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Tailoring boom

Shops fill up fast as women prepare wardrobes for ghabgas and Eid

Ghadeer Alkumaish
TDT | Manama

Ramadan is here, and tailoring shops are busier than ever as women start preparing their wardrobes for evening gatherings, ghabgas, and the festive days of Eid.

Elegant dresses and traditional mukhawars are in high demand, and many shops are getting fully booked quickly.

For many, picking out Ramadan and Eid outfits is part of the fun of the season.

But the rush can catch people by surprise as appointment slots fill up fast, and finding an available tailor can be tricky.

Decisions

With so many social gatherings throughout the month, there's little time to make last-minute decisions.

Tailors recommend booking early to ensure enough time for measurements, stitching, and final adjustments before Eid.

Even with longer working



Tailor shops are getting fully booked quickly

hours in the evenings, the sheer number of orders means early planning is essential for anyone wanting custom-made outfits.



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Tailoring prices for mukhawars currently range from BD2.5 to BD7.5, depending on fabric and design, while traditional dresses usually start at BD15 and above.

Ramadan and Eid are all about beauty, celebration, and tradition — and a little preparation ahead of time can make the season even more special.

From pitch to prayer

Old football ground in Al Zallaq set for transformation as Eid worshippers' venue

Hasan Barakat
TDT | Manama

A former football pitch in Al Zallaq is set to be transformed into a dedicated Eid prayer ground after the Southern Municipal Council unanimously approved its reallocation.

The decision marks a significant shift in the use of public land, reflecting changing community priorities within Block 1056.

The ground, once used for local matches and informal training sessions, has seen limited sporting activity in recent years.

Expansion

Meanwhile, the surrounding neighbourhood has continued to expand, increasing the demand for a permanent and well-organised space capable of hosting large congregations during Eid prayers.

Members agreed that relying on temporary arrangements was no longer practical for a district experiencing steady population growth.



Southern Municipal Council session

Families attending Eid prayers require broader, safer open areas that can comfortably accommodate worshippers while ensuring smooth access and movement.

By converting the old football field into a prayer ground, the council aims to provide a structured venue designed specifically for major religious occasions.

casions, improving organisation, safety, and the overall resident experience.

Agreement

The unanimous vote underscores broad agreement that public facilities must evolve in line with demographic realities.

Rather than allowing the former pitch to remain underuti-

lised, councillors endorsed its reassignment to serve a more immediate and widely felt community need.

The move illustrates a pragmatic municipal approach, where land once dedicated to sport now finds renewed purpose at the heart of the district's social and religious life.

MP seeks return of funding for 13 senior day-care centres

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Funding for 13 day-care centres caring for parents and senior citizens should return after it was stopped years ago, an MP has said.

Mohammed Al Olaiwi has filed a proposal asking the government to instruct the Ministry of Social Development to bring

back annual financial support for the centres, which include homes, associations and institutions.

"This would help guarantee the continued work of these centres," he said, arguing that the money would help them keep services running and widen what they offer.

Al Olaiwi said the centres provide day care and social support,

alongside family and health services for members.

Projects

He linked their work to the Community Partnership Project, which aims to bring government, civil society groups and the private sector together through care programmes and initiatives that are turned into longer-term projects.

He said the centres aim to keep older people involved in community life by running activities, programmes and workshops, and by helping them keep in touch with others.

"They provide a suitable environment that takes account of older people's privacy," he said, adding that they help avoid "isolating them in residential shelters".

One careless act at sea could cost life

Ghadeer Alkumaish
TDT | Manama

"There is no doubt that the sea is a blessing, and its heritage is a source of goodness — a symbol of Bahrain," said Colonel Dr. Osama Bahar, Head of Hidd Police Station.

He reminded fishermen and sea-goers that while the sea provides both livelihood and enjoyment, safety should never be overlooked.

Colonel Bahar urged the public to take precautions: stay away from industrial facilities and never approach restricted areas, particularly military zones.

Responsibility

He also stressed environmental responsibility: "When fishing in permitted areas, do not leave waste behind, particularly plastic. It is harmful to fish and other marine life."

For personal safety, he offered practical advice: "Do not fish from bridges. Many incidents have occurred when someone was fishing from above while boats passed underneath."

Nighttime fishing also requires caution, he added: "Do not assume it is safe at night. Boats or jet skis may pass below, and one careless act could seriously injure someone."

Guidance



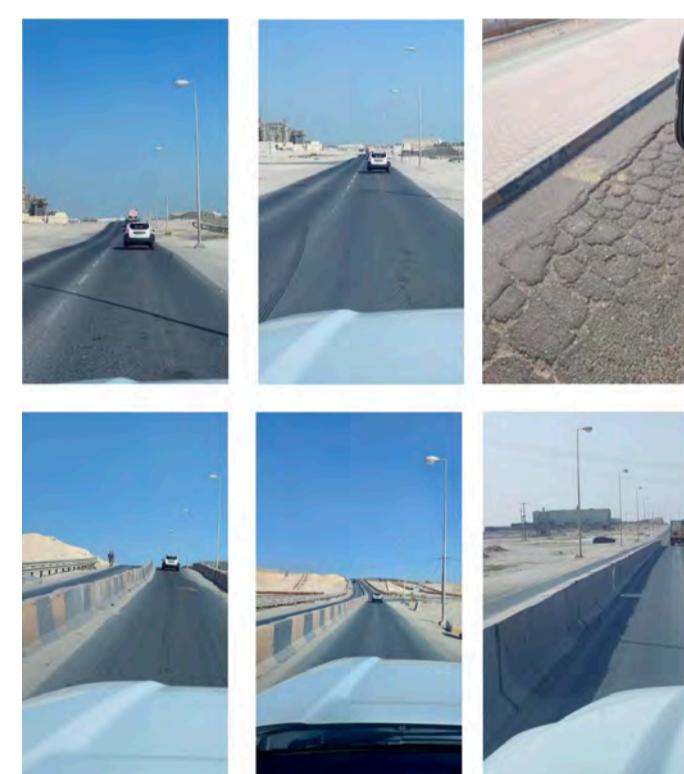
While the sea provides both livelihood and enjoyment, safety should never be overlooked

COLONEL DR. OSAMA BAHAR, HEAD OF HIDD POLICE STATION

He concluded with emergency guidance: "If you need assistance, call 999 or 994. Do not hesitate, we care about your safety."

Through his guidance, Colonel Bahar continues to educate the public on maritime safety, environmental protection, and accident prevention, ensuring Bahrain's residents can enjoy the sea responsibly while protecting themselves and others.

Zallaq street set for upgrade



Street 96 in Zallaq

Hasan Barakat
TDT | Manama

The comprehensive redevelopment of Street 96 in Zallaq has been approved without objection, paving the way for long awaited improvements to one of the area's key roads in the Eighth District of the Southern Governorate.

The project responds to long standing concerns over road deterioration, traffic pressure, and the overall condition of surrounding infrastructure.

Street 96 serves as an important internal route within Zallaq, linking residential areas and handling steady daily vehicle movement, particularly during weekends and peak hours.

Plans include full resurfac-

ing works, upgrades to the carriageway, and measures aimed at improving traffic flow and road safety.

The redevelopment is also expected to review lane organisation to align with increasing usage and the area's continued growth.

Members agreed that maintaining strategic roads is essential to preserving quality of life and supporting broader urban development. By moving forward with a structured upgrade, the council aims to restore functionality and elevate infrastructure standards in Zallaq.

Councillors emphasised that modern road improvements are fundamental to public safety. Well maintained streets reduce accident risks.

Repair rethink

Muharraq Souq upgrade plan sent back to committee after 'cosmetic' fix row

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

A dispute over "cosmetic" fixes at Muharraq Souq led councillors to return an upgrade plan to committee for reconsideration, with members saying the site's long-running problems need deeper work before any recommendation goes back to the council floor.

The recommendation was submitted by council chairman Abdulaziz Al Naar and focused on listing the market's key needs.

It included proposals for enough, well-run car parking, dedicated spaces for loading and unloading, facilities suited to people with disabilities, suitable public toilets, points selling water and tea, and suitable spaces for women's prayer.

Response

Member Fadhl Al Oud said the issues were plain to see, but said the response so far had not dealt with the main cause.

"The problem in Muharraq Central Market is clear to everyone, but dealing with it has been cosmetic," he told the session. "Just providing parking or par-



Muharraq Souq

tial fixes is like "make-up" for the problem, without solving it from the roots."

He said the core issue was the removal of agricultural basins and replacing them with car parks, adding that the work carried out in relation to those basins was unsound and needed correction.

Updates

Member Abdulkader Mahmood said there had been a number of new updates in the file, noting that Al Naar was aware of them after a meeting with several parties to discuss



Fadhl Al Oud

Abdulkader Mahmood

the latest developments.

He said the new information shaped the wording of the recommendation and called for it to be returned to the relevant committee so it could be reviewed again and presented

more clearly to the council. The council voted to refer the recommendation back to the committee, ahead of bringing it again to the council once the review is complete and the latest developments are presented.

Appeal verdict set in hot water assault case

Rehab Mohammad
TDT | Manama

fendant for assistance earlier that morning but received no response.

She then logged into the cashier system and closed his account, which angered him and led to the assault.

After colleagues separated them, she believed the situation had ended and called the manager.

At that moment, the defendant called her again and threw hot water at her face.

Staff escorted her outside, but the defendant followed and struck her on the head with a metal water heater.

During questioning, the defendant admitted to the assault.

Prosecutors charged him with intentionally causing a permanent injury and physically assaulting the victim.

Forensic medical reports confirmed that the victim sustained burns and injuries resulting in a permanent disability estimated at 5 percent.

Man detained for vandalising vehicles

Rehab Mohammad
TDT | Manama

accused of deliberately damaging the tires of several vehicles in the East Hidd area.

The case began after a report was received from Muharraq Police Directorate regarding the incidents. An investigation was launched immediately.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF BAHRAIN KUWAIT INSURANCE COMPANY (B.S.C.)										
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025										
Consolidated statement of financial position (Audited)			Consolidated statement of profit or loss (Audited)			Consolidated statement of cash flows (Audited)				
As at 31 December 2025 (in thousands of Bahraini dinars)			For the year ended 31 December 2025 (in thousands of Bahraini dinars)			For the year ended 31 December 2025 (in thousands of Bahraini dinars)				
31 December 2025 (Audited)	31 December 2024 (Audited)	31 December 2025 (Audited)	31 December 2025 (Audited)	31 December 2024 (Audited)	31 December 2025 (Audited)	31 December 2025 (Audited)	31 December 2024 (Audited)	31 December 2025 (Audited)	31 December 2025 (Audited)	31 December 2024 (Audited)
ASSETS										
Cash and cash equivalents	15,448	15,498	Insurance revenue	117,309	114,183	Profit for the year	4,921	5,410		
Bank deposits with original maturity of more than three months			Insurance service expenses	7,891	(147,823)	Adjustments for:				
Insurance contract assets	4,609	4,644	Net income/(expense) from reinsurance contracts held	33,636	(79,699)	Depreciation & amortization	784	559		
Reinsurance contract assets	2,754	464	Insurance service result	3,422	2,893	Share of results of an associate	(60)	(65)		
Other receivables and prepayments	114,596	64,382	Takaful policyholders' share of profit	(201)	(315)	Investment income	(5,473)	(4,844)		
Investments at fair value	10,376	9,330	Insurance service result after Takaful policyholders' share of profit	3,221	2,578	Net insurance & reinsurance finance costs	925	1,141		
Property and equipment	3,424	3,679	Reinsurance finance expenses	(2,141)	(2,600)	Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	492	-		
Investment properties	1,900	1,900	for insurance contracts issued			Insurance contract assets	(2,290)	948		
Intangible assets	1,642	1,588	Reinsurance finance income			Reinsurance contract assets	(48,998)	(10,016)		
Right of use assets	645	207	for reinsurance contracts held			Other receivables and prepayments	(1,782)	(1,982)		
Investment in an associate	417	413	Net insurance and investment result	7,769	6,281	Reinsurance contract liabilities	531	11,098		
Statutory deposits	3,499	3,365	Interest income	4,123	4,053	Reinsurance contract liabilities	3,059	(1,219)		
			Investment income - net	1,341	1,348	Payables and accrued liabilities	710	2,212		
			Expected credit loss release/(charge) on investments	10	(36)		3,867	1,031		
			Total investment income	5,473	4,844		(93)	-		
TOTAL ASSETS	246,573	186,017								
			Surplus distribution paid				(159)	(116)		
			Taxes Paid							
			Net cash generated from operating activities							
							5,204	3,116		
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY										
Insurance contract liabilities	182,141	126,832	Net insurance and investment result	7,769	6,281	INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Reinsurance contract liabilities	5,506	2,447	Share of results of an associate	60	65	Interest income received	1,286	992		
Payables and accrued liabilities	8,786	8,434	Other expense	(1,745)	(1,894)	Other investment income & expenses paid	4,614	4,154		
Lease liabilities	653	217	Other income	44	1,069	Purchase of investments	(1,261)	(720)		
Insurance contract liabilities - due to Takaful policyholders	1,254	1,065	Expected credit loss charge on other financial assets	(715)	(111)	Sale of investments	(12,135)	(18,760)		
Tax liabilities	333	-	Profit for the year before tax	5,413	5,410	Additions on investment in a subsidiary	4,746	7,679		
			Less: Tax expense	(492)	-	Dividends received from an associate	(709)	-		
			Profit for the year	4,921	5,410	Purchase of property and equipment	56	46		
						Purchase of intangible assets	(125)	(185)		
						Repayment of bank deposits with maturities more than three months	(155)	(210)		
						Statutory deposits	(134)	(64)		
						Net cash used in investing activities	(1,132)	(4,115)		
EQUITY										
Share capital	15,000	15,000				FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Treasury shares	(871)	(748)				Dividends paid	(3,818)	(3,805)		
Share premium	4,362	4,362				Purchase of treasury shares	(142)	(475)		
Statutory reserve	7,112	6,512				Lease liabilities paid	(189)	(167)		
General reserve	1,358	1,358								
Investments fair value reserve	2,413	1,666								
Currency translation reserve	(1,241)	(1,238)								
Retained earnings	18,019	18,019								
EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE PARENT	45,471	44,201								
Non-controlling interests	1,429	2,121								
Total Equity	47,900	47,022								
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	246,573	186,017								
Consolidated statement of comprehensive income (Audited)										
For the year ended 31 December 2025 (in thousands of Bahraini dinars)										
31 December 2025 (Audited)	31 December 2024 (Audited)	31 December 2025 (Audited)	Share capital	15,000	(748)	Statutory reserve	6,512	1,358	Investments fair value reserve	1,666
			Treasury shares			General reserve		1,358	Currency translation reserve	(1,268)
			Share premium						Retained earnings	18,019
									Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent	44,901
									Non-controlling interests	2,121
									Total equity	47,022
Profit for the year	4,921	5,410								
A. Items that will not be reclassified to consolidated statement of profit or loss in subsequent years			Balance as at 1 January 2025	15,000	(748)	4,362	6,512</td			

Farming pride

Four villages in Northern Governorate earn global agricultural recognition

Hasan Barakat
TDT | Manama

The Chairman of the Northern Municipal Council, Dr. Sayed Shubber Ebrahim Al Wedai, described the recognition of four Bahraini villages in the Northern Governorate under an initiative by the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as a proud and meaningful moment for the Kingdom's agricultural journey.

Dr. Al Wedai said the honour is more than a formal accolade.

"It reflects the quiet, consistent work of our farmers who have protected the land and kept agriculture alive despite challenges," he noted, linking the achievement to Bahrain's wider sustainable development goals.

Farmers

He stressed that the Bahraini farmer has always carried a deep sense of responsibility towards the land, working to revive farmland and preserve green spaces.



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H.E. DR. ABDULLATIF BIN RASHID AL ZAYANI, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

That dedication, he said, has turned farms into an essential pillar supporting national food security.

In recent years, he added, support for farmers has become more structured, with efforts focused on securing suitable agricultural land and providing natural fertilisers to improve productivity through sustainable methods.

Pride

Dr. Al Wedai praised the cre-

ativity and initiative shown by local farmers, saying the global recognition received during the FAO conference in Rome should serve as motivation to continue innovating.

With continued backing from the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, he expressed confidence that Bahrain's agricultural sector will see further growth, helping strengthen food reserves and advance the national development vision.

Transformative program successful

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The ALSE OF-LIFE Batch 145 (Ateneo Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship) marked the culmination of its six-month transformative program with a graduation ceremony at the Crowne Plaza Bahrain Convention Center, celebrating another milestone in the organization's growing global footprint.

As one of 15 classes conducted worldwide this school year, Batch 145 is the second cohort in Bahrain, reflecting the program's expanding impact in the region.

A total of 47 students successfully completed the course, culminating in the presentation of 10 Social Innovation Business Plans that showcased strategic thinking, servant leadership, and a strong commitment to sustainable community development.

Following his remarks, the organizers expressed sincere appreciation to Dr. Jennifer Santiago Oreta, Dean of the Ateneo School of Government, for attending the ceremony and affirming the value of the partnership.

An inspiring recorded message from ALSE Program Coordinator Sir Ed Valenzuela further motivated graduates



A job well done for the graduates

to continue their leadership journey.

Ms. Ferwinda Tan, Managing Director of Angel Tan Design Co., shared the challenge she faced during the course: "One challenge I encountered during the course was managing the volume of tasks in my company. At times, balancing deadlines, readings, and project requirements felt overwhelming."

"To overcome this, I adopted a more structured approach to time management. I created a schedule and prioritized activities based on urgency and impact. I also actively participated in discussions and sought clar-

ification early, which helped me avoid last-minute pressure. This experience strengthened my discipline and improved my workflow."

Meanwhile, Ar. Ramon Angel, Principal Architect of Amiri Engineering, reflected on the values he practices daily: "In my daily life, I consistently practice the core ALSE values by choosing integrity in my decisions, empathy in my interactions, and accountability in my commitments. I strive to lead with purpose, communicate with respect, and remain open to continuous learning."

Upgrade for two mosques in Riffa

Hasan Barakat
TDT | Manama

The comprehensive maintenance of two mosques in Riffa has been approved without objection, reflecting continued attention to the upkeep of religious facilities serving

residents in the Fourth District of the Southern Governorate.

The approved works cover Shaikh Abdullah bin Mohamed bin Abdulwahab Al Khalifa Mosque in Block 929 and Um Al Qura Mosque in Block 939, both located in Riffa.

The two mosques serve as

important gathering points for daily prayers, Friday congregations, and major religious occasions throughout the year.

Regular maintenance is essential to preserve structural integrity, uphold safety standards, and maintain a dignified environment for worshippers.

Retired medical equipment to support educational institutions

Hasan Barakat
TDT | Manama

A proposal to redirect retired medical equipment from public hospitals to educational institutions received unanimous approval from the Southern Municipal Council, marking a step towards greater sustainability and support for medical training.

The initiative centres on utilising devices withdrawn from clinical service but remain suitable for instructional purposes.

Instead of being auctioned or disposed of, this equipment would go to colleges of medicine and health sciences, where students can gain practical exposure during foundational and applied training stages.

Solution

Members agreed that the move represents a practical solution balancing financial responsibility with educational benefit.

By repurposing assets the state already owns, institutions can reduce the cost of acquiring brand new training devices, while simultaneously limiting waste.

The approach also aligns with broader principles of rationalising public expenditure and ensuring that government assets continue to generate value even after their primary



operational lifespan ends.

Competence

Councillors highlighted that early hands on familiarity with real medical equipment strengthens students' technical competence before they enter the workforce.

The proposal is therefore expected to enhance graduate readiness, improve training quality, and reinforce cooperation between the health and education sectors.

The unanimous vote reflects consensus that public resources should be managed strategically, with long term benefit in mind.

By transforming retired equipment into educational tools, the council endorsed a model that merges sustainability, fiscal prudence, and national capacity building within the healthcare field.

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Social insurance for self-employed workers

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

A proposal to bring freelancers and other self-employed workers under mandatory social insurance won unanimous approval in Parliament.

The measure amends Article (2) of the Social Insurance Law issued by Decree-Law No. 24 of 1976, widening compul-

sory cover beyond workers on employment contracts to include self-employed people and members of the liberal professions. The added cover will apply only to groups named in a decision by the competent minister, and only after the Social Insurance Organisation's board signs off, under the wording backed by MPs.

Five MPs submitted the pro-

posal: Maryam Al Sayegh, Najeeb Al Kowari, Hassan Ibrahim, Jameel Mulla Hassan, and Mohammed Mousa. The Services Committee had urged approval.

Al Sayegh said the change was aimed at "a valued group of the people of this country", naming "small-project owners, artisans, fishermen and driving instructors".

Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company B.S.C.

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Recommendation of Declaration of Dividends

The Board of Directors of Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company B.S.C. resolved, at its meeting held on Wednesday, 18th February 2026, to recommend the distribution of dividend for the year ending 31st December 2025 to the shareholders whose names are registered on the company's register on the Record Date. This is subject to the approval of the company's shareholders on the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The proposed distribution is as follow:

a) Cash Dividend: 25% equivalent to 25 fils per share amounting to BD 3,683,591 (excluding the treasury shares).

Below are the key dates to be taken note of:

Event	Date
General Meeting Date (Shareholders' approval date)	30th March 2026
Cum-Dividend Date (Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)	31st March 2026
Ex-Dividend Date (First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)	1st April 2026
Record Date (The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	2nd April 2026
Payment Date (The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)	16th April 2026

The Board of Directors
18th February 2026

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Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company discloses financial results for Year Ended 31 December 2025

Reports Net Profit of Over BD 4.75 Million

Insurance revenue increased by 10%

Consolidated financial results for the fourth quarter of 2025 reported a net profit attributable to shareholders of BD 0.922 million

Manama

Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company (BKIC) B.S.C. (trading code in Bahrain Bourse "BKIC" and in Borsa Kuwait "BKIKWT") announced its consolidated financial results for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial results for the three months ended 31st December 2025

The consolidated financial results for the fourth quarter of 2025 reported a net profit attributable to shareholders of BD 0.922 million compared to BD 1.167 million for the same period last year, representing a decrease of 8%, mainly due to the first-time implementation of the new 15% Domestic Minimum Top-up Tax (DMTT), which has impacted profitability.

Earnings per share for the three-month period were 6 fils compared to 8 fils for the same period last year. Total comprehensive income attributable to shareholders reached BD 1.046 million in the fourth quarter of 2025 compared to BD 0.418 million in the fourth quarter of 2024, representing an increase of 150%.

Insurance revenue increased by 10%, rising from BD 28.276 million in the fourth quarter of last year to BD 31.207 million in the fourth quarter of the current year. Insurance service results increased significantly by 142%, from BD 0.285 million in the fourth quarter of last year to BD 0.689 million in the fourth quarter of the current year. Total investment income decreased by 27%, from BD 1.429 million in the fourth quarter of last year to BD 1.037 million in the fourth quarter of the current year, mainly due to a one-off gain related to the sale of property recorded in the previous year.



The financial results for the year ended 31st December 2025

The consolidated financial results for the year ended 31 December 2025 reported a net profit attributable to shareholders of BD 4.753 million, compared to BD 5.169 million for the same period last year, representing a decrease of 8%, mainly due to the first-time implementation of the new 15% Domestic Minimum Top-up Tax. Excluding the impact of this tax, profit attributable to shareholders before tax increased by 1% compared to the same period last year. Earnings per share stood at 32 fils for the current period, compared to 35 fils last year. Total comprehensive income attributable to shareholders amounted to BD 5.527 million, compared to BD 4.838 million for the same period last year, representing an increase of 9%.

Board of Directors' Comments:

The Board of Directors expressed satisfaction with the 2025 results, noting the Company's resilience against claims inflation and the new 15% DMTT regulation. "Despite these hurdles, we achieved a solid 11.4% ROE and 32 fils earnings per share. Our strong free cash flows reflect effective capital use and ensures dividend sustainability. We thank our employees for their hard work and are encouraged by the initial milestones of our 'Customer 1st' (C1) strategy."

Customer satisfaction remains a top priority. The support and confidence extended by partners and customers drive the Company toward excellence, while the relentless commitment of Management and staff enables the organization to reach new heights annually.

To ensure long-term sustainability and robust succession planning, the Company strengthened leadership through key appointments at the Top and Middle Management levels this year. Furthermore, strategic measures were implemented to bolster risk management frameworks and



Mr. Murad - Chairman

cybersecurity resilience.

The year 2025 marked BKIC's 50-year anniversary, celebrated through a commemorative event and the launch of a special publication reflecting the Company's legacy and evolution since its founding in 1975.

Following the Board's directive, a proposal has been submitted to distribute a cash dividend of 25%, equivalent to 25 fils per share and totaling BD 3,683,591 (excluding the treasury shares).

This recommendation remains subject to the approval from the relevant regulatory authorities and shareholders at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

Looking ahead, the strategic focus remains anchored on the "Customer 1st" (C1) 2025–2027 strategy. This vision is supported by sustained investment in technology, data governance, and process efficiency to boost operational resilience and decision-making. Enhanced data analytics will continue to drive deeper customer insights, improved retention, and disciplined underwriting, while an expanded digital presence will further elevate engagement levels.

Chief Executive Officer's Comments:

Dr. Abdulla Sultan confirmed that BKIC's consolidated full year 2025 financial results aligned with the annual budgetary plans. While the newly introduced 15% Domestic Minimum Top-up Tax (DMTT) paid for the first time in 2025 had the most significant impact on net profit compared to the prior year, growth across various

operating entities remained consistent with the corporate strategy. This performance reflects a disciplined approach characterized by cautious underwriting, conservative technical reserve provisioning, and continuous actuarial monitoring.

Furthermore, reinsurance structures were enhanced by optimizing retention ratios and expanding capacity in target growth segments.

In 2025, the Company faced significant motor claims inflation in Bahrain, mirroring broader market trends. To address this, Management is consistently reviewing rate adequacy across all products and distribution channels, negotiating repair costs with third parties, and refining segmentation to prioritize preferred risk categories.

Conversely, the Medical insurance portfolio showed marked improvement following the successful implementation of corrective measures. Although large fire-related claims in Bahrain and Kuwait required specific provisioning in 2025, pre-tax net profits improved, supported by a healthy Return on Equity (ROE) of 11.4%.

Lastly, to put it in his own words, Dr. Sultan commented: "The Company demonstrated significant resilience in 2025 by leveraging sound operational strategies focused on enhanced underwriting, diversified distribution channels, and increased productivity. Our value was further enhanced through the Company's subsidiary, which generated a larger surplus in its funds. The results of 2025 solidify the Company's stand-

ing as the leading insurer in Bahrain and a major player in the Kuwaiti market. This performance, without a doubt, is underpinned by the exceptional and unfaltering support of the Board of Directors and the regulatory bodies in Bahrain and Kuwait.

"Our momentum this year was fueled by a series of defining achievements that honor our past while securing our future. We deepened our roots by increasing our shareholding in Takaful International Company and paused to celebrate our 50th anniversary a golden milestone reflecting five decades of evolution and the enduring trust of those we serve. Our digital transformation journey reached new heights as we embraced cloud-based solutions, weaving innovation into the very fabric of our operations to better serve our modern world.

"We also moved with purpose to fortify our leadership and governance, expanding our horizons through strategic partnerships that spark innovation. We take immense pride in maintaining our Great Place to Work certification for the fourth year running; it is a testament to our belief that our culture is our greatest strength. These milestones, anchored by our A- financial strength rating, are the visible markers of a disciplined journey. Together, we are not just executing a strategy; we are fulfilling a promise to deliver sustainable value to our customers, our shareholders, and the communities we call home.

"In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to our staff in Bahrain, Kuwait, and across our subsidiary. It is your invaluable dedication and collective spirit that have turned our ambitions into achievements. Your loyalty remains the bedrock upon which our success is built.

"Looking toward 2026, I am filled with confidence that the seeds we have planted through our "Customer 1st" (C1) strategy will truly begin to flourish. This coming year represents more than just a new chapter; it is the moment where our significant investments in technology and innovation will bear fruit, translating into an elevated experience for our customers and enduring value for our shareholders. We move forward with a shared vision, ready to embrace the opportunities of the future."

US tech giants announce India deals at AI summit

AFP | New Delhi, India

Google said it would build new subsea cables from India and chip titan Nvidia unveiled tie-ups with computing firms yesterday as tech giants rushed to announce deals and investments at a global AI conference in New Delhi.

This week's AI Impact Summit is the fourth annual gathering to discuss how to govern the fast-evolving technology -- and also an opportunity for India to raise its profile in the booming



sector.

"India's going to have an extraordinary trajectory with AI and we want to be a partner," Google CEO Sundar Pichai told reporters as the US firm unveiled a plan to boost connectivity to the South Asian country.

New direct undersea connections from India to Singapore, South Africa and Australia will be constructed, it said, touting

faster connections as demand for computing power, including AI, ramps up.

It is part of Google's \$15 billion investment announced in October to construct its largest AI data centre hub outside the United States, in Visakhapatnam, a port city in the southeastern state of Andhra Pradesh.

Also on Wednesday, the California-based Nvidia -- the

world's most valuable company -- said it was teaming up with three Indian cloud computing providers to provide advanced processors for data centres that can train and run AI systems.

Dozens of world leaders and ministerial delegations are in New Delhi for the summit to discuss the opportunities and threats, from job losses to misinformation, that AI poses.

Last year India leapt to third place -- overtaking South Korea and Japan -- in an annual global ranking of AI competitiveness calculated by Stanford University researchers.

But despite its plans for large-scale infrastructure and grand ambitions for innovation, experts say the country has a long way to go before it can rival the United States and China.

Al Salam Bank launches 'Salam Al Khair'

Initiative to enable clients to donate easily via App

On the Occasion of the Holy Month of Ramadan...

● Through the "Salam Al Khair" initiative, clients can choose the donation method that best suits them through key channels

Manama

On the occasion of the Holy Month of Ramadan, and in line with its steadfast commitment to social responsibility and fostering a culture of charitable giving, Al Salam Bank has announced the launch of its "Salam Al Khair" initiative. The initiative enables clients to contribute to a number of approved charita-



Mr. Mohammed Buhijji, Chief Retail Banking Officer at Al Salam Bank

ble organizations seamlessly through the Al Salam Bank App, reflecting the spirit of the Holy Month and reinforcing the values of compassion and unity within the community.

This initiative comes as part of the Bank's continued efforts to empower clients to transform their daily transactions into sustainable acts of giving. By providing flexible and direct digital donation options that ensure ease of use, the Bank aims to offer everyone the opportunity to make a tangible and positive impact throughout the Holy Month.

Through the "Salam Al Khair" initiative, clients can choose the donation method that best suits them through key channels, such as saving

towards a charitable goal via the "Goals" service and subsequently donating the accumulated amount to selected beneficiaries, or redeeming their loyalty reward points and donating them directly to approved charitable societies through the App.

The initiative supports a number of approved charitable organizations, including Kaaf Humanitarian, Zakat and Sadaqat Fund, Sanabel Orphans Care Society, and Islamic Association. This contributes to strengthening community partnerships and supporting eligible beneficiaries, particularly during Ramadan, when the highest values of solidarity are most evident.

Commenting on the occa-

sion, Mr. Mohammed Buhijji, Chief Retail Banking Officer at Al Salam Bank, said: "The Holy Month of Ramadan embodies the values of generosity and compassion, which form an integral part of our institutional principles. Through the 'Salam Al Khair' initiative, we seek to simplify the donation process for our clients and make it part of their daily practices through innovative and secure digital solutions. We believe that every contribution, regardless of its size, can make a real difference in the lives of others. We also remain committed to reinforcing Al Salam Bank's role as an active partner in supporting community initiatives and promoting sustainable positive impact."

NBB appoints Mohamed Ebrahim Mahri as Group Chief Credit Officer

Manama

The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has announced the appointment of Mohamed Ebrahim Mahri as Group Chief Credit Officer.

Mohamed brings two decades of experience in credit risk management and commercial banking. Most recently, he served as Head of Credit Risk for Commercial and SMEs at NBB, where he oversaw credit risk management across key business segments.

He has also held senior roles at leading local and regional financial institutions, gaining extensive expertise



Mohamed Ebrahim Mahri, Group Chief Credit Officer.

across portfolio oversight, credit assessment, and risk governance.

Mohamed holds a Bachelor's degree in Banking and Finance from the University of Bahrain, in addition to being a CFA Charterholder. He also possesses professional certifications in risk management and anti-money laundering.

This strategic appointment reflects NBB's continued focus on strengthening its credit risk leadership and reinforcing governance across the Group. It also underscores the Bank's focus on talent development and creating attractive career progression pathways for its employees.

ECB says 'no decision' by Lagarde on reported early exit

AFP | Frankfurt, Germany

The European Central Bank said Wednesday its President Christine Lagarde had taken no decision on leaving before her term expires, following a media report.

The Financial Times, citing a source familiar with Lagarde's thinking, said Lagarde would step down before her term ends in October 2027.

In doing so, she would give German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and French President Emmanuel Macron time to determine a successor ahead of France's presidential vote in April 2027.

"President Lagarde is totally focused on her mission and has not taken any decision regarding the end of her term," an ECB spokesperson said.

Lagarde, a French politician and lawyer, was named ECB

chief in November 2019 after an eight-year stint as head of the International Monetary Fund. She has won praise from many economists as an unflappable crisis manager, from the global financial sector meltdown in 2008 to the Greek and Argentine debt crises.



Christine Lagarde was once a member of France's national synchronized swimming team as a teenager – before going on to become the first woman to lead major global financial institutions like the International Monetary Fund and the European Central Bank.

Al Baraka Islamic Bank inaugurates exclusive Green Auto Finance promotion for Ramadan

Offering BHD 500 Cashback to Five Lucky Customers

Manama

Al Baraka Islamic Bank, one of the leading Islamic banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has inaugurated its Ramadan offers with an exciting new promotion in collaboration with ADAMAS Motors. The initiative comes as part of the bank's ongoing effort to reward and support its valued customers during the blessed month while emphasising its commitment to environmentally responsible financing.

Al Baraka Bank will offer a special cashback incentive to the first five customers who purchase electric with REEV technology ROX cars through Baraka Auto Finance at ADAMAS



Mr. Abdullah Touqan, General Manager of ADAMAS Motors



Mr. Mazen Dhaif, Chief Retail Officer at Al Baraka Islamic Bank

Motors. This limited time offer underscores the bank's dedi-

needs of its customers. It also falls in line with its corporate social responsibility, promoting green financing that contributes to reducing carbon emissions and supporting Bahrain's national sustainability goals.

Valid until May 1st, 2026, buyers taking advantage of this offer will receive an instant cashback of BHD 500 upon completing their purchase of either the ROX 01 Premium SUV or ROX Adamas model. The promotion aims to enhance the car ownership experience through the bank's auto finance service, making it more accessible and rewarding for customers seeking premium vehicle options during the holy month.

Mr. Mazen Dhaif, Chief Re-



tail Officer at Al Baraka Islamic Bank, commented on the occasion, stating, "By offering a significant cashback incentive for the first five buyers of environmentally-friendly ROX models via Baraka Auto Finance, we hope to make their vehicle ownership journey more rewarding. This initiative reflects our com-

mitment to meeting our customers' aspirations while supporting Bahrain's transition to greener mobility solutions and aligning with the spirit of generosity and community that Ramadan embodies."

On his part, Mr. Abdullah Touqan, General Manager of ADAMAS Motors, commented, "We are proud to collaborate with Al Baraka Islamic Bank in launching this special Ramadan promotion. Our ROX 01 and ROX Adamas models, are designed for motorists seeking style, performance, and sustainability. Offering cashback incentives during this blessed month reinforces our dedication to providing exceptional value and service to our customers."

News in brief

◆ **Thirty-eight lead miners** were killed when gas exploded at a pit in central Nigeria's Plateau state, local sources told AFP. Twenty-seven others were injured in the blast at the Kampanin Zurak mining site in Plateau state's Bashir district, the acting traditional ruler told AFP. "So far 38 people are confirmed dead and about 27 others have been rushed to hospital," said the leader, Alhaji Aliyu Adamu Idris. Ibrahim Dattijo Sani, a miner at a nearby pit, told AFP that the victims were



38 killed in gas blast at Nigeria lead mine

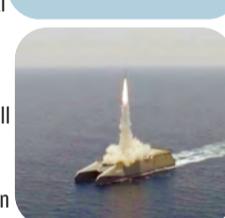
Germany's
Merz open to
social media ban
for minors



platforms to verify users' ages. Several nations are toughening up age restrictions on social media platforms as concerns mount that excessive screen time could harm childhood development and mental health.

◆ **Iran and Russia** will conduct naval manoeuvres in the Sea of Oman on Thursday, following the latest round of talks between Tehran and Washington in Geneva, Iranian media reported. On Monday, the Revolutionary Guards, the ideological arm of Iran's military, also launched exercises in the strategic Strait of Hormuz, a challenge to US naval forces deployed in the region. "The joint naval exercise of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Russia will take place tomorrow (Thursday) in the Sea of Oman and in the northern Indian Ocean," the ISNA agency reported, citing drill spokesman, Rear Admiral Hassan Maghsoudloo. "The aim is to strengthen maritime security and to deepen relations between the navies of the two countries," he said, without specifying the duration of the drill.

Iran, Russia to conduct joint drills in the Sea of Oman



SPOTLIGHT

Spanish police arrest hacker who booked luxury hotels for one cent



Representative image
AFP | Madrid, Spain

Spanish police said Wednesday they had arrested a 20-year-old man who allegedly hacked a hotel booking website to reserve luxury rooms for as little as one cent, in the first known cybercrime of its kind.

The suspect is believed to have manipulated the site's payment system, altering the validation process of an electronic payment platform so that bookings appeared fully paid.

But only a minimal amount -- one cent -- was actually charged for rooms costing up to 1,000 euros (\$1,200) a night.

"This cyberattack was specifically designed to alter the payment validation system, and this is the first time we

have detected a crime using this method," Spain's National Police said.

Police said the man also consumed minibar items during his stays and occasionally left bills unpaid.

At the time of his arrest, he was staying at a luxury Madrid hotel with a four-night reservation totalling 4,000 euros.

Authorities said the hotel lost more than 20,000 euros.

The investigation began after an online booking website reported suspicious activity earlier this month.

Transactions initially ap-

peared to be completed cor-
rectly, but the irregularity
was only discovered days later,
when the payment plat-
form transferred the actual
amount paid to the affected
company.

UAE president re-emerges in video after rumours about health

Erdogan said Emirati leader had a "health problem"

● UAE's official WAM news agency also shared photographs of the meeting

AFP | Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Emirati President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan appeared in a meeting with a US senator yesterday, making a first appearance since rumours about his health spread following a now-deleted Turkish presidency statement.

Earlier this month, Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan went to Saudi Arabia and was meant to later visit the neighbouring United Arab Emirates, amid an ongoing rift between the two Gulf powers.

But on Sunday, Erdogan said he was postponing his Abu Dhabi trip because the Emirati leader had a "health problem" -- in a statement that was later deleted.

The incident fuelled rumours online about Sheikh Mohamed's health, with his Wikipedia page even briefly being edited to say he was dead.

On Wednesday, the presiden-



UAE's President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al-Nahyan (L) meeting with US Republican Senator Lindsey Graham at Qasr Al-Shati in Abu Dhabi

tial court shared video footage of the Emirati president, smiling alongside US Republican Senator Lindsey Graham during a meeting at Qasr Al Shati in Abu Dhabi.

The UAE's official WAM news agency also shared photographs of the meeting, in which Sheikh Mohamed appeared alongside Graham.

"To those who are perpetuating false narratives against the United Arab Emirates and President Sheikh @MohamedBinZayed personally, you are full of it," Graham said on X.

"I met with him today for an hour and a half. Not only is he alive, but he is also well and as sharp as I've ever seen him," added Graham, who said he was heading to Saudi Arabia next.

The Emirati leader's team on Saturday evening released photos taken the same day showing Sheikh Mohamed, known as MBZ, smiling and apparently in good health, with Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the emir of Qatar.

Israeli minister pushes for 'emigration' of West Bank, Gaza Palestinians

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

A senior Israeli far-right minister vowed to encourage "emigration" from the Palestinian territories, despite mounting criticism of recent measures tightening Israel's control over the occupied West Bank.

Since last week, Israel has approved a series of initiatives backed by far-right ministers to consolidate control over the West Bank, including in areas administered by the Palestinian Authority under the Oslo Accords, in place since the 1990s.

"We will eliminate the idea of an Arab ****r state," far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said at an event organised by his Religious Zionism Party late on Tuesday.

"We will finally, formally and in practical terms nullify the cursed Oslo Accords and embark on a path toward sovereignty, while encouraging emigration from both Gaza and Judea and Samaria," he said, using the Biblical term for the West Bank.

"There is no other long-term solution," added Smotrich, who himself lives in a settlement in the West Bank.

Smotrich was speaking at a vineyard near Ramallah, the seat of the Palestinian Author-



Israeli bulldozers demolish an apartment building belonging to the Salhab family near the Israeli settlement of Hagai, south of the occupied West Bank city of Hebron

ity, where he presented what he called "Colonisation 2030", a campaign initiative ahead of national elections scheduled for later this year.

In addition to the finance portfolio, Smotrich serves on Israel's security cabinet, which takes key decisions regarding the West Bank, making him a central figure in efforts to expand settlements there.

The recently approved measures include launching a process to register land in the West Bank

as "state property" and allowing Jewish Israelis to purchase land directly. Until now, land acquisitions for settlers were typically carried out through intermediary companies.

The new measures repeal a decades-old law that barred Jews from directly purchasing land in the West Bank.

"This will allow Jews to purchase land in Judea and Samaria exactly as they do in Tel Aviv or Jerusalem," Smotrich said last week.

Global outrage

The steps are also set to increase Israel's control in parts of the West Bank where the Palestinian Authority currently exercises power.

Under the Oslo Accords, the West Bank was divided into areas A, B and C -- under Palestinian, mixed and Israeli governance respectively.

The West Bank would form the largest part of any future Palestinian state, but many on Israel's religious right view it as Israeli land.

The Oslo Accords were signed with the stated aim of paving the way for an independent Palestinian state.

Israeli NGOs have also raised the alarm over a settlement plan signed by the government which they say would mark the first expansion of Jerusalem's borders into the occupied West Bank since 1967.

The planned development, announced by Israel's Ministry of Construction and Housing, is formally a westward expansion of the Geva Binyamin, or Adam, settlement situated northeast of Jerusalem in the West Bank.

The new measures have triggered widespread international outrage.

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Roman Emperor Constantius II closes all pagan temples

Peruvian stratovolcano Huaynaputina explodes in the most violent eruption in South American recorded history



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Thomas Edison is granted a patent for his cylinder phonograph

An estimated 150 Japanese warplanes attack the Australian city of Darwin

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It was a delight to meet Mr. Sundar Pichai on the sidelines of the AI Impact Summit in Delhi. Talked about the work India is doing in AI and how Google can work with our talented students and professionals in this field.

@narendramodi

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From hybrid threats to demographic pressure and economic impact.

Our Eastern regions bordering Russia, Belarus and Ukraine are facing a multitude of challenges.

We must support these regions and show our solidarity.

Because our security lies in their strength, resilience and stability.

With today's Eastern border regions strategy, we're strengthening their security, while boosting growth and regional prosperity.

To protect those who protect us.

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In New Delhi, we are inaugurating the Franco-Indian Centre for Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare, led by AIIMS, Sorbonne Université and the Brain Institute. Research, training, innovation: France and India are mobilising AI for the common good!

@EmmanuelMacron

Slovakia threatens Ukraine with reprisals over blocked pipeline

● Ukrainian authorities say the Druzhba pipeline was shut down after being damaged

● Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban also accused Ukraine of "blackmail"

AFP | Bratislava, Slovakia

Slovakia's prime minister on Wednesday threatened to cut emergency electricity supplies to Ukraine if its neighbour does not reopen a pipeline that brings Russian oil to Slovakia and Hungary.

Prime Minister Robert Fico, who along with Hungary has remained close to Russia since its 2022 invasion of Ukraine, declared a state of emergency over oil supplies and told a press conference he had ordered the release of 250,000 tonnes of oil from emergency reserves.

Ukrainian authorities say the Druzhba pipeline, which runs from Russia through its territory to Slovakia and Hungary, was shut down after being damaged during a Russian attack near the Ukrainian city of Brody.

Fico, quoting Slovak intelligence, said the repair work had been finished. He accused Ukraine of blocking supplies as



Russia's top negotiator Vladimir Medinski leaves the Intercontinental hotel as a new round of talks between Russian, Ukrainian and US negotiators aimed at finding a solution to four years of fighting in Ukraine, takes place in Geneva

a "blackmail" weapon against Hungary, which opposes Ukraine joining the European Union.

Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban also accused Ukraine of "blackmail" in a social media post Wednesday.

Fico threatened to end electricity supplies to Ukraine when it needs emergency supplies after Russian attacks on its power stations.

"If the president (Volodymyr Zelensky) believes these supplies are not important, we can decide to withdraw from the electricity supply accord," Fico said.

Slovakia's ambassador in Ukraine had handed over an official note demanding an explanation for the cut in oil supplies, Fico added. The prime

minister said he would ask the European Union's executive arm to look into the case.

Orban said in his social media post that Hungary and Slovakia had requested that Croatia allow the supply of Russian oil through its Adria pipeline.

But Fico said there were "two problems" with this solution as the Adria pipeline's capacity had never been tested and the cost could be five times higher than for the Druzhba pipeline.

The European Commission said Tuesday it was in contact with all sides in the dispute and was ready to hold a meeting of its emergency oil supply coordination group. But it said there was no immediate risk as Hungary and Slovakia each have at least 90 days of emergency reserves.

First Ramadan after truce brings flicker of joy in devastated Gaza

AFP | Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

Little Ramadan lanterns and string lights appeared on streets lined with collapsed buildings and piles of rubble in Gaza City, bringing joy and respite as Islam's holiest month began -- the first since October's ceasefire.

In the Omari mosque, dozens of worshippers performed the first Ramadan morning prayer, fajr, bare feet on the carpet but donning heavy jackets to stave off the winter cold.

"Despite the occupation, the destruction of mosques and schools, and the demolition of our homes... we came in spite of these harsh conditions", Abu Adam, a resident of Gaza City who came to pray, told AFP.

"Even last night, when the area was targeted, we remained determined to head to the mosque to worship God," he said.

A security source in Gaza told AFP Wednesday that artillery shelling targeted the eastern parts of Gaza City that morning.

The source added that artillery shelling also targeted a refugee camp in central Gaza.



People assist Palestinian artist Yazeed Abu Jarad, who was displaced by the war from Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip, as he creates a sand sculpture with the greeting message "Welcome, Ramadan" along a beach in Khan Yunis in the south of the Palestinian territory

Israel does not allow international journalists to enter the Gaza Strip, preventing AFP and other news organisations from independently verifying casualty figures.

In Gaza's south, tens of thousands of people still live in tents and makeshift shelters as they wait for the territory's reconstruction after a US-brokered ceasefire took hold in October.

Nivin Ahmed, who lives in

a tent in the area known as Al-Mawasi, told AFP this first Ramadan without war brought "mixed and varied feelings".

"The joy is stifled. We miss people who were martyred, are still missing, detained, or even travelled," she said.

"The Ramadan table used to be full of the most delicious dishes and bring together all our loved ones," the 50-year-old said.

Brazil's Lula leads major trade delegation to India



AFP | New Delhi, India

Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva arrived in New Delhi yesterday, leading a large delegation for talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi including on rare earths and artificial intelligence.

Lula, who is travelling with more than a dozen ministers and a large business delegation that includes top CEOs of Brazilian companies, is also looking to increase trading opportunities with the world's most populous nation.

"India and Brazil share a close and multifaceted relationship," New Delhi's foreign ministry spokesman Randhir Jaiswal said in a statement, with photographs of Lula given a red carpet welcome from his aeroplane.

India, the world's most populous country with 1.4 billion people, is on track to become the fourth-largest economy.

The talks between fellow BRICS members -- New Delhi took over this year's presidency of the bloc from Brasilia -- are also expected to address global economic uncertain-

ty triggered by tariff policies under US President Donald Trump.

Lula and Modi will hold talks on Saturday, as Brazil pitches itself as a global alternative for rare earths in a market dominated by China.

Brazil's president will first attend a global artificial intelligence summit in New Delhi on Thursday, where he is expected to seek better regulation to stem AI disinformation.

Brazil is India's largest market in Latin America.

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India and Brazil bilateral trade in 2024 was more than \$12 billion. Brazil sees India as an under-tapped market for its products including cotton, seeds, teak, soybean oil, and other minerals.

Russia, Cuba slam US in Moscow show of solidarity



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Cuba's Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez enter a hall during a meeting in Moscow

AFP | Moscow, Russia

using Soviet-era language to criticise Washington.

"We call on the US to show common sense and refrain from the military-maritime blockade of the island of freedom," Lavrov said.

Havana has been allied to Moscow since the 1960s socialist revolution, relying on the Soviet Union for economic and political support for decades. The Kremlin maintained close ties with Cuba after the collapse of the USSR.

Moscow, Lavrov said, stood in "solidarity with our friends" as he called Cuba a "brotherly state to us", without making any concrete pledges of material support.

He condemned the United States for "after more than a 70-year blockade now even threatening to toughen their illegitimate and anti-human actions."

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Voters' list drawn from official commercial records

Election Chief Says 34,451 Commercial Registrations Eligible

● **March 10 Deadline for Corrections**

Manama

The voters' list for the upcoming elections of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) has been compiled directly from the official commercial registration database of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, the chairman of the elections committee said on Tuesday.

Abbas Abdulmohsen Radhi, head of the committee overseeing elections for the Chamber's 31st Board of Directors, said the list was extracted from the ministry's Commercial Registration (CR) records in line with legal requirements to ensure accuracy and compliance.

The names of eligible voters were published on the Chamber's official website on Feb. 7, 2026, to allow members to review their information and sub-



mit correction requests where necessary, Radhi said.

He added that the committee

has initiated a comprehensive verification process to ensure that all data in the voters' reg-

ister fully matches the official CR records maintained by the ministry.

Members were urged to carefully review their details, particularly the inclusion of the legal representative's name and the accuracy of all required information. Any discrepancies or omissions must be addressed through formal requests submitted in accordance with the announced procedures, he said.

"The objective is to safeguard the integrity of the electoral process and ensure the highest levels of accuracy and legal compliance," Radhi said.

The deadline for submitting requests for inclusion or correction is March 10, 2026, through an online form available on the Chamber's website.

Companies and establishments listed in the voters' register will be eligible to participate in the elections scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2026, at the Isa Cultural Centre. Organisational and administrative preparations are under way to

ensure the process is conducted efficiently and transparently.

According to the latest figures, 34,451 commercial registrations are eligible to vote in the upcoming elections, reflecting a broad participation base for this electoral cycle.

Radhi also called on companies with commercial registrations nearing expiry to renew them within the legally prescribed timeframes before election day to safeguard their legal status and voting rights.

He added that, to date, the committee has not received any confirmed cases of discrepancies between the voters' register and the official commercial records, underscoring the accuracy of the procedures followed.

Radhi reaffirmed the committee's commitment to full compliance with applicable legal and regulatory frameworks, ensuring equal opportunities for all candidates and voters, and urged members to adhere to the announced deadlines to support a smooth electoral process.

German railway Deutsche Bahn hit by cyberattack

Berlin, Germany

A cyberattack against Germany's state-owned railway Deutsche Bahn briefly disrupted ticketing systems and timetable information services this week, the company disclosed yesterday.

The distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack caused problems with the railway's website and its widely used DB Navigator app on Tuesday afternoon.

The website and app issues were mostly resolved by Tuesday evening, but resurfaced again on Wednesday morning.

Deutsche Bahn is Germany's dominant rail service, operating both passenger and cargo trains as well as suburban commuter railways in many cities.

"Our defensive measures were effective in minimising the impact on our customers," Deutsche Bahn said.

The company has been in contact with Germany's BSI cybersecurity authorities, an interior ministry spokeswoman said Wednesday, adding that she could provide few additional details about the attack.

DLF shapes India's super-luxury homes into a global asset class

Manama

Super luxury homes are emerging as a distinct global asset class. How is DLF shaping this category in India, and what makes developments like The Dahlias stand apart in terms of design, lifestyle, and long-term value?

DLF's super-luxury portfolio redefined high-end residential living in India, starting 2002, by introducing a format anchored in scale, discretion, and hospitality-led experiences. What began as a differentiated offering has since evolved into a rare and invitation-only asset class, one that is timeless, continually appreciating, and associated with globally recognisable addresses. Over nearly three decades, developments such as The Aralias, The Magnolias, and The Camellias have established DLF Golf Links as one of the world's most prestigious residential enclaves, today home to India's highest concentration of ultra-high-net-worth individuals, all in one place. This position has been built through decades of consistent delivery, thoughtful design, and the creation of a lifestyle that remains unmatched in the industry.

The success of The Dahlias is the culmination of this long-term vision. What took nine years to achieve at The Camellias, in terms of value absorption (~12000 crores), was accomplished at The Dahlias in just nine weeks, underscoring both the strength of the product and the depth of belief in the DLF super-luxury proposition. Each new launch at DLF Golf Links represents a clear upgrade over

the previous one, with strong demand often emerging organically from within the existing resident community, and then beyond. DLF's super-luxury residences have thus matured into a distinct long-term asset class, defined by sustained value creation, strong and future ready architectural and design thinking, and an uncompromising focus on hospitality service and experience.

The Dahlias is a natural progression of this legacy. Spread across approximately 7.5 million square feet, it comprises 420 residences across eight towers, including 15 duplex penthouses, supported by a 350,000-square-foot clubhouse. Today, The Dahlias is witnessing strong demand not only from within India but also from Indians of the highest global standing across international markets. It is also noteworthy that DLF's super-luxury portfolio has historically delivered superior returns when compared with other asset classes and commodities over comparable periods.

● **UAE-based NRIs are increasingly exploring India's luxury real estate. What is driving this shift, and how does DLF's portfolio cater to their expectations?**

NRIs based in the UAE are increasingly choosing to invest in residential real estate in India, driven by a combination of proximity, lifestyle alignment, and long-term security. With short travel times and strong cultural and economic ties, India remains a natural destination for

investment "back home," particularly for those seeking to maintain a meaningful presence in the country. A key driver of this trend is the significant evolution of residential offerings in India. From an investment perspective, Indian residential real estate continues to offer strong fundamentals, supported by attractive rental yields and sustained capital appreciation.

Additionally, in the context of geopolitical uncertainty, many NRIs view owning a high-quality home in India as an important long-term option, one that ensures a seamless transition should they choose to return, without compromising on lifestyle standards. Finally, with many NRIs frequently moving between the UAE and India, owning a residence provides both comfort and continuity. It allows them to spend time in their own homes rather than hotels, while also securing a future-ready asset for family members. This shift in lifestyle expectations has led to a clear preference for luxury and super-luxury housing.

Today, globally benchmarked luxury and super-luxury developments are being delivered for well-travelled, globally exposed buyers who have experienced the best international lifestyles. These discerning homeowners seek residences that match global standards in design, amenities, and service, expectations that are now being met across leading Indian developments. NRIs are specifically drawn to integrated, gated ecosystems that offer comprehensive living environments. Large clubhouses, wellness and business facilities, high-quality

social infrastructure, and professionally managed, hospitality-led services are central to purchase decisions. Whether it is a super-luxury address such as The Dahlias or a luxury development like One Midtown in New Delhi, the emphasis is on delivering a complete, globally comparable living experience in prime locations.

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How do you see the super-luxury segment evolving, and what can UAE buyers expect from DLF in the coming years?

The super-luxury residential segment in India was virtually non-existent until six years ago. Historically, the purchase of a Rs. 100 crore home was a rare news, attracting national attention only once every few years. Super-luxury living was largely limited to expansive private estates, bungalows, or standalone residences located in legacy pin codes such as Lutyens' Delhi or South Mumbai. The pandemic marked a decisive shift in the definition of luxury living. It accelerated a transition toward condominium-led developments, particularly in the super-luxury segment, where managed living

Aakash Ohri, Managing Director and Chief Business Officer, DLF Homes

and thoughtfully curated environments began to replace individual dwellings. Homebuyers increasingly prioritised quality of everyday life over the symbolism of ownership alone. Integrated, professionally managed ecosystems have since emerged as the new codes of luxury. These developments offer a rare combination of community living and social engagement, while preserving exclusivity, privacy, and discretion. The ability to live within a secure, service-led environment, managed by experts, has become central to the modern luxury proposition. As a result, India has witnessed an unprecedented pace of transactions in the Rs. 70 crore-plus residential category since 2021. This momentum reflects a fundamental shift in consumer mindset. Buyers now place greater value on everyday experiences, choosing to embed resort-like living into daily life rather than reserving it for occasional vacations. This evolving aspiration has propelled a new generation of Indian buyers into the super-luxury housing segment. Far from being cyclical, this trend represents a structural change in demand. The super-luxury residential segment is therefore poised for sustained growth in the years ahead. We at DLF have been delivering this since early 2000, but the adoption of such homes have multiplied manifolds in the past couple of years, and the success of The Dahlias is the biggest endorsement of this demand.



Capital Governor Finalizes Security and Public Safety Plans for Ramadan



His Excellency Sheikh Khalid bin Hamoud Al Khalifa, Governor of the Capital Governorate, chaired a meeting of the Security Committee to review preparations for upcoming high-activity seasons. The primary focus was a presentation by the Capital Governorate Police Directorate regarding comprehensive security arrangements for the holy month of Ramadan. The strategy involves an intensified presence of community police personnel at various events to maintain public order and address negative behaviors. Specific coordination efforts were also outlined for the organized distribution of Iftar meals, ensuring that charitable gatherings do not obstruct traffic flow or compromise safety at public sites. Furthermore, the committee emphasized enhancing community engagement through direct visits to Ramadan councils and maintaining open communication channels with residents.

Ibrahim Khalil Kanoo Charity Foundation Launches Annual Ramadan Initiative



The Ibrahim Khalil Kanoo Charity Foundation has launched its annual Ramadan food basket initiative, reaffirming its commitment to solidarity and compassion across the Kingdom of Bahrain. This program is designed to provide essential nutritional support to underprivileged families, ensuring they are well-prepared for the upcoming holy month. In collaboration with relevant local authorities, the Foundation is coordinating the distribution of aid to ensure it reaches those most in need, including the elderly, widows, and divorcees. This initiative aligns with the Foundation's broader vision of fostering a culture of giving and strengthening the communal bonds that characterize Bahraini society.

Bahrain and Pakistan Discuss Boosting Industrial and Commercial Ties



His Excellency Mr. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, received His Excellency Mr. Saqib Rauf, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Kingdom of Bahrain, to review the growing economic partnership between the two nations. The discussions covered several topics of common interest, focusing on ways to enhance industrial and commercial exchange.

Pakistan Club Announces New Executive Board



The Pakistan Club Bahrain has successfully elected its Executive Board for the 2026 term. The newly elected leadership is headed by Chairman Mohammad Afzal Bhatti and Vice Chairman Ch. Shaukat Ali. They are supported by a specialized team including General Secretary Samiur Rahman, Joint Secretary Kabeer Ahmed, and Finance Secretary Jumashaid Hashmi. The board is rounded out by Sports Secretary Mohammad Shabeer, Entertainment Secretary Usman Butt, Information Secretary Hafiz Ataa Ur Rehman, and Literary Secretary Khurram Abbasi.

Muharraq Governor Reviews Regional Progress and Ramadan Preparations



His Excellency Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al-Mannai, Governor of Muharraq, recently met with local dignitaries to discuss development projects and preparations for the holy month of Ramadan. On behalf of the residents, the Governor extended his warmest congratulations to the Kingdom's leadership, praising the royal patronage of infrastructure, including the opening of the Grand Mosque of Isa and the renovation of sixty mosques across Bahrain. During the meeting, which included Deputy Governor Brigadier General Jassim bin Mohammed Al-Ghatam and Municipal Council Chairman Abdulaziz Al-Na'ar, discussions centered on market oversight and the Sheikh Hamad Street development project. Educational and cultural initiatives were also highlighted, with a focus on preserving national heritage through Ramadan cultural programs and school curricula.

Bahrain Red Crescent Society Receives Humanitarian Donation from Thathai Society



The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) has received a generous cash donation from the Thathai Society to support its local and international humanitarian initiatives. This contribution strengthens a long-standing community partnership dedicated to aiding vulnerable populations and driving social development. Secretary-General Mubarak Al-Hadi praised the initiative, describing it as a testament to the spirit of cooperation among Bahrain's citizens and residents. By fostering social responsibility and solidarity, this partnership enables the BRCS to expand its reach and alleviate suffering across the globe.

Bahrain and Sri Lanka Strengthen Diplomatic and Cooperation Ties



His Excellency Sheikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs, received Her Excellency Ms. Shirin Shanika Dissanayake, Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the Kingdom of Bahrain, to discuss the deepening of bilateral relations. The discussions focused on several topics of mutual interest of both friendly countries.

Kannada Sangha Bahrain Celebrates Sports Day



Kannada Sangha Bahrain marked Bahrain National Sports Day with an event dedicated to physical fitness and community bonding. Yoga instructor Shivanand Patil led the participants through warm-up and mindfulness routines. A significant highlight of the celebration was the felicitation of Bahrain National Cricket Team players of Karnataka origin.

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Ton-up Farhan helps Pakistan seal Super Eight spot with Namibia rout

102-run victory over Namibia ensures Pakistan advances and eliminates the United States

● Spinners Tariq (4-16) and Khan (3-19) shine

● Pakistan joins Group 2 with New Zealand, England

AFP | Colombo

Sahibzada Farhan hit a magnificent unbeaten century to help Pakistan seal the final Super Eight berth at the T20 World Cup with a thumping 102-run win over Namibia in Colombo yesterday.

Farhan scored 100 not out off 58 balls with four sixes and 10 fours as Pakistan posted 199-3 before they routed Namibia for 97 in 17.3 overs.

Pakistan's victory took them to six points from four games in Group A and eliminated the United States, who finished with four points.

The defending champions India, South Africa, Zimbabwe and the West Indies will play each other in the Super eights Group 1, hosted in India.

Pakistan join New Zealand, England and co-hosts Sri Lanka in Group 2, hosted in Sri Lanka.

After a morale-shattering 61-run defeat against India, Pakistan needed a victory to avoid an early exit, which was achieved with ease as spinners Usman Tariq (4-16) and Shadab Khan (3-19) tore through the Namibia batting.

Louren Steenkamp scored 23 while Alexander Busing-Volschenk was the only



Pakistan's Sahibzada Farhan celebrates after scoring a century

other batsman to reach double figures with 20.

‘Complete performance’

Skipper Salman Agha praised a clinical show.

“It is a complete performance,” said a relieved Agha.

“We batted well and Farhan anchored the innings. He has been batting well for a while and I am happy that he got his hundred.

“With the ball we were lethal.” Namibian skipper Gerhard Erasmus admitted Pakistan's spin bowlers were too hot to handle.

“It (spin) is a special skill to have, to turn the ball both ways like they do,” said Erasmus.

SALMAN AGHA

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Scorecard

Pakistan 199 for 3 (Farhan 100*, Agha 38, Brassell 2-38) beat Namibia 97 (Steenkamp 23, Tariq 4-16, Shadab 3-19) by 102 runs

“I think that's one of the things we'll definitely take home and look to improve on.”

Farhan earlier blasted a six and a four off pace bowler Jack Brassell to enter the 90s before taking a single off Gerhard Erasmus to complete his hundred in the final over.

It was Farhan's maiden T20 ton and he became only the sec-

ond Pakistani to score a T20 World Cup century after Ahmed Shehzad in 2014 against Bangladesh.

Shadab Khan, promoted to number five with Babar Azam left out, hit three sixes and a four in his 36 not out off 22 balls as Pakistan smashed 42 from the last three overs.

Farhan put on 40 for the opening wicket with Saim Ayub (14) before consolidating the innings during a 67-run second wicket stand with captain Salman Agha (38).

Pakistan also left out pace bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi after a poor show in the first three matches, including conceding 31 in two overs in the defeat against India on Sunday.

Farhan's ton means this is the first T20 World Cup in which three centuries have been scored.

Carlos Alcaraz Brings Championship Energy to The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain

Manama

ATP No. 1 ranked tennis champion, Carlos Alcaraz, the youngest man to complete the Career Grand Slam in singles and a future hall of famer, chose to celebrate his success with a visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain — selecting the iconic The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain as his residence during his stay.

What made the visit especially memorable was an exclusive 90-minute of blistering-paced practice session arranged on the hotel's Tennis court. A select 50 tennis aficionados and Royal Beach Club members were granted a rare opportunity to watch Carlos Alcaraz practice up close. The audience witnessed firsthand the intensity, precision, and athleticism that recently propelled him to success and current number 1 ranking.

Guests described the experience as inspiring and unforgettable — a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see a global champion refine his craft only witnessed in The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain. This extraordinary experience was made possible through the vision, guidance, and meticulous coordination of the hotel's ownership and senior



leadership and LUX tennis. As General Manager Bernard de Villelle expressed, “We are immensely proud to have had the once in a lifetime opportunity to host Carlos and his entourage at The Ritz-Carlton, Bah-

rain. Welcoming a champion of his caliber is a unique honor for our ownership, our Ladies and Gentlemen and the RBC team.” LUX tennis, one of the driving force behind this partner-

ship with the hotel stated “We were delighted to send Carlos Alcaraz to The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain - one of our valued hotel partners for over five years. Carlos trained on the courts to prepare for the Doha tourna-

ment, and I am truly grateful for his trust in LUX Tennis. I would also like to thank Mr. Bernard De Villelle, General Manager, and his team for their exceptional hospitality and support”.

India tune up for Super Eights with hard-fought win over the Dutch

AFP | Ahmedabad

Defending champions India beat a spirited Netherlands team by 17 runs yesterday ahead of their meeting with South Africa in the Super Eights of the T20 World Cup.

India posted 193-6 and then kept the Dutch down to 176-7 with spinner Varun Chakravarthy returning figures of 3-14 in Ahmedabad to stay unbeaten in their four matches in Group A.

But a tough test awaits the co-hosts at the same venue on Sunday when they face South Africa, who emerged top of a potentially tricky Group D that had New Zealand and Afghanistan.

India finish top of their group ahead of arch-rivals Pakistan, but need to fix holes in their batting including the form of opener Abhishek Sharma, who fell for his third straight duck in the tournament.

Abhishek was bowled on the



India's Varun Chakravarthy (C) celebrates with teammates after taking the wicket of Netherlands' Max O'Dowd

third ball by off-spinner Aryan Dutt after India elected to bat first at the world's biggest cricket stadium.

India were teetering at 110-4 before Shivam Dube hit a counter-attacking 66 and put on a key stand of 76 with Hardik Pandya (30).

Several batters got starts but failed to capitalise as Ishan Kishan fell for 18, Tilak Varma made 31 and skipper Suryakumar Yadav contributed 34.

Dube kept calm and hit a few lusty blows including two sixes and a four off off-spinner Colin Ackermann, reaching his fifty off 25 balls.

He and Pandya ensured India's innings finished strongly although both were dismissed in the final over at the 110,000-capacity stadium, which had a turnout of over 68,000 fans.

Dube, who hit four fours and six sixes in his 31-ball knock, was

Scorecard

India 193 for 6 (Dube 66, Suryakumar 34, van Beek 3-56, Dutt 2-19) beat Netherlands 176 for 7 (de Leede 33, Varun 3-14, Dube 2-35) by 17 runs

caught by substitute fielder Tim van der Gugten on the boundary rope, with Pandya picking out a fielder in the deep off the final delivery by Logan van Beek.

Dutt returned impressive figures of 2-19 from his four overs.

In reply, the Dutch openers started cautiously before Max O'Dowd fell bowled for 20 off Chakravarthy and Pandya dismissed Michael Levitt, for 24.

Bas de Leede and Ackermann attempted to put the chase back on track in their stand of 43 but Chakravarthy broke through with his mystery spin.

South Africa fire Super Eights warning to India with UAE romp

AFP | New Delhi

South Africa sent a T20 World Cup warning to co-hosts India after romping to a six-wicket win over the United Arab Emirates in New Delhi yesterday.

After restricting the Emiratis to 122-6 on a pitch enlivened by morning rain, South Africa raced to 123-4 in just 13.2 overs to complete a perfect group phase with four wins out of four.

Next up for Aiden Markram's side is a repeat of the 2024 final against India in Ahmedabad on Sunday in their first match of the Super Eights.

India won the final in Barbados to lift the trophy and are firm favourites to repeat on home soil.

But South Africa have shown



South Africa's Jason Smith (L) and Tristan Stubbs celebrate their victory

they are serious title contenders again, emerging top of a potentially tricky Group D that contained New Zealand and Afghanistan.

There was a nasty moment

in the 16th over when the UAE's Alishan Sharafu was hit flush on the peak of his helmet by a Corbin Bosch bouncer that saw parts of the headgear go flying.

The batsman was cleared to

Scorecard

South Africa 123 for 4 (Brevis 36, Ricketton 30, Arfan 1-16) beat UAE 122 for 6 (Sharafu 45, Bosch 3-12, Nortje 2-28) by six wickets

continue after a concussion check and slashed Bosch's next delivery to deep third man where it fell just short of Anrich Nortje but squirmed under him and went for four.

The moment encapsulated an uncharacteristically sloppy fielding performance by South Africa in the dead-rubber match.

They spilled four straightforward chances in the outfield and Markram acknowledged they will need to be sharper against India.

'This is only the beginning'

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's Ibrahim Al Tamimi has expressed his satisfaction following his standout performance at the Barcelona Half Marathon, where he finished 43rd among more than 36,000 runners, clocking 1:03:25 – the fastest time ever recorded by a Bahraini athlete at the event.

Speaking after the race, Al Tamimi described the result as an important milestone in his progression. "I am very happy with this achievement," he said. "I thank HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa for their continued support, as well as the Royal Guard, who were my official sponsors.

This achievement is not the end of the road, but the beginning as I prepare for upcoming races, including the night marathon. Inshallah, the next step will be even better."

Al Tamimi noted the high level of competition in Barcelona, highlighting the presence of world-class distance run-



ners, including cross-country champions and athletes with elite half marathon credentials. He added that the strong field and challenging conditions made the performance more meaningful and provided added motivation to continue improving.

Beyond the personal result, Al Tamimi emphasised that his participation carries a broader purpose. He hopes his performance will encourage young Bahrainis to pursue sport and competitive running, with the aim of seeing future athletes represent the Kingdom at the highest levels in the Gulf and internationally.

Rybakina retires in Dubai, Anisimova and Andreeva set up last eight clash

AFP | Dubai

well as Victoria Mboko and Barbora Krejcikova, in retiring or withdrawing from the WTA 1000 event.

Ruzic, who in the first round eliminated 2021 US Open winner Emma Raducanu, has reached the first WTA 1000 quarter-final of her career.

"It was actually a crazy story that I got in as a lucky loser because I lost the first round of qualification," Ruzic said.

"A lot of girls had amazing runs from the lucky losers because you get a second chance so you have nothing to lose anymore. You can just show your best tennis. I'm happy with how I played today."



er Youssef Habib helpless. The goal set the tone, with a packed stadium and vocal home support creating an intimidating atmosphere.

The Iraqi side doubled their advantage in the 53rd minute. Rostam turned provider with a precise midfield pass splitting Sitra's defence, and Amjad Kadhim ran onto it before calmly finishing into an empty net, exploiting Habib's poor positioning.

Cavafe had not touched the ball in a challenge on Edilson Borba De Aquino. Attwan converted to make it 3-1.

Sitra added a late consolation in the final moments. After another VAR review, Al Matari was taken down in the box and calmly converted the resulting penalty to make it 3-2, which proved to be the final act of the campaign.

With the result, Zakho secured top spot in Group A with 13 points and qualification to the next stage, while Kuwait's Qadsia moved into second with 10 points after defeating Al Ain and also advanced to the knockout rounds. Al Ain finished third with 9 points, and Sitra remained bottom with two points.

The result closes Sitra's Gulf Club campaign, marked by moments of promise but an inability to turn them into victories. Ali Abdulmajed's team now turns focus to the Nasser Bin Hamad Premier League to regroup for the remainder of the season.

Sitra's Gulf Campaign Ends in Defeat

Hussain Almaskati

TDT | Manama

Sitra's 2025-26 AGCFF Gulf Club Champions League campaign concluded with a 3-2 loss away to Iraq's Zakho at Zakho International Stadium last night.

The Bahraini side had already been eliminated following a 1-0 defeat to Al Ain, leaving them bottom of Group A heading into the final match. Despite showing resilience in earlier fixtures, including draws against Al Qadsia and Zakho, Sitra could not secure a win and finished their campaign with two points from six matches.

In yesterday's encounter, Zakho opened the scoring in the 28th minute through Asso Rostam. Sherko Kareem found space on the left and delivered a low cross into the box, brushing off pressure from Maicon Douglas. Rostam met the ball with a perfectly timed header into the corner, leaving Sitra goalkeep-

Russell edges Piastri on day one

Russell sets blistering pace as Formula 1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2026 resumes at BIC

● Mercedes star goes a mere one-hundredths of a second quicker than McLaren's Oscar Piastri to top day one times

Manama

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) was bustling with activity yesterday as Formula 1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2026 resumed with the first of three final days of running.

Mercedes superstar George Russell pipped his McLaren counterpart Oscar Piastri by a mere one-hundredth of a second to top the overall timesheet. Both drivers hit the tarmac for the cooler evening runs along BIC's 5.412-kilometre track to shine brightest under lights.

Russell posted a pace-setting best lap time of 1min 33.459secs while logging a day one best of 76 laps after taking over for teammate Kimi Antonelli, who tested in the morning in their F1 W17 car.

Piastri ranked right behind Russell on times and completed 70 laps in McLaren's MCL40 car.

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc steered his SF-26 to third on the classification from 21st, respectively, were Alexander Albon (+2.231s) for Williams, Liam Lawson (+2.294s) in Racing Bulls's VCARB 03, Oliver Bearman (+2.319s) in Haas's VF-26, Pierre Gasly (+2.439s) for Alpine, Lance Stroll (+2.515s) in Aston Martin's AMR26, Esteban Ocon (+2.959s) for Haas, Fernando Alonso (+3.077s) for Aston Martin, Nico Hulkenberg (+3.282s) for Audi, Arvid Lindblad (+3.310s) for Racing Bulls, and the Cadillac pair of Valt-



day and he finished sixth, 0.801s from the top, although only registered 66 laps in his RB22.

Completing the top 10 were Ferrari's Lewis Hamilton (+0.840s), Williams's Carlos Sainz (+1.654s) in the team's FW48, Franco Colapinto (+1.795s) in Alpine's A526, and Gabriel Bortoleto (+1.804s) behind the wheel of his Audi R26.

Rounding off the day's classification from 11th through 21st, respectively, were Alexander Albon (+2.231s) for Williams, Liam Lawson (+2.294s) in Racing Bulls's VCARB 03, Oliver Bearman (+2.319s) in Haas's VF-



teri Bottas (+3.339s) and Sergio Perez (+4.732s) in their CA01

days of the F1 teams' on-track preparations ahead of the first grand prix of the 2026 FIA F1 World Championship, to be held in Melbourne, Australia, next month.

F1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2026 continues Thursday and Friday (Editor's note: 19 and 20 February) at 'The Home of Mot-

orsport in the Middle East'. It will mark the last two



Day One Results - Second Bahrain Testing

George Russell (Mercedes)	1:33.459 (76 laps)
Oscar Piastri (McLaren)	1:33.469 (70 laps)
Charles Leclerc (Ferrari)	1:33.739 (70 laps)
Lando Norris (McLaren)	1:34.052 (54 laps)
Kimi Antonelli (Mercedes)	1:34.158 (69 laps)
Isack Hadjar (Red Bull)	1:34.260 (66 laps)
Lewis Hamilton (Ferrari)	1:34.299 (44 laps)
Carlos Sainz (Williams)	1:35.113 (55 laps)
Franco Colapinto (Alpine)	1:35.254 (60 laps)
Gabriel Bortoleto (Audi)	1:35.263 (71 laps)
Alexander Albon (Williams)	1:35.690 (55 laps)
Liam Lawson (Racing Bulls)	1:35.753 (61 laps)
Oliver Bearman (Haas)	1:35.778 (42 laps)
Pierre Gasly (Alpine)	1:35.898 (61 laps)
Lance Stroll (Aston Martin)	1:35.974 (26 laps)
Esteban Ocon (Haas)	1:36.418 (65 laps)
Fernando Alonso (Aston Martin)	1:36.536 (28 laps)
Nico Hulkenberg (Audi)	1:36.741 (49 laps)
Arvid Lindblad (Racing Bulls)	1:36.769 (75 laps)
Valtteri Bottas (Cadillac)	1:36.798 (35 laps)
Sergio Perez (Cadillac)	1:38.191 (24 laps)

close at 7pm on both days.

Tickets per open day of F1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2026 cost BD10 for adults and BD5 for children. To buy tickets or to get more information, visit the circuit's official website bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.

Exclusive hospitality packages are also on offer by BIC for

the two public days. These feature the best views of the action along with exceptional food and hospitality in an elegant setting. The hospitality lounge is located right above the F1 pit lane.

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BIC to hold F1 Pit Lane Walk for fans attending F1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2026

● Exclusive fan-engagement activity scheduled for 2.05pm to 2.50pm on both today and tomorrow

● Tickets to F1 testing cost BD10 for adults and BD5 for kids for each open day

● BIC gates scheduled to open at 11am on both days and close at 7pm

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East', announced yesterday that all those attending both open days of Formula 1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2026 today and tomorrow will be able to enjoy an exciting fan-engagement experience with an F1 Pit Lane Walk. This exclusive activity is scheduled



from 2.05pm to 2.50pm on both days and all ticket holders will be able to enjoy the pit walk at no extra cost.

Fans should note that, due to teams working on the cars during the testing period, some of the garages maybe screened off on the pitlane side during

the pitlane walk.

BIC will be opening its gates to the public today and tomorrow at 11am and they will close at 7pm.

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Fans attending on both open days will also get to enjoy a series of off-track attractions, including dynamic racing simulators, a Batak reaction game, and a stick catching game.

The racing simulators offer motor-sport enthusiasts the chance to step into the world of speed and adrenaline and feel every turn and acceleration along an F1 track in a virtual setting.

The Batak and stick catching games will be putting fans' reflexes to the test,

challenging hand-and-eye coordination in a pair of activities that F1's superstar drivers practice regularly to keep their skills razor sharp.

Aside from these, fans visiting BIC during testing will also have the chance to see a display of the new 2026 F1 car in its special Bahrain livery.

This year's F1 pre-season tests mark the sixth consecutive year that Sakhir has been selected as the venue for F1's most important preparation period ahead of the new world championship. Testing was first held in Bahrain in 2009 and then again in 2014. They have since taken place in Bahrain each year from 2021.

The tests will pave the way for the start of the new season, which will kick off with the Australian Grand Prix weekend, scheduled for 6 to 8 March. F1's star drivers and teams will then continue their battles with races in China and Japan, before returning to the Kingdom for the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026 from 10 to 12 April – the fourth round of the 24-race world championship.