Parents and Friends of the Disabled.

Held at Marassi Galleria Mall, the day provided the participating children with an opportunity to enjoy a range of recreational activities outside their regular camp setting. The programme included a cinema experience, a visit to the Ground Control indoor play area, and a shared lunch, allowing the children to spend quality time together, explore new experiences, and build positive memories.

Commenting on the initiative, Manaf Kassem, JETOUR Bahrain Dealer Principal, said: "At JETOUR Bahrain, we believe that our responsibility extends beyond providing mobility solutions. It also includes playing an active role in supporting the communities we serve. We were pleased to contribute to an initiative that created an enjoyable and inclusive experience for the children, while supporting the important work carried out by the Bahrain Association for Parents and Friends of the Disabled."

Through initiatives such as this, JETOUR Bahrain continues to strengthen its contribution to the local community by supporting programmes that bring people together, promote inclusion, and contribute positively to the wellbeing of children and families across Bahrain.

ICAI Bahrain Chapter Celebrates India's 80th Independence Day with Patriotism and Cultural Flair



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The Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) celebrated India's 80th Independence Day, bringing together members, their families, and distinguished guests at the Golden Tulip Hotel in Manama for an afternoon dedicated to national pride, cultural heritage, and community spirit. The event marked the first major flagship initiative hosted by the newly constituted ICAI Bahrain Executive Committee for the 2026-27 term, setting an energetic tone for its upcoming tenure.

The proceedings commenced with an official inauguration followed by an opening address from Chapter Chairperson CA Vinod Rathi. The stage then came alive with vibrant cultural performances that showcased India's artistic diversity, adding enthusiasm and patriotic energy to the celebrations.

A major highlight of the afternoon was a keynote motivational session delivered by retired Indian Navy officer Lt. Cdr. Bijay Nair, titled "Against the Tide - My Life Journey." Drawing from his years of military service and subsequent professional transition, Lt. Cdr. Nair shared insights on personal resilience, leadership under pressure, and the importance of national contribution. His message on civic service and overcoming adversity resonated strongly with the audience.

The event also hosted a special prize distribution ceremony recognizing active engagement across three recent community initiatives organized by the chapter. Awards were presented for the Yoga Programme, which promoted physical wellness and mindfulness, the Fit for Freedom Challenge, which encouraged active living, and the Independence Day Art Competition, which showcased the creative talent of young participants and families.

The afternoon concluded with a vote of thanks presented by the executive committee, followed by high tea, providing guests and members an opportunity to network and connect. In a closing statement, the leadership of ICAI Bahrain expressed its gratitude to all delegates, performers, and organizers whose efforts contributed to a successful launch of the 2026-27 executive term.

From The Court

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Rehab Mohammad

Three Face Drug Trafficking Charges

The High Criminal Court First Circuit is hearing a case against three defendants accused of involvement in a drug trafficking network that allegedly imported, manufactured and distributed drugs in Bahrain.

The defendants include a 25-year-old Bahraini man, a 24-year-old Bahraini woman and a 26-year-old Moroccan woman.

According to the investigation, the first accused allegedly ran the network and coordinated the import of drug-making materials from East Asia. The second accused travelled to another Gulf country to collect shipments and brought them into Bahrain through the King Fahd Causeway before handing them over to him.

The third accused is alleged to have transferred money through her bank account to a drug dealer in an Asian country and assisted in preparing drugs for sale.

Police arrested the first accused in Juffair following a Public Prosecution warrant. Officers said he resisted arrest and attempted to use an electric stun device.

A search uncovered suspected processed cannabis weighing 249.39 grams, cannabis-lylled electronic cigarettes, 100 Lyrica tablets and other tablets, as well as cash and an electric stun device.

Police also searched apartments linked to the defendants and allegedly found drugs and items used for distribution.

The first accused admitted selling and distributing drugs and arranging shipments from an Asian country. The second accused told investigators she was paid BD300 a month and had travelled around 20 times to collect shipments. The third defendant stated she transferred BD500 and helped prepare processed cannabis for sale.

The court adjourned the case until August 23 to appoint a lawyer.

Fashion Firm Ordered To Pay BD2,300



The High Labour Court has ordered a women's fashion company to pay a foreign fashion designer BD2,300 in unpaid wages, annual leave compensation and other employment entitlements.

The claimant worked as a fashion designer under a fixed-term contract from November 7, 2024, to November 7, 2025, earning a monthly salary of BD500.

She claimed unpaid wages for several months, her salary for the final seven days of her contract, a BD200 salary deduction and payment for her unused annual leave.

The company disputed the claim, arguing that the designer had received BD1,000 in cash but failed to remit BD100. It also claimed she had received perfumes worth BD2,860 to sell outside Bahrain without handing over the proceeds.

The company sought to recover BD2,960 from the designer.

After reviewing the evidence, the court found that the company had failed to provide documents, acknowledgements or other material evidence proving the alleged debts.

The court also found that a witness who testified about the shipment of the perfumes did not know the terms of the agreement between the parties or what happened to the products or their proceeds.

The court therefore rejected the company's defence and ordered it to pay the outstanding wages, compensation for the delay, BD500 for the annual leave balance, 1% annual legal interest, and legal costs and fees.

“Try Working” Programme Expands

Bahrain Chamber Promotes Youth Workplace Skills



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The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry has concluded the fifth edition of its “Try Working” programme, organised in partnership with the Nasser Centre for Science and Technology and Youth City, with the participation of 60 male and female students aged 15 to 18.

The programme aims to prepare Bahraini youth for the labour market by providing them with opportunities to experience the workplace, develop practical skills, gain professional exposure and explore different career paths.

The Bahrain Chamber praised the continued directives of His

Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, to support Bahraini youth, invest in their capabilities and expand initiatives that provide young people with practical skills and experience.

The Chamber said His Highness's directives to expand the beneficiaries of the “Try Working” programme and provide opportunities for more students reflect his commitment to preparing young people for the future and strengthening their role in Bahrain's development.

Nabil Khalid Kanoo, Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, said the directives of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad

provide an incentive to build on the programme's achievements, expand its reach and further open initiatives aimed at supporting Bahraini youth.

Kanoo said the “Try Working” programme reflects the Chamber's commitment to empowering young people and preparing them for the labour market by providing practical opportunities that develop their skills, experience and confidence, while introducing them at an early stage to different professions, sectors and place requirements.



Bank Deposits Rise 10.6pc as Current Accounts Surge

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Cash poured into Bahrain's retail banks over the year to May, but savers kept much of it close to hand rather than locking it away, sending current-account balances up almost 24pc even as banks paid more on fixed-term deposits.

Total deposits climbed 10.6pc to BD22.87 billion at the end of May 2026, from BD20.67bn a year earlier, Central Bank of Bahrain figures show. That was a rise of BD2.2bn in 12 months.

Most of the gain came from money held inside Bahrain. Domestic deposits rose by about BD1.58bn to BD17.52bn, while foreign deposits grew by BD615.6 million to BD5.35bn.

Current accounts led the rise by a wide margin. Balances jumped 23.7pc from BD2.94bn in May 2025 to BD3.64bn this May, adding about BD697.7m.

Fixed-term deposits barely moved by comparison. They rose by BD127.4m, or 1.8pc, from BD7.26bn to BD7.39bn. Savings accounts fared better, climbing 9.5pc to BD3.66bn.

The numbers show that much of the new money stayed in accounts from which it could be spent or moved straight away, rather than being tied up for months at a time.

That choice came despite banks paying more for fixed-term cash.

Government deposits also climbed, rising 18.5pc from



BD2.39bn to BD2.83bn over the year. The increase was worth more than BD442m.

Lending grew too, though at a slower rate than deposits. Loans and credit facilities to economic sectors, excluding banks, rose 7.8pc to BD13.42bn from BD12.44bn, an increase of BD971.8m.

Deposits therefore grew faster than lending over the same 12 months, at 10.6pc against 7.8pc.

Returns on short fixed-term deposits rose sharply in May. The average rate on conventional deposits of less than three months reached 2.56pc, up from 1.87pc in April.

Banks paid an average 2.51pc on deposits of three to six months and 2.55pc on those of six to 12 months.

At Islamic retail banks, average profit rates stood at 1.99pc for deposits of less than three months, 2.57pc for three to six months and 2.73pc for six to 12 months.



Making Waves: Grand Swiss-Belhotel Waterfront Seef Transitions to Aqua Vista Bahrain Ahead of Global Brand Integration



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The premier Seef district property enters an independent white-label phase, maintaining its premium local service while preparing to join a renowned global boutique hospitality portfolio.

The Al Seef shoreline welcomes a new identity as the landmark property previously known as Grand Swiss-Belhotel Waterfront Seef officially rebrands as Aqua Vista Bahrain.

Operating independently in the interim, the transition marks the first phase of an extensive development roadmap for the premium hotel. Management is currently finalizing steps to seamlessly integrate the property into a globally

renowned, indie-spirited hotel portfolio in the coming months, offering guests a stay that balances distinct local character with world-class global standards.

Behind the scenes, active transition work is already underway throughout the property, ranging from subtle interior soft-refreshes and signage updates to comprehensive staff training modules, ensuring every physical detail and operational standard is fully optimized in the lead-up to the official grand opening.

Located on the Al Seef waterfront, Aqua Vista Bahrain is tailored for modern business and leisure travelers seeking premium design, panoramic marine views, and convenient urban connectivity. The hotel features exceptionally spacious

accommodations, sea-view dining venues, and versatile meeting spaces designed to support both regional business events and weekend leisure travel.

“This transition represents an exciting milestone for our property,” said Mr. Alper Kucukbaycan, the newly appointed General Manager of Aqua Vista Bahrain. “Operating independently as Aqua Vista Bahrain gives us the agility to refine our service personality and elevate the guest experience. While our name is changing, our commitment to delivering exceptional hospitality remains absolute. We are building a bridge to a strong, globally connected future, and this chapter allows us to prepare our spaces and team to welcome the world with fresh energy.”

During this transition period, the hotel guarantees complete operational continuity for all partners and guests. All current reservations, corporate accounts, partnership agreements, wholesale travel allotments, and upcoming events remain fully valid and will be honored under the same corporate ownership framework.

The hotel's management has already updated all global distribution networks, online travel agencies, and direct booking channels to ensure uninterrupted connectivity. Concurrently, internal operations are being aligned with international best practices to establish a flawless foundation for the property's upcoming brand debut.

To celebrate this new chapter, Aqua Vista Bahrain is launching a collection of curated local experiences, including premium waterfront pool day passes and custom weekend staycation packages tailored for the Bahraini and

wider GCC community.

For reservations, corporate partnerships, or further information regarding the transition, please contact the Aqua Vista Bahrain team at +973 1717 7333 or email reservation@aquavista-bh.com.



Cambodian opposition leader's daughter named PM's 'special envoy'

AFP | Phnom Penh, Cambodia

The daughter of Cambodian opposition leader Kem Sokha was appointed an adviser to Prime Minister Hun Manet on Monday, a surprise move analysts said will further weaken the government's opponents.

A royal decree said Kem Monovithya had been appointed as a "special envoy" to the premier at his request, giving her a rank equal to a government minister.

Her father, Kem Sokha, was

sentenced to 27 years in prison in 2023 after being convicted of trying to topple the government of Hun Sen -- Hun Manet's father, who remains highly influential.

He was pardoned in May but is still banned from running for office.

Cambodia's ruling family has a long history of co-opting opponents during its decades in power, with Hun Sen offering government positions to opposition politicians and activists.

Iran says two French diplomats accused of 'interference' barred from returning

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Iran's foreign ministry said Monday that two French diplomats who were briefly arrested last month over accusations of "interference" would not be permitted to return to the country.

France's Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot said on July 20 that the pair had been targeted by Iranian officials the night before "in flagrant violation of diplomatic immunity".

He said they had suffered "an extremely serious act of intimidation" at the hands of Iran's security service.

On Monday, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei hit back at French authorities, saying they should apologise for the actions of the diplomats, which he insisted had violated the Vienna Convention.

"The two individuals involved left Iran. We also officially announced that they would not be permitted to return," Baqaei said in a weekly press briefing.

Tehran had previously said the diplomats "interfered in Iran's internal affairs under the pretext of engaging with civil society".

Former child star actress Hayden Panettiere dead at 36



Hayden Panettiere

AFP | Los Angeles, United States

Hayden Panettiere, a former child star actress who went on to play roles in the popular TV series "Heroes" and "Nashville," has died aged 36. Her father confirmed the death in a statement to ABC News.

"It is with profound sadness that we share the tragic passing of our beloved Hayden. She was an incredible light and a force of nature who brought immeasurable love and joy to all who knew her -- and to the millions who watched her on-screen," he said.

Details about her death were not immediately made public but she was found unresponsive on Sunday at a residence in Greenville, South Carolina.

Born in 1989, Panettiere's credits include "Remember The Titans," "Ice Princess," "Scream 4" and "Scream VI."

She'd worked in Hollywood all her life, appearing in commercials at just 11 months and winning a Grammy nomina-

tion for voicing the "Princess Dot" character in the 1998 movie "A Bug's Life" when she was nine.

Behind the successful career lay a dark personal history.

In a memoir released in May, "This Is Me: A Reckoning," she described the pressures of being a child star and her experiences with alcohol and opioid addiction and recovery.

Panettiere also spoke of estrangement from her mother, who managed her career as a child and criticized the book.

Paying tribute, actress Viola Davis, who starred alongside Panettiere in the 2016 movie "Custody," referred to her struggles.

Davis called her "an old, wise soul with such a deep heart" and said "your tests became your testimony, and your testimony became your legacy." "I wish the world had more time with you because I had a burning curiosity about who you were becoming. I saw this beautiful Phoenix rising from the ashes," she wrote on Instagram.

Trump appeal in sex assault, defamation case rejected again

AFP | Washington, United States

The US Supreme Court yesterday rejected for a second time President Donald Trump's attempt to overturn a jury judgment that he sexually assaulted and defamed writer E Jean Carroll.

The Supreme Court did not give any reason for its decision not to hear the president's challenge. The court in late June also refused to hear Trump's appeal against the original May 2023 verdict.

Carroll, 82, a former journalist and columnist, accused Trump

of assaulting her in a dressing room of a New York department store in 1996.

Trump paid \$5.6 million to Carroll last month after a civil jury found he sexually assaulted and defamed her.

When the allegations were published in a 2019 book she

wrote, the Republican billionaire called Carroll a "nut job" and claimed she had fabricated her case.

In a separate defamation case in New York, Trump was ordered to pay \$83.3 million to Carroll. Trump has also appealed that judgment to the Supreme Court.

Netanyahu, Kushner discuss US general for Hamas disarmament

US general could oversee Hamas disarmament

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

MIDDLE EAST UPDATES

Iran says 60-day deadline 'irrelevant'

- Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei said on Monday that a 60-day deadline for negotiations was "irrelevant" because the US had violated the deal early on.

Houthis target Saudi ship

- Yemen's Houthi rebels said on Monday they had targeted a Saudi military vessel and four accompanying boats in the Red Sea, as part of their maritime blockade of Saudi Arabia.

Risk of 'full-scale conflict' in Yemen: UN

- The UN rights chief voiced alarm Monday at the rising civilian toll of escalating hostilities in Yemen, and called for efforts to avoid plunging the country back into full-scale war.

"I urge all parties to halt immediately any actions that risk returning Yemen to full-scale conflict."

Iranian drones attack Iraqi Kurdistan PM's office

- Two Iranian drones targeted the Iraqi Kurdistan prime minister's office and the home of the autonomous region's intelligence chief overnight, authorities said on Monday.

There were no reported casualties in the attack.

Iran says missing pilots prisoners in Qatar

- Iran's foreign ministry said on Monday it would consider three missing pilots to be prisoners in Qatar, despite Doha's denials, until it clarified their fate.

Tehran has said the Iranians went missing while carrying out an operation against the United States' Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar on March 2.

TENSIONS CONTINUE, DIPLOMACY NEEDED

De-escalation and dialogue are essential to prevent a return to full-scale conflict in the region.

● **Kushner, who has long family ties to Netanyahu, met with him in Jerusalem**

● **Kushner in the talks in Egypt had demanded that Hamas verify it is giving up its weapons**

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and US envoy Jared Kushner discussed putting an American general in charge of verifying Hamas's disarmament yesterday, an Israeli official said, as the premier insisted there would be no pullout from Gaza until then.

Kushner, President Donald Trump's son-in-law, flew to the region after Netanyahu, facing a tough re-election fight, publicly rejected the latest part of a US plan aimed at ending the devastating Gaza war.

Kushner, who has long family ties to Netanyahu, met with him in Jerusalem a day after holding rare direct talks in Egypt with Hamas, which has publicly committed itself to the plan and to disarmament, winning praise from Trump but prompting deep scepticism in Israel.

Pentagon inks Tomahawk deal

Washington, United States

The Pentagon announced a \$22.9 billion contract with Raytheon yesterday for Tomahawk missiles amid reports of a shortfall due to the war with Iran.

Acting US Navy Secretary Hung Cao said the contract will "accelerate Tomahawk missile delivery to our war-

fighters at unprecedented speed." "Guaranteeing our naval and joint forces have the lethal firepower they need to deter aggression and protect the homeland is paramount," Cao said in a statement. "The Department is utilizing every available tool to meet the demands of our current operations."

The two sides "agreed that no redeployment or reconstruction would take place in the Gaza Strip before Hamas is disarmed throughout Gaza", a senior Israeli official told AFP.

"It was also agreed that the first step toward the demilitarisation of the Strip would be to require Hamas to hand over its weapons for decommissioning under the supervision of an American general," the official said.

Kushner was joined in the talks by other members of Trump's so-called Board of Peace on Gaza, including former British prime minister Tony Blair.

The group did not immediately comment on the meeting.

The Trump administration has already given a role to the US

military and friendly foreign forces in supervising an October ceasefire in Gaza that has reduced, but not ended, Israeli strikes in the ravaged Palestinian territory.

The call for a US general's involvement came after Netanyahu publicly rejected an earlier text by the Board of Peace in which it said Hamas would hand over its weapons to a nascent Palestinian governing committee.

Kushner in the talks in Egypt had demanded that Hamas verify it is giving up its weapons and that the group -- whose unprece-

ented October 7, 2023 attack against Israel launched the Gaza war -- renounce any future role in governing the Palestinian territory, the sources said.

A Hamas official said the group, represented by its new leader Khalil al-Hayya, told Kushner it was committed to the Gaza plan and wanted pressure on Netanyahu.



Governor of Roanoke Island colony John White returns from England to find no trace of the colonists he left there three years earlier

First public admission to the Salon de Paris art exhibition at the Louvre in Paris



United States Exploring Expedition headed by Charles Wilkes departs for the Pacific Ocean and Antarctica

Anti-Cigarette League of America forms in Chicago, Illinois



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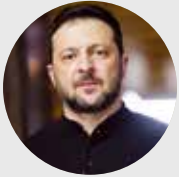
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Our support for the people of Colombia continues following the terrible earthquake. We are sending hundreds of tents, blankets and emergency equipment. Euro 2 million in EU funds are at work to provide health-care, shelter, clean water and food to the communities.,

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Emergency services are working at the sites of the Russian strikes that took place this morning and last night. In Kyiv, the fires were quickly extinguished, and emergency work is now ongoing.

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Thank you, PM Andrew Holness, for your warm wishes. India deeply values its enduring friendship with Jamaica and looks forward to further strengthening our special and close ties.

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Stubborn vulture plucked from Ryanair wing before Greece flight

AFP | Athens, Greece

A vulture who refused to budge had to be removed from the wing of a Ryanair flight awaiting takeoff on the Greek island of Crete, in order to avoid potential damage to the plane, a local newspaper reported yesterday.

The Patris daily said the incident occurred late Sunday at the island's Iraklio airport, when the fire service was called in to remove the large scavenger.

It showed pictures the bird tucked inside a firefighter's fireproof jacket. The report did not specify where the flight was headed.

Other local sites showed a picture of the vulture landing on the plane's tail wing.

It was later placed in a wood-



en box and delivered to the island's natural history museum for care.

Birds are routinely sucked into aircraft engines, occasionally causing serious accidents.

Last week, the US National Transportation Safety Board said bird remains had been found in the engine of a Ryanair plane that saw a blade break off

on July 10 during a flight from Greece to Germany, shattering a cabin window and partially sucking a passenger outside.

Four suspected bird strikes to the plane's engines had been reported by flight crews in the 12 months preceding the accident, but no damage was found in subsequent maintenance, the report said.

UK PM exchanged messages with Trump aide imposter

AFP | London, United Kingdom

New British Prime Minister Andy Burnham exchanged messages with someone posing as Susie Wiles, the White House chief of staff, several media outlets reported yesterday.

According to Politico, which broke the story quoting anonymous sources, the British leader sent a "few messages" via an unspecified communication channel to a person he believed to be Wiles before becoming suspicious.

The incident was deemed serious enough for the British embassy in Washington to raise the matter with the White House, according to two sources cited by Politico.

Neither the date nor the content of the exchanges is known.

Burnham succeeded former Labour Party leader Keir Starmer as prime minister on July 20.

"We do not comment on national security matters," a



Britain's Prime Minister Andy Burnham speaks to staff

spokesperson for Burnham's Downing Street office said, without denying the exchanges.

Burnham is not the first prominent British politician to fall victim to this type of hoax.

In 2024, the British government released a video of a phone call in which the then

foreign minister David Cameron was duped by someone posing as former Ukrainian president Petro Poroshenko.

The Foreign Office explained at the time that it had disclosed the incident to preempt any attempt by the perpetrators to manipulate the footage.

Trump says US scaling back military drills with Seoul



AFP | Seoul, South Korea

Donald Trump said he ordered the Pentagon to scale back "inappropriate and hostile" military drills with South Korea, hours before the exercises began on Monday.

The US president cited his "good relationship" with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in his latest rebuke to long-standing alliances with global partners.

South Korean officials said the exercises had begun as planned and that they hoped the personal chemistry between Trump and Kim would bring them back to talks.

North Korea has not responded publicly, although it has previously voiced anger at the regular joint manoeuvres that take place in the South.

The drills began as American allies in East Asia fret over North Korean displays of weapons capabilities and its growing alignment with Russia, as well as traditional

backer China.

"Based on my very good relationship with Kim Jong Un, of North Korea, I am not happy with the fact that the United States has, long ago, agreed to participate in Joint Military Exercises with South Korea," Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform.

"These exercises are not only costly, with much of these costs paid for by the United States of America (as usual!), but send a signal that is totally inappropriate and hostile, to a Country that, as long as Donald J. Trump has been President, has been unthreatening and respectful," he said.

He took direct aim at South Korea, writing: "I recently asked the President of South Korea if they would like to join us in the Denuclearization of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and they said, 'No thanks!'"

Trump said he had ordered Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth to "substantially reduce" the drills because it was too late to cancel them.

Pakistan detains 258 foreigners in scam centre raid

AFP | Islamabad, Pakistan

Pakistan authorities said yesterday they detained 258 foreigners, including 40 Chinese nationals, following a raid on an alleged "scam call centre" in the capital Islamabad.

"They were running a scam call centre in Gulberg Green, a housing society on the outskirts of Islamabad," an official

from the Federal Investigation Agency, a Pakistani intelligence service, told AFP.

"They came to Pakistan on tourist visas and were not allowed to do what they were doing."

Those detained -- including 170 people from Vietnam, as well as nationals from Malaysia and "other Asian countries" -- were being held at a Rawalpindi jail.

King of Jordan to visit China from August 18

AFP | Beijing, China

The King of Jordan will visit China from today for talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Beijing announced on Monday.

The trip comes as the US-allied kingdom remains caught in the middle of Washington's months-long war with Tehran.

China, a major buyer of Iranian oil, has presented itself as a neutral party in the Middle East conflict and has called for stability in the vital Strait of Hormuz.

The trip, at the invitation



of Xi, will take place from August 18 to 24, Beijing's foreign ministry said in a statement.

The leaders will "exchange views on bilateral relations and international and regional issues of common concern", Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lin Jian said.

"China is willing to work with Jordan to take this visit as an opportunity to jointly enhance political mutual trust, expand mutually beneficial cooperation... and make positive contributions to regional peace, stability and development," he added.

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UAE President and Oman’s Sultan discuss bilateral ties and regional developments



UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Sultan Haitham bin Tariq of Oman held talks in Abu Dhabi on Monday, focusing on the long-standing relations between the two countries and ways to further strengthen bilateral cooperation.

The meeting took place during Sultan Haitham’s fraternal visit to the UAE. The two leaders reviewed opportunities to expand cooperation, particularly in economic and development fields, in line with the shared priorities and interests of the two countries and the prosperity of their peoples.

Sheikh Mohamed and Sultan Haitham also exchanged views on several regional and interna-

tional issues of mutual interest, with particular attention to developments in the Middle East. They discussed ongoing efforts to promote security, stability and peace across the region.

The two leaders stressed the importance of continued consultation and coordination between the UAE and Oman as the region faces a range of shared challenges. They reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening cooperation and supporting efforts aimed at safeguarding regional security and stability.

Sultan Haitham arrived in Abu Dhabi earlier in the day, where he was received by Sheikh Mohamed at the Presidential Airport. The welcoming ceremony was attended by senior UAE offi-

cials and members of the ruling family.

The meeting was attended by Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, First Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance; Sheikh Suroor bin Mohammed Al Nahyan; and Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, among other senior officials.

Sultan Haitham was accompanied by a high-level Omani delegation, including Sayyid Shihab bin Tariq Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs, and Sayyid Bilarab bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of State and Governor of Muscat, along with other ministers and officials.

Houthis Claim Attack on Saudi Vessel

UN rights chief urges restraint as fighting threatens to push Yemen back into full-scale war

Yemen’s Houthi rebels said Monday they had targeted a Saudi military vessel and four accompanying patrol boats in the Red Sea, as part of what they described as a maritime blockade of Saudi Arabia.

Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Saree said the group had targeted a Saudi military landing ship accompanied by four patrol boats off the coast of Mokha.

According to Saree, the attack involved several ballistic missiles. The claim has not been independently verified.

The Houthis have been in conflict with Saudi Arabia since Riyadh intervened in Yemen’s civil war in 2015. A ceasefire had largely held since 2022,



but tensions have escalated as Yemen has become increasingly drawn into the wider Middle East conflict.

Meanwhile, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk expressed concern over the growing civilian toll from the renewed hostilities.

Turk called on all sides to de-escalate and warned against

actions that could return Yemen to full-scale conflict.

He said the Yemeni population had already endured years of conflict, displacement and humanitarian suffering.

Yemen’s civil war began in 2014 and has contributed to one of the world’s worst humanitarian crises, leaving millions of people in need of assistance.

Oman says tanker salvage, oil spill clean-up hampered by weather and technical challenges



Salvage and oil spill clean-up efforts off Oman’s coast are being hampered by rough weather, monsoon conditions and the shallow, rocky seabed, authorities said.

Oman is working with risk-management company Ambrey to contain the spill from the Caroline Bezengi, which ran aground on June 30 near a protected marine reserve. The

tanker was carrying an estimated 800,000 barrels of Russian crude.

The spill has reached Oman’s coastline and spread around the reserve, which is home to humpback whales and Socotra cormorants. Oman’s Environment Authority estimated the affected area at 400 sq km on August 10, while other estimates have reached 2,000 sq km.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take a Date, Leave With a Smile



Most people who own a date palm know what happens when the fruit begins to ripen. Neighbours notice, some ask politely, and others may simply reach out and take a few dates.

But one resident near Roundabout 11 in Hamad Town chose a different approach. Instead of guarding his harvest, he placed a small sign beside the trunk that read: “Permitted. Take from it what you wish.”

There were no conditions, no specific hours and no restrictions on who could take the fruit. The invitation was simply there for neighbours, passers-by and anyone walking past.

A neighbour who noticed the gesture felt it deserved to be shared as an example of generosity and the sense of care that continues to exist among people living side by side.

In Bahrain, a date palm is more than just a tree. It can carry the memory of a grandfather who planted it, the promise of a seasonal harvest and a long-standing understanding that what grows in your yard belongs to you.

This resident chose to share instead.

It is a small act, but one that says something much bigger about community. Sometimes kindness does not require a grand gesture. A simple sign beside a palm tree can be enough to remind us that generosity remains one of the most valuable things we can offer our neighbours.

Are Consumers Being Clearly Informed?

I am writing to share a consumer complaint that I believe may be of wider public interest and could potentially affect other consumers in Bahrain.

In January 2026, I purchased a television from a retailer, along with an extended warranty. At the time of purchase, I was explicitly told that the warranty would cover “everything that could happen to the TV.” This assurance was an important factor in my decision to purchase the additional warranty.

However, my experience since then has raised concerns about the actual coverage provided.

Within a month of the purchase, I reported a screen problem involving multiple white spots appearing during dark scenes, which significantly affected the viewing experience. Although a technician inspected the television, I was told that the issue was considered normal by the manufacturer.

More recently, the television’s remote control stopped working. I was informed that the remote was considered an accessory and was therefore excluded from the warranty.

I find this difficult to understand because the remote is an essential component for operating the television. Without a functioning remote, the product cannot reasonably be used as intended.

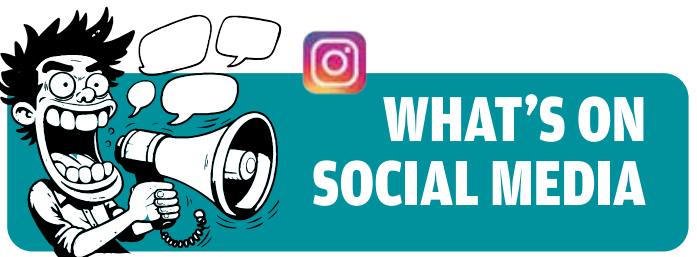
From my perspective, the situation raises questions about whether the terms and limitations of extended warranties are being explained clearly to consumers at the point of sale. A warranty described as comprehensive may create expectations that differ significantly from the actual coverage if important exclusions are not clearly communicated.

I understand that individual cases may depend on the specific terms and conditions of a warranty. However, I believe consumers should receive clear and accurate information about what is and is not covered before paying for additional protection.

Sanjay



Photo : Kireedamunni



Fine, Licence suspension for allowing children in front seats

Traffic authorities reminded motorists and parents of the legal and safety risks of allowing children to sit in vehicle front seats.

Authorities stressed that parents and guardians must take all necessary safety measures for children at home, on the road and inside vehicles. Placing children in front seats can expose them to serious or fatal injuries in the event of a crash, sudden braking or an abrupt stop.

TOP COMMENTS

- boss_lady718**

Yes love this.... Hope Saudi does the same, kids hanging out the window etc makes my anxiety bad
- blazeingram13**

The best thing I read today so far....
- sw**

2026 and I can't believe this is only now going to start being taken seriously
- cynan144**

How about dogs in the front seat allowed??
- thalia.velasco**

What about children without seatbelts and hanging out windows?
- laniealcazarbalag**

Why don't have baby car seats also and still allowing the children standing in the back while the head is looking outside also very dangerous and mostly im seing Arabs parents!



Trapped in My Bathroom: A Morning Rescue

What began as an ordinary morning at home turned into an unexpected ordeal when I became trapped inside my bathroom after the door lock broke.

After trying unsuccessfully to open the door, I used a hairbrush to force the lock, but the knob eventually broke away from the mechanism, leaving me unable to escape.

As the bathroom became increasingly hot, I began banging on the door and throwing small objects through the window to attract attention. Eventually, our house helper, Fiona, heard the noise and realised I was trapped.

She immediately contacted my wife, who helped coordinate assistance. After around an hour and a half, Bahrain’s Civil Defense arrived and successfully opened the door after working on the faulty lock.

I was relieved, grateful and deeply appreciative of everyone who helped, particularly Fiona for her quick response, my wife for her prompt action, and Bahrain’s Civil Defense for their professional and reassuring intervention.

The experience taught me a simple lesson: before locking a bathroom door, make sure it is willing to unlock again.

Dr. Abdulla Madhoob

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Youth handball team gear up for Asian challenge

Hussain Almaskati
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Bahrain are set to depart for Amman, Jordan, this evening ahead of the 11th AHF Asian Men's Youth Handball Championship, which gets underway on Thursday.

The kingdom's U19 men are one of 10 teams competing in the continental tournament, which runs until August 31 and also serves as a qualifier for the 12th IHF Men's Youth Handball World Championship.

The top four finishers in Amman will book their places at the worlds, scheduled to take place from July 29 to August 9 next year.

Bahrain have been drawn in a challenging Group A alongside South Korea, hosts Jordan, India and Uzbekistan, while Group B features Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Qatar and Syria.

The Bahrainis open their campaign against India on Thursday before facing Jordan the following day.

They then take on Uzbekistan on August 23 before concluding their preliminary-round programme against South Korea on August 26.

Bahrain will travel with a final



Action from training

16-player squad under Egyptian head coach Mohamed Abdulrahman, who is assisted by Akbar Al Marzooq.

The squad comprises Ali Mahdi Mahroos, Ali Abdulilah Ali, Wadee Ali Hilal, Ahmed Abdulla Isa, Mahdi Jaffar Ali, Sayed Majeed Al Muhafdh, Hassan Saif, Hussain Qasim Abadi, Sayed Omran Al Muhaf-

dha, Ali Adel, Sayed Mahmood Shubber, Jaffar Al Zain, Mohammed Fathi Al Marzooq, Sayed Ali Bashar, Mahmood Ali and Isa Al Baboor.

National teams director Ismail Baqer will also be part of the delegation, along with technical analyst Ali Hameed, goal-keeping coach Makram Al Misawi, physiotherapist Kareem

Hassan and team administrator Mohammed Al Showaikh.

Bahrain have stepped up their preparations in recent weeks, with their build-up including local training and an overseas camp in Kuwait.

The squad also recently played a local friendly at the Bahrain Handball Association arena in Umm Al Hassam as the coaching staff assessed the players' technical and physical readiness ahead of the trip to Jordan.

This year's championship was initially due to feature 12 teams, but the withdrawals of defending champions Japan and Chinese Taipei prompted the Asian Handball Federation to conduct a new draw last week.

Bahrain will be making their 10th appearance in the continental youth championship and boast an impressive record in the competition.

They were crowned Asian champions in successive editions in 2016 and 2018, while also claiming bronze in 2010.

The Bahrainis have finished inside the top five in each of their other six appearances and will be aiming to maintain that record while securing another appearance on the world stage.

Bahrain women compete in Saudi tennis event



The Women's Committee representatives in Al Khobar

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Bahrain Tennis Federation's Women's Committee continued its push to provide players with greater competitive exposure by taking part in the Strategy Academy Women's Doubles Tournament in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia.

The event, played under the Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) system, featured 22 players of various nationalities and competitive levels, with matches held in a round-robin format.

Representing Bahrain were Jameela Al Nashaba and Gharam Isa, Madina Malallah and Alaa Al Aradi, Dina Al Refaei and Rudaina Al Alawi, as well as Samar Khalid and Doaa Al Dehaim.

Al Nashaba, a Bahrain Tennis Federation board member and chairwoman of the Women's Committee, partnered Isa in one of the Bahraini contingent's strongest performances.

The pair advanced into contention for third place following a series of competitive matches.

They faced Egypt's Mai Al Hijazi and Saudi Arabia's Aya Al Dosari in a closely fought encounter, with the contest eventually decided by a tie-break, which Al Hijazi and Al Dosari won 7-2.

Al Nashaba and Isa also recorded a 6-3 victory over Samah Al Dulayjan and Shareen Konjaba during the tournament.

Fellow Bahrain representatives Malallah and Al Aradi

enjoyed success of their own, defeating Saudi pair Noura Al Dosari and Noor Al Bas-sam 6-3.

Al Nashaba said competing in tournaments of this nature formed part of the committee's efforts to complement its training programmes with more competitive match experience.

She added that facing players from different countries and playing backgrounds would help the Bahrainis develop technically and tactically while becoming better equipped to deal with different match situations.

Al Nashaba also highlighted the support provided by Bahrain Tennis Federation president Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa towards increasing opportunities for the kingdom's female players to compete abroad.

At the conclusion of the tournament, Al Nashaba joined organisers from Strategy Academy in presenting medals to the leading players.

The participation follows the Women's Committee's recent training camp in Istanbul, Turkey, which formed part of its programme to raise playing standards and provide greater international exposure.

The committee plans to continue entering UTR-based competitions, with the rating system allowing players to face opponents of comparable ability and gain further competitive experience.

The initiative forms part of wider efforts to develop women's tennis in Bahrain and increase participation in the sport.

U13 Boys crowned West Asian champions



Bahrain's U13 boys were crowned West Asian team champions after edging Iraq 3-2 in a thrilling final. They had topped their preliminary group with wins over Saudi Arabia (3-1) and the UAE (3-0) before beating Qatar 3-1 in the semi-finals. Bahrain's U19 girls also claimed bronze, adding to a strong medal haul that has already included golds for the senior team, U11 boys and U13 girls, as well as silver for the U15 boys

Muharraq, Khaldiya await Asian draw

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Bahrain clubs Muharraq and Al Khaldiya will learn their opponents in the AFC Champions League Two 2026-27 when the draw takes place today in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The draw is scheduled for 2pm at the Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur, with the two clubs set to carry the kingdom's challenge in Asia's second-tier continental competition.

Reigning Nasser bin Hamad Premier League champions Muharraq qualified after retaining the domestic title last season, while runners-up Al Khaldiya will also compete in the tournament.

Muharraq have been placed in Pot Three for the draw, with Al Khaldiya in Pot Four.

Both clubs will head into the new campaign under new management. Croatian coach Goran Tomic has succeeded Tunisian



Muharraq in action during their pre-season camp

tactician Lassaad Chabbi at Al Khaldiya, while Bahraini coach Isa Al Saadoun has replaced Portuguese manager Fernando Manuel de Jesus Santos at Muharraq.

The two sides have also spent part of their pre-season preparations in Turkey, playing a se-

ries of friendlies ahead of their domestic and continental commitments.

Muharraq began their friendly programme with a 2-1 defeat to UAE side Fujairah before suffering successive 1-0 losses to Egypt's ZED FC and Algerian outfit ES Sétif.



Al Khaldiya players put through their paces in training

They concluded their Turkey camp with a 1-1 draw against Qatar's Muaither Sports Club.

The Red Wolves also suffered an injury setback during their preparations, with Elliot Simões picking up a knock in pre-season.

Al Khaldiya, meanwhile,

opened their friendly programme with a 1-1 draw against Fujairah before losing 2-1 to Kuwait's Kazma.

Tomic's side then played out a 2-2 draw with another Kuwaiti club, Al Salmiya, before taking on Qadsia in their final friendly yesterday.

Both clubs will be hoping for improved continental campaigns after failing to progress beyond the group stage last season.

Al Khaldiya finished third in Group B with six points from one win, three draws and two defeats, while Muharraq also placed third in their group, collecting seven points from two victories, one draw and three losses.

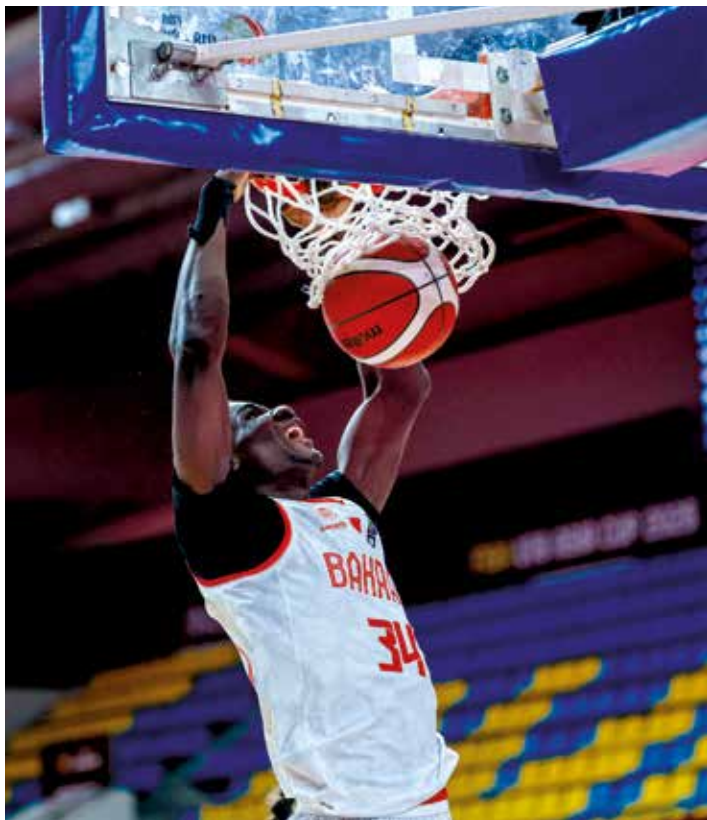
Muharraq nevertheless boast a proud record in Asian competition, having twice lifted the continental trophy, in 2008 and 2021.

The group stage of this season's AFC Champions League Two is scheduled to run from September 15 to December 9.

The competition will resume with the round of 16 from February 9 to 18 next year, followed by the quarter-finals from March 2 to 18 and the semi-finals from April 6 to 14.

The final is scheduled for May 15, 2027.

National U18 side beat Syria to seal Asia Cup play-off spot



Hassan Abdulkadir slams home a two-handed dunk

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The national Under-18 side produced a second-half-powered rout of Syria yesterday, turning a one-point lead into a 92-68 win to take second place in Group B and reach the FIBA Under-18 Asia Cup quarter-final play-offs in India.

The towering 16-year-old Somto Patrick Onoduenyi drove the win, scoring 26 points, pulling down 14 rebounds and blocking five shots in a domi-

nant 38-minute display. He also had four assists and two steals.

Hassan Abdulkadir struck 21 points and finished with a game-high efficiency rating of 37, while Mujtaba Mahmood added 17 points, five rebounds and three assists.

Yet the Bahrain side had to fight its way through a wild first half.

It burst out to a 29-15 lead in the opening quarter, only for Syria to hit straight back. A 24-11 Syrian run in the second left the national side clinging to a 40-39 lead at the break.



Ali Husain goes up for a lay-up under Syrian pressure

Then came the breakaway. Bahrain won the third quarter 29-17 and kept their foot down in the fourth, taking it 23-12. Syria scored only 29 points across the whole second half as Bahrain piled on 52.

Ali Husain chipped in 10 points and handed out five assists, the most for Bahrain, while Mahdi Habib had four steals.

The trio of Onoduenyi, Abdulkadir and Mujtaba Mahmood accounted for 64 of Bahrain's 92 points as the team claimed its second win from three group

games.

Bahrain had beaten Lebanon 74-68 in their first match before suffering an 86-42 loss to New Zealand. New Zealand went on to top Group B with three wins from three.

Second place sends Bahrain into a quarter-final play-off against Chinese Taipei, who finished third in Group A. The sides meet on Thursday, August 20, with a place in the last eight at stake.

The Under-18 Asia Cup is being played in Ahmedabad from August 13 to 23.

Gulf Cup tickets go on sale

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Tickets have gone on sale for the 27th Arabian Gulf Cup, with Bahrain set to defend their title when the regional showpiece kicks off in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, next month.

The Gulf Cup Football Federation, in collaboration with the local organising committee, announced yesterday that supporters can now purchase tickets for the tournament, which will run from September 23 to October 6.

Eight Gulf teams will contest 15 matches across King Abdullah Sports City and Prince Abdullah Al Faisal Sports City, with Jeddah hosting the competition for the first time.

Bahrain will compete in Group B alongside Qatar, the UAE and Yemen, with all three of their preliminary-round matches scheduled to take place at Prince Abdullah Al Faisal Sports City.

The defending champions begin their campaign against Qatar on September 24 before facing the UAE on September 27 and concluding the group



stage against Yemen on September 30.

Tickets for group matches at Prince Abdullah Al Faisal Sports City have been divided into three categories, priced at 60 Saudi riyals for Category One, 37 riyals for Category Two and 22 riyals for Category Three.

Group-stage matches at King Abdullah Sports City have five categories, with prices starting at 93 riyals for Category One, followed by 67, 45 and 22 riyals for the remaining standard categories. Premium tickets start at 187 riyals.

Prices for the opening match, semi-finals and final start at 120 riyals for Category One, 97 for Category Two, 71 for Category Three and 45 for Category Four, while Premium tickets start at 243 riyals.

Gold and Silver tickets are priced at 355 and 315 riyals respectively across all matches.

Supporters can purchase tickets through the tournament's official ticketing website and the GFF Tickets application, with each fan permitted to buy a maximum of six tickets per match.

Bahrain head to Jeddah as reigning Gulf champions after capturing their second title at the previous edition in Kuwait.

The nationals defeated Oman 2-1 in the final in January last year, adding a second crown to their maiden Gulf Cup triumph in 2019.



Four Bahraini officials have been selected for the tournament: referee Ammar Mahfouz, assistant referees Mohammed Jaffar and Abdulla Saleh, and VAR official Ismail Habib

Riffa crowned bowling league champions

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Riffa have been crowned champions of the 2026 Bahrain Bowling League after finishing six points clear at the top of the standings.

Riffa sealed the title in emphatic fashion in the 14th and final round, sweeping Al Ettifaq 8-0 to finish their campaign with 98 points, ahead of runners-up Bahrain Club on 92 and third-placed Umm Al Hassam on 86.

The champions knocked down a combined 2,370 pins in their closing victory, compared with Al Ettifaq's 1,952.

Fawaz Abdulla Ali Majdami led the way for Riffa with a 680 series, while Ahmed Abdulla Al Qaoud recorded 582 and Ahmed Al Khaja added 572.

Bahrain Club also ended their campaign with an 8-0 victory, overcoming Al Hala with a total of 2,371 pins to their opponents' 2,156.

Abdulla Abdulkarim was the standout performer with a 694 series as Bahrain Club secured second place, six points behind the champions.

Umm Al Hassam completed



the podium after an 8-0 victory over Sanad, recording 2,187 pins against 2,093.

Mohammed Muhannad Al

Ansari led Umm Al Hassam with 582, while Mohammed Juma Mohammed produced Sanad's best performance with

605.

Busaiteen also claimed maximum points in the final round, defeating Isa Town 8-0 after posting 2,158 pins to their opponents' 1,907.

Francis Medios Limbin was their leading performer with a 592 series.

The results meant all four winning teams recorded 8-0 victories in the final round as the 14-round championship drew to a close.

Riffa finished the season with a league-leading 98 points and an overall pinfall of 34,431, while Bahrain Club followed with 92 points and 34,071 pins.

Umm Al Hassam were third with 86 points and 32,134 pins, while Al Hala and Busaiteen both finished on 44 points, placing fourth and fifth respectively based on their overall pinfall.

Sanad ended the campaign sixth with 34 points, followed by Al Ettifaq on 26 and Isa Town on 24.

Riffa's triumph capped a successful campaign in which they held off the challenges of Bahrain Club and Umm Al Hassam to claim the 2026 league crown.

Coach says Australia 'let standards slip' in shock Bangladesh loss



Australian captain Pat Cummins (R) chats with coach Andrew McDonald (L)

AFP | Darwin

Coach Andrew McDonald admitted yesterday that Australia "let our standards slip" in a stinging first home Test loss to Bangladesh, but defended his ageing team saying they have "a fair bit of cricket left in them".

Bangladesh pulled off a massive upset in Darwin on Sunday when they crushed the world's top-ranked side, who were at full strength, by nine wickets.

Bangladesh had never won a Test in Australia before.

"We were poor this Test match," McDonald said. "Any time you score (fewer than) 500 runs over two innings on that surface, we've got to make some improvements.

"It's tough to accept. We let our standards slip."

The sides meet for the second Test in Mackay on Saturday, with McDonald and the selectors facing some tough decisions as pressure mounts for change.