

HM King Hamad,
HRH Prince Salman
thanked by Kuwait
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received cables of thanks from His Highness Sheikh Mishal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, in response to the cable of condolences they sent following the passing of Sheikh Ali Abdullah Al Khalifa Al Sabah.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister also received a similar cable from His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, the Prime Minister of Kuwait.

Kingdom welcomes
roadmap to end
crisis in Syria
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The Kingdom of Bahrain welcomes Syria's announcement of the roadmap agreed upon by Syria, Jordan, and the US to address the crisis in Al Suwayda Governorate in southern Syria, viewing it as an important step that contributes to consolidating civil peace and supporting security and stability in the region.

In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirmed Bahrain's strong and consistent support for the sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity of Syria.

Bolstering ties
Ashgabat

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent a written message to Turkmenistan President Serdar Berdimuhamedow, to further develop and strengthen the bilateral relations.

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Safety Spotlight

Ministry of Labour honours six private-sector safety champions, turning summer rule into lasting culture



The honourees stand with H.E. Yousif bin Abdulhussain Khalaf, Minister of Legal Affairs and Acting Minister of Labour, and other dignitaries after receiving recognition for supporting Bahrain's midday work-ban awareness efforts.

● Six key partners
honoured for driving
heat-safety awareness

● H.E. Khalaf highlights
partnership as pillar
of worker protection

● Ministry pledges
deeper cooperation
to build lasting
safety culture

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The Ministry of Labour has honoured six partners for powering awareness and prevention during Bahrain's 2025 midday work-ban period, positioning safety as a shared responsibility and an enduring culture, not just a seasonal rule.

The recognition followed the enforcement of Ministerial Decision 3 of 2013, amended by Decision 11 of 2025, which prohibited outdoor work under direct sunlight from June 15 to September 15, 2025.

Shared effort

Acting Minister of Labour and Minister of Legal Affairs Yousif bin Abdulhussain Khalaf under-

Bahrain's Ministry of Labour achieved a record 99.96 percent compliance during this year's midday work ban, which prohibited outdoor work under direct sunlight from June 15 to September 15, 2025 - a level of adherence among employers that ranks it among the highest in the region.

scored the value of constructive cooperation between the Ministry and its partners. His Excellency said this partnership helps embed a safe working environment and protects workers from injuries and occupational diseases during the summer months.

The Ministry noted consistently high compliance with the midday work ban each year as

employers reorganise working hours and provide tools and supplies that reduce heat-stress risks at worksites. These steps ensured workflow continuity and productivity while safeguarding workers.

At the ceremony, the Ministry recognised Bapco Energies, Gulf Petrochemical Industries Co. (BSC), Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba), Bahrain Financial

Harbour, Talabat, and the Bahrain Health & Safety Society for supporting workshops, hosting activities, and backing awareness initiatives during this year's enforcement period.

Sustaining Safety

H.E. Khalaf affirmed that Bahrain continues to develop labour laws and apply high occupational safety and health standards in line with evolving work environments. The minister added that cooperation with the private sector will be intensified to launch new initiatives that spread a culture of safety and strengthen a safe, sustainable work environment.

Strikes kill dozens

Palestinians flee Gaza amid deadly Israeli offensive

AFP | Gaza City

Huge numbers of Palestinians were fleeing Gaza City by any means yesterday as the Israeli military pressed its ground offensive, killing dozens in strikes.

AFP images showed a steady stream of Gazans heading south on foot, by car and on donkey carts, with their few belongings piled high as Israel bombarded the city.

Israel had announced the day before that the US-backed cam-

paign in the Gaza Strip's largest city had begun, pledging to destroy the Hamas fighters in the area.

Outrage

The offensive has sparked outrage among the international community, with the Palestinian territory already devastated by nearly two years of war and the Gaza City area gripped by a UN-declared famine.

Gaza's civil defence agency, a rescue force operating under Hamas authority, said Israeli fire



More than 350,000
people living in Gaza City
and its surroundings
had fled by the end of
August.

had killed at least 64 people yesterday, including 41 in Gaza City.

Media restrictions in the territory and difficulties in accessing many areas mean AFP is unable to independently verify the details provided by the civil defence or the Israeli military.

Genocide

The offensive came as a United Nations probe accused Israel of committing genocide in the Palestinian territory, saying Prime Minister Benjamin Net-

anyahu and other senior officials had incited the crime.

Yestersday, the Israeli military said it was opening "a temporary transportation route via Salah al-Din Street", as AFP images showed fresh bombardments.

The United Nations estimated at the end of August that about one million people were living in Gaza City and its surroundings, 350,000 of whom Israel says have fled.

But many Gazans say nowhere is safe and have vowed to stay in their homes.

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