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LMRA steps up nationwide campaigns

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) carried out 1,222 inspection campaigns and visits across Bahrain between May 10 and 16, 2026, resulting in the detention of 30 irregular workers and the deportation of 83 others.

The operations included 1,186 inspection visits to shops across all governorates and 36 joint campaigns conducted in coordination with government entities.

LMRA said the campaigns targeted violations of labour and residency laws, and legal action was taken against offenders.

Faster land certificate process

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Survey and Land Registration Bureau has upgraded its "survey certificate request" service into a fully digital system as part of ongoing government efforts to improve service quality and streamline procedures.

The enhanced service allows individuals and surveying offices to submit all applications electronically, significantly reducing processing time from five working days to three.

According to the bureau, the upgrade also automated application procedures and data submission, cutting service level agreement timelines by more than 25 percent and ensuring full availability through digital channels.

Data Protection Milestone

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The Nasser Scientific and Technical Center has obtained the international ISO/IEC 27001:2022 certification for Information Security Management Systems for 2026, within the scope of its artificial intelligence research and development activities.

The certification reflects the center's ongoing commitment to global best practices in information security, data protection, and the quality of procedures linked to AI development.

Eid Grant Ordered

Funds to be distributed to Royal Humanitarian Foundation families for Eid preparations

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Honorary President of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF), has directed the disbursement of the Eid al-Adha financial grant for 1447H (2026) to all families under the Foundation's care.

The royal instructions also called on the RHF to ensure the timely distribution of the grant so beneficiary families can meet their needs and prepare for the upcoming Eid al-Adha celebrations.

On the occasion, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of the King for Humanitarian Works

and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the RHF Board of Trustees, expressed gratitude to the King for his continued humanitarian support.

HH Sheikh Nasser said the annual grants reflect the King's commitment to supporting RHF families and sharing in their celebrations, ensuring the families are ready for the festive period. He prayed for His Majesty's continued health and well-being.

The Acting Secretary-General of the RHF, Eng. Ebrahim Dalhan Al Dosari, said the Eid grant embodies the King's vision of comprehensive humanitarian care and his efforts to bring joy to sponsored families.



Gulf Air Restores 75% of its Global Network

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Gulf Air announced a near-full return to normal operations, with 75% of its global network and destinations reinstated.

Over the past several weeks, the airline has gradually resumed services across the Middle East, Europe, Indian Subcontinent, and Africa, resuming services to more destinations and reconnecting an increasing number of passengers through the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Gulf Air confirmed that flight frequency continues to grow, with services now operating across 40 destinations in 24 countries, representing 75% of network, underlining the airline's swift and structured return to full operations.

Gulf Air continues to add flights and increase daily frequencies across its network in a phased approach leading to full restoration by 1 June 2026.

Martin Gauss, Gulf Air Chief Executive Officer, commented: "The way our people have delivered continuity for our customers during this period has been nothing short of remarkable."

To support passengers, Gulf Air is offering one complimentary date change for all customers with confirmed bookings until 30 June 2026, with rebooking available until 31 March 2027. Additionally, Gulf Air has extended FalconFlyer miles, loyalty points and tiers due to expire in March, April and May 2026 to 30 June 2026.

IMF Discusses Bahrain's Growth and Diversification Drive

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received Dr Jihad Azour, the Director of the Middle East and Central Asia Department at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), at Gudaibiya Palace.

His Royal Highness affirmed that Bahrain's commitment to economic diversification and openness has played a key role in advancing the Kingdom's economic and financial development, strengthening its position as a dynamic regional and international hub for these sectors.

HRH the Crown Prince and



Prime Minister outlined that Bahrain continues to implement its development plans to promote sustainable growth and create quality opportunities,

supporting the Kingdom's wider economic efforts and goals.

During the meeting, they also discussed mutual interests and the latest regional and interna-

tional economic developments. His Excellency Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, Minister of Cabinet Affairs, also attended the meeting.

Bahrain Condemns Attacks

Reaffirms stance on regional stability and diplomatic engagement

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chaired the weekly Cabinet Meeting at Gudaibiya Palace.

The Cabinet welcomed the outcomes of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's meeting with HE Lieutenant-General Abdel Fattah Al Burhan, Chairman of the Transitional Sovereignty Council of the Republic of the Sudan, during his visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Marking the 45th anniversary of the establishment of the GCC-Council, the Cabinet extended its congratulations to HM



HRH Prince Salman with the Deputy Prime Minister, His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, and H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior

The Cabinet also commended the efforts of the defence, security and all relevant authorities, which resulted in the completion of maintenance works and the containment of damages sustained by the Gulf Petro-

chemical Industries Company (GPIC) facility due to the hostile Iranian aggression.

The Cabinet also expressed its thanks to nearby residents for their cooperation.

The Cabinet condemned and

denounced the blatant terrorist attack targeting the security and stability of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia using three drones launched from Iraqi airspace, as well as the terrorist drone attack against the United Arab Emirates, which caused a fire along the perimeter of the Barakah Nuclear Power Plant in the Al Dhafra region.

The Cabinet also condemned the terrorist plot linked to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), which sought to undermine the State of Kuwait's security and stability through an unlawful maritime infiltration attempt via its territorial waters aimed at carrying out hostile acts against the country.

120 Years of Faith and Coexistence Marked in Bahrain

Church anniversary celebration coincides with 'Year of Isa Al Kabeer'

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On behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa attended the celebration marking the 120th anniversary of the National Evangelical Church in the Kingdom of Bahrain, organised in cooperation with the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence.

At the beginning of the ceremony, HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad conveyed His Majesty the King's greetings and appreciation to participants, praising the celebration of 120 years of the church's presence in Bahrain.

He noted that the occasion co-

incides with the royal directive naming this year as the "Year of Isa Al Kabeer" in honour of Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, recognised as the founder of Bahrain's modern state and a leader of institutional development in the Kingdom.

HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad said the celebration reflects Bahrain's long-standing values of coexistence and tolerance among civilisations and religions, highlighting the Kingdom's historic role as a land of peace, love, religious harmony and cultural diversity.

He affirmed that under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Bahrain continues to stand as a nation of progress, civilisations, religions and cultures, where



all communities living in the Kingdom enjoy an atmosphere of peace, respect and religious tolerance.

HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad also highlighted that the warm reception, the speeches

delivered during the ceremony and the participation of senior officials, religious leaders and church representatives reflected the strong ties shared with Bahrain, its leadership, and its people.



Bahrain Airport Services announces 'Friend' sponsorship of CPISP

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Bahrain Airport Services (BAS) has been announced as a "Friends Category" sponsor of the Crown Prince's International Scholarship Program (CPISP), underscoring growing private-sector support for the Kingdom's youth development initiatives.

The announcement was made during a meeting attended by His Excellency Shaikh Mohammed bin Essa Al Khalifa, Advisor for Political and Economic Affairs at the Court of the Crown Prince and Head of the Financial and Administrative Committee of CPISP, and Na-

beel Khalid Kanoo, Chairman of Bahrain Airport Services.

The sponsorship reflects BAS's continued commitment to social responsibility, focusing on empowering young Bahrainis and supporting educational advancement through one of the Kingdom's flagship scholarship programmes.

Role

Shaikh Mohammed bin Essa Al Khalifa praised CPISP's role in advancing Bahrain's educational pathway and investing in the development of highly skilled national talent prepared for future challenges.

He highlighted the continued



H.E. Shaikh Mohammed bin Essa Al Khalifa, right, with Nabeel Khalid Kanoo

support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, describing it as central to the programme's success and its contribution to long-term sustainable development goals.

He also commended CPISP sponsors for strengthening the program's impact, noting their contribution in enabling high-achieving Bahraini students to access world-class educational opportunities and return to serve national development.

Urges 'One Health' Action

Food Security, AI Focus in Bahrain's Paris Address

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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture, H.E. Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, said on Monday that the kingdom is strengthening its food security and veterinary systems amid rising global health and environmental challenges, during a meeting of the World Organisation for Animal Health in Paris.

Al Mubarak was speaking at the 93rd General Session of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), which brought together regional committee heads, international and regional organisations, and experts in animal health and global health security.

In his address, the minister said that Bahrain, under the leadership of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, continues to advance its national food security framework, upgrade veterinary services, and improve inspection and regulatory systems in line with sustainable development goals.

He praised the WOAH for its role in developing international standards, strengthening member state capacities, and supporting global efforts



H.E. Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak speaks at the event

to address animal diseases, zoonotic infections, and antimicrobial resistance.

The minister warned that the world faces accelerating risks from biological threats, climate change, shifts in global trade, and growing demand for animal-based food products. He stressed the importance of the "One Health" approach, linking animal, human, and environmental health to improve the prevention of health crises.

He added that Bahrain is prioritising the development of veterinary services, early warning and surveillance systems, and biosecurity frameworks, while investing in digital transformation and artificial intelligence to enhance disease monitoring, risk analysis, and rapid response capabilities.

GCC tariff system applied

A 100-dinar threshold has been introduced for duties and VAT charges

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Bahrain's Customs Affairs announced updated rules on customs duties for personal shipments and postal parcels, aligning with a unified customs system across the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) by introducing new thresholds and tax conditions for imported goods.

The revised regulations apply to incoming personal consignments and postal packages, as part of broader legal amendments to the GCC's unified customs framework, aimed at standardising procedures across member states.

Under the new rules, ship-

ments valued at 100 Bahraini dinars or more will be subject to customs duties, plus a 10% value-added tax (VAT), depending on the goods type and the approved customs tariff schedule.

Customs Affairs Bahrain said the measures align with internationally recognised best practices in managing and clearing personal shipments and postal parcels.

The authority added that the updated procedures are designed to improve efficiency, speed up clearance times, and enhance accuracy in customs processing, while responding to the rapid growth of e-commerce and cross-border postal traffic.



UN Warns of Biodiversity Crisis

Bahrain highlights progress in afforestation and marine conservation

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The United Nations has called for urgent global action to protect biodiversity, warning that climate change, pollution, and the overuse of natural resources are pushing ecosystems towards crisis and threatening food security and livelihoods worldwide.

Marking the International Day for Biological Diversity, the UN said accelerated implementation of the Kunming-Montre-

al Global Biodiversity Framework is essential, stressing that governments, businesses, and communities must work together to restore and safeguard nature through coordinated efforts.

The warning comes as countries intensify efforts to meet biodiversity targets amid rising environmental pressures, including habitat loss and marine degradation.

In Bahrain, biodiversity and environmental sustainability have become key elements of

national policy, with expanded marine conservation initiatives and large-scale afforestation programmes aimed at strengthening ecosystem resilience.

A recent subregional dialogue under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) held in Bahrain highlighted the need to improve biodiversity monitoring, reporting systems, and regional cooperation across Western Asia, while also addressing gaps in financing and technical capacity.

The kingdom has advanced its

environmental agenda through the National Afforestation Plan and the Bahrain Mangroves Initiative, with officials reporting the planting of 2.45 million trees and early achievement of mangrove targets.

The Supreme Council for the Environment (SCE), operating under the slogan "We salute the heritage, we protect the sea," has also introduced stricter marine protection measures, including efforts to reduce plastic pollution by promoting biodegradable fishing gear.

Bahrain to Host First DEFCON Middle East

Event to connect young talent with global cybersecurity experts

● Focus on developing cyber talent

● Emphasis on human expertise in security

● Access for students to global experts

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Hasan Barakat

Bahrain has secured the hosting rights for the first-ever DEFCON Middle East conference, marking the regional debut of one of the world's most influential cybersecurity gatherings.

The agreement was signed between the National Cyber Security Center and DEFCON during a ceremony held in Manama.

This move represents DEFCON's first expansion into the Middle East, bringing the global cybersecurity and ethical hacking community to the Kingdom.

Officials said the decision underscores Bahrain's growing ambition to position itself as a regional hub for cybersecurity



Officials sign the agreement announcing Bahrain as host of the first-ever DEFCON Middle East conference

innovation, talent development and international collaboration.

Shaikh Salman bin Mohamed Al Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer of the National Cyber Security Center, said the partnership would help develop a new generation of cyber professionals across the region.

He said cybersecurity is no longer limited to technology systems alone, it increasingly

depends on human expertise capable of protecting critical digital infrastructure.

"We always talk about advanced systems and technologies, but human expertise remains the most important element," he said, adding that the conference would give students and young professionals access to global experts and emerging technologies.

Bahrain stands out as a key connector for cybersecurity collaboration across the GCC region,"

JEFF MOSS, DEFCON FOUNDER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DEFCON founder and chief executive Jeff Moss said Bahrain was selected not only for the event itself but also for its strategic role as a connector within the Gulf region.

"I think of Bahrain as a connector to the GCC," he said.

Moss said the event is designed as a hands-on learning platform, allowing participants to explore cybersecurity tools using open-source technologies without financial barriers.

He added that the Bahrain edition is expected to include specialised tracks covering artificial intelligence, aviation, satellites, maritime systems, aerospace, automotive security and biohacking.

Electric Bikes Proposed for Delivery Firms

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Mohammed Darwish

A proposal before Parliament would push delivery firms in Bahrain towards electric cars and bikes. MP Ahmed Al Salloom warned that the rise in even the smallest delivery orders adds to emissions, noise and pressure on roads.

The proposal, led by Mr Al Salloom, asks the government to study cleaner transport for delivery companies to cut fuel use, reduce carbon emissions and lower noise in built-up areas.

The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications told the committee it was preparing new rules for delivery services as part of wider changes tied to public transport. The ministry said it was preparing several draft decisions before sending them to the relevant authorities, ministerial committees and the Cabinet.

Those decisions would regulate delivery services in greater detail, requiring companies to work with licensed providers of car rental and electric transport, including electric bikes. Firms using electric vehicles would also receive incentives, including lower fees for issuing operating permit cards for electric bikes than for motorbikes, to encourage cleaner delivery work.

Mr Al Salloom told The Daily Tribune that delivery companies had become part of even the smallest orders.

"This is an important point," he said. "Delivery companies now



"We need to organise delivery by area to reduce traffic and congestion, better route planning can significantly cut unnecessary road movement."

AHMED AL SALLOOM, MP

move in every direction. Everything people order, even something as small as a packet of gum, arrives through delivery vehicles. This growth has a direct effect on the environment, on emissions and on the growing pressure on roads.'

He said the number of motorbikes used for delivery was rising and that a gradual move to electric vehicles should start with new firms applying for licences.

"We see large numbers of motorbikes today, and they are constantly increasing," he said. "Their spread in this way does not help the environment or Bahrain. A gradual move towards electric bikes and vehicles, especially for new companies seeking licences, would be cheaper to run, less noisy and smoother on the roads."

Mr Al Salloom said electric vehicles would also allow delivery work to be better organised by area, cutting needless trips across busy roads.

Doctors Warn of Dehydration Risks During Hajj

Studies link long walking hours and high temperatures to fluid imbalance risks

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Clinical studies from Hajj healthcare facilities consistently show that heat-related illnesses rank among the most common medical presentations during the pilgrimage, with dehydration and fluid imbalance emerging as key contributing factors.

In a discussion with The Daily Tribune, urologist Dr. Mahmoud Sharaf noted that the risk of dehydration and kidney stone formation is further heightened during Hajj due to prolonged walking, high temperatures and heavy sweating. Many pilgrims also unintentionally increase their risk by limiting fluid intake to avoid frequent urination during rituals.

As urine output declines, min-



"Good hydration and a balanced diet are key to preventing kidney stones."

DR. MAHMOUD SHARAF, UROGENITAL SURGEON, ENDO-UROLOGIST, FEBU (INT.)

erals such as calcium, oxalate and uric acid become more concentrated, increasing the likelihood of crystal formation. Over time, these may develop into stones, leading to severe flank pain, urinary blockage, nausea or infection.

He stressed that hydration should be steady rather than excessive. "Small, frequent sips of water are far better tol-

erated than large volumes taken at once, particularly during long hours of movement and heat exposure," he said.

For individuals with existing urological conditions—including urinary tract infections, kidney stones, ureteric stents, benign prostatic enlargement or indwelling catheters—dehydration can trigger sudden deterioration and acute complications.

He added that a simple but reliable hydration check is urine colour: pale yellow indicates adequate hydration, while darker concentrated output signals dehydration.



Limit caffeine and avoid some antihistamines/decongestants.

Seek urgent care for urinary retention, fever or blood in urine.

Keep catheter bags below bladder level and maintain hygiene.

Isa Town Market Sees Eid Rush

Tailoring shops halt new orders amid the festive shopping rush

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Ghadeer Alkumaish

Isa Town market is witnessing a sharp rise in activity ahead of Eid Al Adha, with tailoring shops reporting heavy demand and some already closing their order lists.

Shop owners say customers are preparing earlier this year, leading several tailoring businesses to stop accepting new orders days before the festive period begins.

The seasonal rush has also highlighted changing fashion trends, with many shoppers choosing lighter fabrics such as chiffon and crepe to suit Bahrain's summer weather and long family gatherings during Eid.

Despite the shift toward lightweight materials, velvet continues to attract customers seeking



more traditional and formal Eid outfits.

Vendors say Eid shopping has become busier each year as residents increasingly combine comfort with modern fashion choices while maintaining traditional styles.

As Eid approaches, Isa Town market continues to reflect the festive spirit, with growing crowds, rising demand and evolving fashion preferences shaping this year's celebrations.

From
The Court

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Rehab Mohammad

15 Years for Man Behind CBD Smuggling Network

Bahrain's Court of Cassation upheld prison sentences against two Asian nationals convicted in a drug trafficking case involving narcotics hidden inside containers labelled as dog shampoo.

The court sentenced the main defendant, 23, to 15 years in prison and fined him BD5,000 for importing and trafficking narcotic and psychotropic substances. A second defendant received six months in prison and a BD100 fine for possession and personal use.

The case began after customs officers at the postal shipments

department became suspicious of two parcels sent from Asian countries to the first defendant. Inspections revealed liquid substances concealed inside bottles, including containers marked as dog shampoo.

Laboratory tests later confirmed the substances contained CBD narcotics.

Investigators said the suspects were part of an organised network importing drugs through air cargo using sophisticated concealment methods, including hiding narcotics inside nutritional supple-

ments and personal care products to avoid customs detection.

During a search of the main suspect's residence, authorities seized narcotic pills, an electronic smoking device and cash suspected to be linked to drug sales. Additional quantities of liquid CBD substances were also found at the second defendant's residence.

Authorities said financial investigations uncovered suspicious international transactions between 2019 and 2024 amounting to around BD1.742 million, allegedly linked to the trafficking operation.

Two Defendants Referred to Criminal Court in Human Trafficking Cases

The Head of the Human Trafficking Prosecution announced that the Public Prosecution completed its investigations into two human trafficking cases and ordered the referral of the defendants in both cases to the High Criminal Court while they remain in custody pending trial.

In the first case, the victim arrived in the Kingdom of Bahrain to work as a domestic worker. However, after her ar-

rival, the defendant allegedly subjected her to forced labor and withheld part of her wages for several months without justification.

In the second case, the Public Prosecution received a report from the Human Trafficking Unit at the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science. The report stated that the defendant exploited the victim, forcing her into illegal activities for money through threats and intimidat-

tion.

The Public Prosecution launched investigations into both cases, heard testimonies from the victims and witnesses, and ordered the victims placed in a shelter affiliated with the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking. After completing the investigations and collecting evidence against the defendants, both were referred to criminal trial while in custody. The cases are scheduled to be heard later this month.

Gulf Security Is One and Indivisible

Shura Council Speaker Condemns Terror Attacks Threatening Stability

Rehab Mohammad
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Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Speaker of the Shura Council, condemned the recent drone attacks targeting Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates,

reaffirming Bahrain's full solidarity with the two Gulf nations.

In separate cables sent to Saudi and UAE parliamentary leaders, Al Saleh described the attacks as dangerous escalations that threaten regional security

and stability and violate international law and United Nations resolutions.

The Shura Council speaker condemned the attack involving three drones launched from Iraqi airspace toward Saudi Arabia, stressing Bahrain's unwaver-

ing support for all measures the kingdom takes to safeguard its security, territorial integrity and citizens.

He also denounced the drone attack near the Barakah Nuclear Power Plant in the UAE, describing it as a criminal act

targeting civilian and vital facilities.

Al Saleh praised the efficiency and readiness of Saudi and UAE air defence systems for intercepting and destroying the drones, saying the swift response reflected both countries'



Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh

strong defensive capabilities and commitment to protecting national security.

MPs condemn drone attacks on Saudi Arabia, UAE as threat to Gulf security

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Bahraini MPs strongly condemned recent drone attacks targeting Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, describing them as a threat to Gulf security and a violation of international law.

The statements came after Saudi Arabia intercepted three drones entering its airspace from Iraq, while the UAE reported a drone-related fire outside the inner perimeter of the Barakah nuclear power plant in Al Dhafra.



MP Waleed Al Doseri, a member of Parliament's Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee, described the attacks as a "dangerous escalation" threatening regional stability and breaching international law and principles of good neighbourliness.

He stressed that Gulf states' security was interconnected,

calling for a firm international stance against hostile and terrorist acts targeting the region.

Fellow committee member Maryam Al Sayegh said the attacks were "hostile and terrorist acts" posing a direct threat to the stability of Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

She reaffirmed Bahrain's support for both coun-



Waleed Al Doseri, MP



Maryam Al Sayegh, MP



Abdulla Al Dhaen, MP

tries and said GCC security remained "one indivisible whole".

Meanwhile, MP Abdulla Al Dhaen condemned the attacks as "cowardly terrorist acts", saying

the targeting of civilian and strategic sites represented a clear violation of state sovereignty and regional security.

He affirmed Parliament's sol-

idarity with Saudi Arabia and the UAE against any threats to their stability and the safety of citizens and residents.

Proposal for UoB Kindergarten Certificate

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A proposal to introduce a new qualification for kindergarten and nursery workers at University of Bahrain has won backing from Parliament's Services Committee, as efforts continue to strengthen early childhood education in Bahrain.

The university said a Level 5 certificate would be more suitable than a traditional diploma for those entering the sector, particularly school-leavers seeking



Jaleela Alawi, Chairwoman of the Services Committee

recognised training in childcare and classroom practice.

According to the proposal, the programme will cover child development, play-based learning, activity planning and practical training inside approved kindergartens.

The university added that Mohammed Jaber Al Ansari College for Teachers, in coordination with the Ministry of Education, is preparing the course for launch in September 2026.

A Level 6 qualification is also planned for those seeking supervisory and management positions in early childhood education, creating a pathway from entry-level training to senior roles.

The programme will be taught in Arabic and English, with Bahraini applicants receiving priority during admissions coordinated with the ministry.

MPs Push Job Return Right for Unfairly Dismissed Workers

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A group of Bahraini MPs has proposed a legal amendment allowing courts to order the reinstatement of workers found to have been unfairly dismissed from their jobs.

The draft amendment, submitted by MP Zainab AbdulAmeer and four other lawmakers, seeks to revise Article 104 of Bahrain's Private Sector Labour Law issued under Law No. 36 of 2012.

Under the proposal, courts would be granted direct authority to return dismissed employees to their positions once arbitrary

dismissal is proven and requested by the worker.

AbdulAmeer said the amendment was intended to provide workers with greater protection and fairness, arguing that financial compensation alone

was often insufficient to address the damage caused by losing employment.

Stability

She said job security is closely linked to social and financial stability, particularly for workers supporting families, paying loans, and managing household expenses.

The explanatory memorandum accompanying the proposal warned that sudden unemployment could lead to debt, legal disputes and broader social and psychological pressures on families.



Zainab AbdulAmeer, MP



Parliament's Services Committee said the proposal would help raise education standards and expand career opportunities for young Bahrainis.

Nurse Jailed 10 Years for Embezzling BHD 25,750

Rehab Mohammad
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The court upheld a 10-year prison sentence against a nurse convicted of exploiting a paralyzed patient and embezzling BHD 25,750 through

electronic banking fraud. The sentence also includes a fine and deportation order.

The High Criminal Court of Appeal (First Circuit) confirmed the verdict, which also imposes a BHD 5,000 fine and orders the defendant's deportation upon

completion of her sentence.

According to case details, the nurse unlawfully took the victim's mobile phone and used the Digital payment system linked to his bank account to carry out a series of unauthorised transfers.

Prosecutors said the total stolen amount reached BHD 25,750, which was initially transferred into the defendant's local bank account before being moved to her home country in Asia. She later returned BHD 3,500 of the funds.

The Public Prosecution stated that the defendant used the victim's electronic verification code, which functions as a digital authentication signature, to access and authorise transactions fraudulently.

She also entered false data into

the electronic payment system to complete the transfers.

The case dates back to 2025, when the victim's son noticed multiple large transactions from his father's account during September and October, prompting a report to authorities.

Grand Opening of Indian Club Badminton Championship



The Indian Club-Guideline Open Badminton Tournament was officially inaugurated in a grand ceremony in Manama attended by distinguished guests, officials, sponsors, and sports enthusiasts. The event featured symbolic dove releases, highlighting messages of peace and unity, and is dedicated to national leadership and the country's security forces. With more than 300 players from Bahrain and Saudi Arabia participating, the tournament will conclude on Friday with the finals and a prize distribution ceremony. (By Pradeep Puravankara)

Prayers And Prosperity



Married women of the Bahrain Odia Samaj (BOS) gathered in Manama on Saturday to observe Sabitri Pooja, praying for the well-being, protection, prosperity, and longevity of their husbands. Rooted in the legendary Hindu mythological tale of Sabitri and Satyavan, the Sabitri Brata reflects the unwavering love, sacrifice, and spiritual strength of a devoted wife. The festival holds unique importance in the Indian state of Odisha, beautifully blending Puranic traditions with local customs. For Odia women, the day embodies devotion, love, and cultural identity. (By Pradeep Puravankara)

ONE App wins two prestigious awards

The Digital Banker's Global Digital CX Awards 2026

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ONE App, powered by Al Salam Bank, has been awarded two prestigious accolades across the Middle East at The Digital Banker's Digital CX Awards 2026, one of the world's leading global programs dedicated to assessing customer experience excellence across the financial services industry, namely "Best LendTech for Digital CX - Personal Finance (Middle East)" and "Outstanding Digital CX in Banking App/



Mr. Haitham Al Haddad, General Manager of ONE App

Platform".

This recognition comes following a highly competitive assessment cycle that received over 1,600 submissions from more than 200 financial institutions worldwide, highlighting the scale and significance of this achievement.

ONE App continues to set new benchmarks in digital financial services through its fully integrated, mobile-first ecosystem. The platform delivers seamless user experience by combining instant financing, AI-driven fi-

ancial insights, open banking capabilities, and digital investment solutions within a single intuitive application.

According to the official evaluation, ONE App has distinguished itself by offering a fully paperless lending journey with real-time approvals and disbursements completed in under five minutes, alongside advanced personalization and inclusive financial features tailored to diverse user needs.

Mr. Haitham Al Haddad, General Manager of ONE App, said:

"Winning these awards reflects our continued commitment to redefining digital financial experiences. ONE App represents a significant milestone in our journey to deliver fast, intuitive, and customer-centric financial solutions that are aligned with evolving user expectations.

We remain focused on leveraging advanced technologies to enhance accessibility, drive financial inclusion, and deliver meaningful value through innovative, Sharia-compliant offerings." The platform has demon-

strated strong market impact, processing over 200,000 digital financing applications while achieving significant operational efficiencies, including a reduction in processing costs by up to 90%, reflecting both scalability and performance.

As digital transformation continues to reshape the financial landscape, ONE App remains at the forefront of innovation, continuously enhancing its capabilities to deliver a smarter, more inclusive, and seamless digital banking experience.

BisB CEO honoured with AI Leadership Award

Manama

Ms. Fatema Al Alawi, Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), received the "AI-Supportive CEOs Award" in recognition of her role in advancing artificial intelligence and digital transformation initiatives in the banking sector.

Dr. Jassim Haji, President of the International Group of Artificial Intelligence, presented the award during a ceremony honouring executives who have contributed to the adoption of AI technologies across various sectors.

Organisers said the annual award recognises chief executives who support innovation, digital transformation and the integration of artificial intelligence into institutional strate-



gies, helping strengthen competitiveness at both local and regional levels. This year's edition honoured

the chief executives of four banks for their efforts to promote AI-driven initiatives and accelerate the adoption of smart technologies within the financial sector. The event also included a special recognition for Hassan Fakhro for his continued support and contributions to the development of AI-related initiatives.

BisB said the recognition reflects the bank's commitment to expanding the use of artificial intelligence to enhance institutional performance and develop smart Islamic banking solutions aligned with Sharia principles.

The bank added that it aims to continue supporting Bahrain's wider economic and development goals through innovation and the advancement of a sustainable knowledge-based economy.

Adani to pay \$275 mn settlement to US over alleged Iran violations

Washington, United States

One of Indian billionaire industrialist Gautam Adani's companies will pay the United States \$275 million to settle a probe into whether it violated Washington's sanctions against Iran, the US Treasury said in a statement yesterday.

The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) said the agreement had been reached with Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL), part of the magnate's sprawling multinational conglomerate of companies.

"AEL agreed to settle its potential civil liability for 32 apparent violations of OFAC's Iran sanctions," the Treasury said, pointing to AEL's purchases of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) between November 2023 and June 2025.

Monday's US settlement announcement said AEL had cooperated with OFAC's probe and agreed to additional non-monetary remedial measures

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The announcement came days after Adani agreed to pay a separate \$18 million settlement in a US civil court case linked to corruption, without admitting guilt

to strengthen compliance with US sanctions.

The probe focused on LPG imports arranged through a Dubai-based supplier that claimed to be exporting Omani and Iraqi gas, OFAC said.

Adani Enterprises confirmed the settlement in a stock exchange filing made on Monday, saying the agreement was executed on May 14.

The announcement came days after Adani agreed to pay a separate \$18 million settlement in a US civil court case linked to corruption, without admitting guilt.

Trump drops \$10 billion suit against IRS over tax returns leak

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump dropped a lawsuit against the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) yesterday that was seeking \$10 billion in damages for a leak of his tax returns.

In a filing with a federal district court in Florida, Trump, his two eldest sons Eric and Donald Jr. and the Trump Organization said they were withdrawing the action.

A former IRS contractor was convicted in 2023 of leaking the tax returns of Trump and other wealthy Americans to the media and received a five-year prison sentence.

Trump's decision to withdraw the suit appeared to be linked to a move to create a \$1.7 billion compensation fund for the Republican president's political allies who were investigated under Democratic predecessor Joe Biden. According to ABC News and other media outlets, Trump's Department of Justice plans to create a so-called "Truth and

Justice Commission" for individuals who believe they were unfairly pursued by the Biden administration.

This could include, for example, the hundreds of Trump supporters who were prosecuted for their involvement in the January 6, 2021 assault on the US Capitol, which sought to prevent congressional certification of Biden's election victory.

Trump issued a mass pardon to the January 6 defendants on his first day in office last year.

The reported compensation plan for Trump's political allies has prompted fierce criticism from Democratic lawmakers, with Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez New York calling it "outright corruption."

Democratic Senator Chris Van Hollen, in a post on X, said "Trump is 'dropping' his bogus lawsuit against the IRS in exchange for a slush fund, courtesy of your tax dollars, that he can use to pay off his political allies."



Oil rises, bond yields weigh on stocks

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Stock markets diverged yesterday as investors worried about borrowing costs, while oil prices rose as US President Donald Trump ratcheted up pressure on Iran.

Oil prices briefly turned lower following an Iranian media report said US officials had agreed to suspend sanctions against its crude while talks on ending the war continue.

The unconfirmed Tasnim report cited an unnamed source, but analysts said traders seized on the news after Trump warned Tehran on Sunday that time was running out to make a deal.

"Oil markets did dip on the news of peace talk progress, but it was short-lived," said IG analyst Chris Beauchamp.

With no confirmation of the report, as well as Iranian statements on taxing travel through the strait, oil prices quickly began moving higher again.

The conflict has led to an effective blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, through which around 20% of global oil exports pass in peacetime, and sent oil prices soaring. Wall Street stocks got

Key figures at around 1530 GMT

Brent North Sea Crude:	▲ 1.3% at \$110.71 a barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▲ 1.7% at \$102.71 a barrel
New York - DOW:	▼ 0.2% at 49,423.57 points
New York - S&P 500:	▼ 0.5% at 7,371.75
New York - Nasdaq:	▼ 0.9% at 25,990.89
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 1.3% at 10,323.75 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ 0.4% at 7,987.49 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX 30:	▲ 1.5% at 24,307.92 (close)
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▼ 1.0% at 60,815.95 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▼ 1.1% at 25,675.18 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▼ 0.1% at 4,131.53 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▲ at \$1.1642 from \$1.1620 on Friday
Pound/dollar:	▲ at \$1.3393 from \$1.3316
Euro/pound:	▼ at 86.92 pence from 87.25 pence
Dollar/yen:	▲ at 158.87 yen from 158.78 yen

a boost from falling oil prices early in the session, but then fell into the red as oil prices switched direction.

European stocks ended the day with gains.

Government bond yields have risen worldwide in recent trading sessions as more investors start to question if inflation will begin eroding economic growth while pressuring deficits.

"Global government yields

rose sharply heading into the start of this week, as three forces collided: surging oil prices, fading hopes for a Strait of Hormuz resolution, and mounting fiscal concerns especially in the UK and US," said Michael Wan at MUFG. Rising yields make borrowing more expensive, potentially putting a brake on investments like the billions being poured into the AI rollout.

An AI-fuelled rally in tech

shares has sent stocks in the US and elsewhere to record highs in recent months, with both the S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite setting fresh peaks last week.

All eyes are on quarterly results from US chip titan Nvidia, set for Wednesday, which will be scrutinised as investors question whether huge spending on AI data centres is justified by potential returns.

In Asia, the Seoul stock market, which has renewed with record highs in recent days thanks to the artificial intelligence spending boom, ended the day 0.3% higher.

In Tokyo, shares in memory chip maker Kioxia soared 16% following stellar quarterly results on Friday.

Kioxia, the world's third-largest producer of NAND flash memory chips, which are used as storage in AI data centres, has seen its stock surge nearly 300% over the past year.

The company has forecast an eye-watering 1.3 trillion yen (\$8.2 billion) in operating profit for April-June, saying it is "riding the large wave of AI demand, which has led to record high revenue and profits".

Batelco launches 'Postpaid World' for local and International data and calls within same plan

Seamless connectivity in Bahrain and over 140 international destinations

● Developed with frequent travelers in mind

Manama

Batelco by Beyon has introduced 'Postpaid World', a new offering that enables customers to use their data and minutes both locally and internationally as part of a single plan, with no additional setup required and no hidden roaming fees, starting from only BD15 per month.

Developed with frequent travelers in mind, including GCC commuters and business professionals, Postpaid World brings local and international



Aseel Mattar, Chief Consumer Officer at Batelco

connectivity together in one seamless plan. By incorporating roaming within the existing core plan at fixed monthly charges, Batelco offers a solution focused on convenience, cost efficiency, and reliability.

Designed to simplify the connectivity experience for cus-

Details of the Postpaid World plans:	
Postpaid World BD15	Local & Roaming Data Allowance -15GB Local Social Media - Unlimited Minutes to Batelco - Unlimited Minutes to other local operators & Roaming Minutes - 150
Postpaid World BD30	Local & Roaming Data Allowance - 40GB Local Social Media - Unlimited Minutes to Batelco - Unlimited Minutes to other local operators & Roaming Minutes - 400

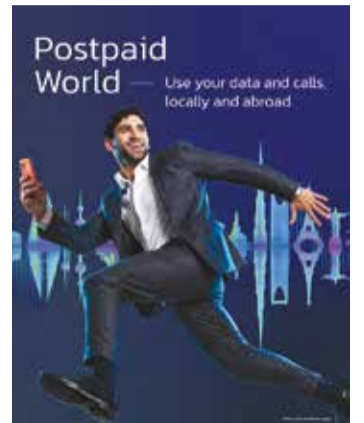
tomers who are regularly on the move, PostPaid World allows users to continue using their existing mobile plan while travelling, as roaming is automatically available when travelling, without the need to switch SIM cards or manage multiple plans. With coverage across more than 140 international destinations, customers can enjoy uninterrupted connectivity, making travel

more efficient and hassle free. Commenting on the launch, Aseel Mattar, Chief Consumer Officer at Batelco by Beyon, said: "We designed 'Postpaid World' to address a common challenge for our customers, particularly those who travel frequently. We understand the inconvenience of having to think about data roaming, whether it involves activating

services or managing additional eSIMs while moving between countries."

"With this plan, customers can seamlessly use their data and minutes at home and abroad as part of the same plan. It's one less thing to think about, making connectivity while traveling a smoother and hassle-free experience," she added.

Batelco by Beyon continues



to enhance its offerings through innovative solutions that combine value, quality, and simplicity. 'Postpaid World' reflects this commitment by delivering a connectivity plan that travels with customers wherever they go.

US extends sanctions waiver on Russian at-sea oil by 30 days

AFP | Washington, United States

The US Treasury secretary on Monday said Washington was extending by 30 days its sanctions waiver for Russian oil cargoes already at sea, as global energy prices continue to surge due to the Iran war.

The latest "temporary 30-day general license" will "provide the most vulnerable nations with the ability to temporari-

ly access Russian oil currently stranded at sea," Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said in a social media post.

Monday's announcement is the second time US authorities have extended the temporary measure, which is meant to address oil supply shortages sparked by the US-Israel war on Iran.

Iran's retaliatory action has targeted US regional allies and virtually blocked the Strait of

Hormuz, through which roughly a fifth of the world's oil and gas supplies normally pass.

The previous waiver for Russian at-sea oil expired on May 16.

Global oil prices have spiked since the start of the war, with US consumers feeling the pinch of gasoline costs that are more than 50 percent higher than when the war began.

The United States first issued a sanctions waiver on Russian

oil cargoes that were at sea in March.

The moves have been criticized by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, whose country has been locked in war with Russia since its 2022 invasion.

Bessent said the extension would "provide additional flexibility" and "will help stabilize the physical crude market and ensure oil reaches the most energy-vulnerable countries."

Trump to host swearing-in of new US Fed chair on Friday

Washington, United States

New US Federal Reserve Chairman Kevin Warsh will be sworn in on Friday at the White House in a ceremony hosted by President Donald

Trump, a White House official said. "The President will host a swearing-in ceremony for Kevin Warsh at the White House on Friday," the White House official said in a statement to AFP.

Germany to deploy Patriot air defence to Turkey

Berlin, Germany

Germany will deploy a Patriot missile air defence battery to Turkey as part of a NATO rotation, Berlin's defence ministry said Monday.

About 150 soldiers currently based in the northern city of Husum would move with a Patriot anti-missile system to Turkey from the end of June to September, the ministry said.

Hormuz tanker traffic edges higher after wartime low

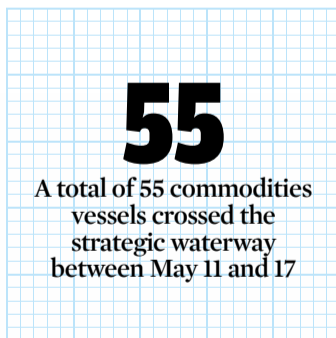
AFP | London, United Kingdom

Traffic through the Strait of Hormuz was slightly higher last week, returning to levels in line with the average recorded since the start of the Middle East conflict after hitting a wartime low.

A total of 55 commodities vessels crossed the strategic waterway between May 11 and 17, according to data from maritime tracking firm Kpler as of Monday morning.

That marked a sharp increase from the previous week, when just 19 vessels crossed -- the lowest weekly figure since the first US-Israeli strikes on Iran on February 28, which led to widespread disruption of traffic through the strait.

Iranian state



television said Friday the Revolutionary Guards were allowing more ships to transit the strait, after reporting a day earlier that "more than 30 ships" had been permitted to pass.

Despite the increase, last week's crossings remain broadly in line with wartime averages.

Since March 1, Kpler has recorded 663 commodity vessels

transiting the strait, 55 per week on average.

Around half the tankers crossing last week carried liquids.

These included three very large crude carriers, reportedly bound for China, Oman and Japan.

Kpler data also showed 15 dry bulk commodity vessels and 16 liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) tankers crossed the strait last week.

Only one liquefied natural gas tanker carrying Qatari gas to Pakistan crossed, on May 12.

That brought the total number of LNG tanker crossings since the start of the war to eight.

In peacetime, the Strait of Hormuz handles roughly a fifth of global oil and LNG shipments, as well as other major commodities, including

fertiliser.

Iran has repeatedly warned that maritime traffic through the shipping lane would "not return to its pre-war status".

On Monday, Tehran announced the creation of a new body to oversee the strait and charge vessels for transiting the waterway, which Iran has reportedly been doing since early on in the war.

Chinese vessels crossing

Iranian officials said on Thursday that Chinese vessels had been allowed to transit, after a slowdown the previous week.

According to Kpler, only three commodities vessels linked to China through their flag, ownership or cargo crossed the strait last week.

Two additional Hong

Kong-flagged vessels also transited and were heading to Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

The data may not provide a complete picture, however, as vessels do not always disclose final destinations while crossing.

Traffic through the strait since the start of the war has depended on nationality, with Iran saying on May 10 that countries complying with US sanctions against the Islamic republic would face difficulties crossing.

Since the start of the conflict, China and India have been among the most frequently reported non-Gulf destinations or departure points for commodity carriers transiting the strait.

Other non-Gulf destinations listed in Kpler's shipping data

include Brazil, Pakistan, Thailand and Malaysia, while relatively few vessels reported Western countries as destinations.

Iran's control of the Strait of Hormuz remains one of the central issues in stalled negotiations with the United States, which have yet to produce a breakthrough.

Vessels are seen anchored in the Strait of Hormuz, off the port city of Khasab on Oman's northern Musandam Peninsula



QUOTE OF THE DAY

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BOB MARLEY

Iran Guards target Kurdish area

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said Monday their forces had struck groups linked to the United States and Israel in the western Iranian province of Kurdistan, near the border with Iraq. In a statement carried by the ISNA news agency, the Guards said groups from "northern Iraq and acting on behalf of the US and the Zionist regime were attempting to smuggle a large shipment of American weapons and ammunition" into Iran. They said the groups were hit in the Iranian city of Baneh in the Kurdistan region.

'Do the impossible'

Lebanese President Joseph Aoun said he would do the "impossible" in order to stop the war with Israel, after a ceasefire and direct talks between the countries failed to end the fighting. "My duty, based on my position and my responsibility, is to do the impossible, and to choose what is least costly, in order to stop the war against Lebanon and its people," he said.

Hezbollah targets Israel

Hezbollah said it fired a drone at a military target in northern Israel, as Israel continued launching strikes on south Lebanon despite an extension of the truce between the countries. In a statement, Hezbollah said it launched the drone at "an Iron Dome platform belonging to the Israeli enemy army" in a military encampment in northern Israel, in response to an Israeli "violation" of the ceasefire.

Israeli strikes in Lebanon

An Israeli missile strike on an apartment in eastern Lebanon killed an Islamic Jihad commander and his 17-year-old daughter, Lebanese state media said Sunday. Emergency workers were searching the rubble for survivors of the blast on the outskirts of the city of Baalbek. Meanwhile, Israeli strikes on towns in southern Lebanon killed five people, including two children, and left at least 15 people wounded, the Lebanese health ministry said. Israeli attacks since the start of the war have killed more than 2,900 people in Lebanon, including more than 400 since the truce began on April 17, according to Lebanese authorities.

New body formed to manage strait

Iran's Supreme National Security Council announced the formation of a new body to manage the strait.

On its official X account, the Supreme National Security Council shared a post from the Persian Gulf Strait Authority (PGSA) saying it would provide "real-time updates" on operations and developments in the strait.

The PGSA account later said in a post that it was "the legal and official representative authority" and that "navigation within the designated jurisdictional area of the Strait of Hormuz" required "full coordination" with the authority and that passage without authorisation would be considered illegal.

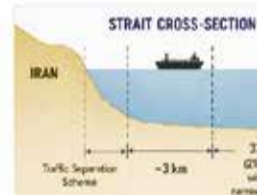
THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ

A NARROW PASSAGE. A CRITICAL LIFELINE.

The Strait of Hormuz is a narrow waterway between Iran and Oman that connects the Arabian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea. It is one of the world's most important oil chokepoints.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 20% of the world's daily oil consumption
- ~20 MILLION barrels of oil flow through daily (1 out of every 5 barrels consumed globally)
- 2,000+ vessels transit the Strait each month



KEY FACTS

- CRITICAL OIL CHOKEPOINT**
Around 20% of the world's daily oil consumption—about 20 million barrels—passes through the Strait of Hormuz.
- VITAL FOR GLOBAL TRADE**
Carries crude oil, LNG, and other energy exports from the Arabian Gulf to global markets.
- NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE**
There is no comparable alternative route for oil exports from the Arabian Gulf.
- GEOPOLITICAL FLASHPOINT**
Tensions in the region pose a constant risk to one of the world's most strategic waterways.

WHY IT MATTERS

Any disruption in the Strait of Hormuz—whether from conflict, blockades, or attack—could significantly impact global energy markets, drive up prices, and disrupt the world economy.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Strait of Hormuz has been a vital trade route for centuries.
- It is monitored 24/7 by regional navies and international forces.
- Even a short-term disruption could remove millions of barrels of oil from global supply.

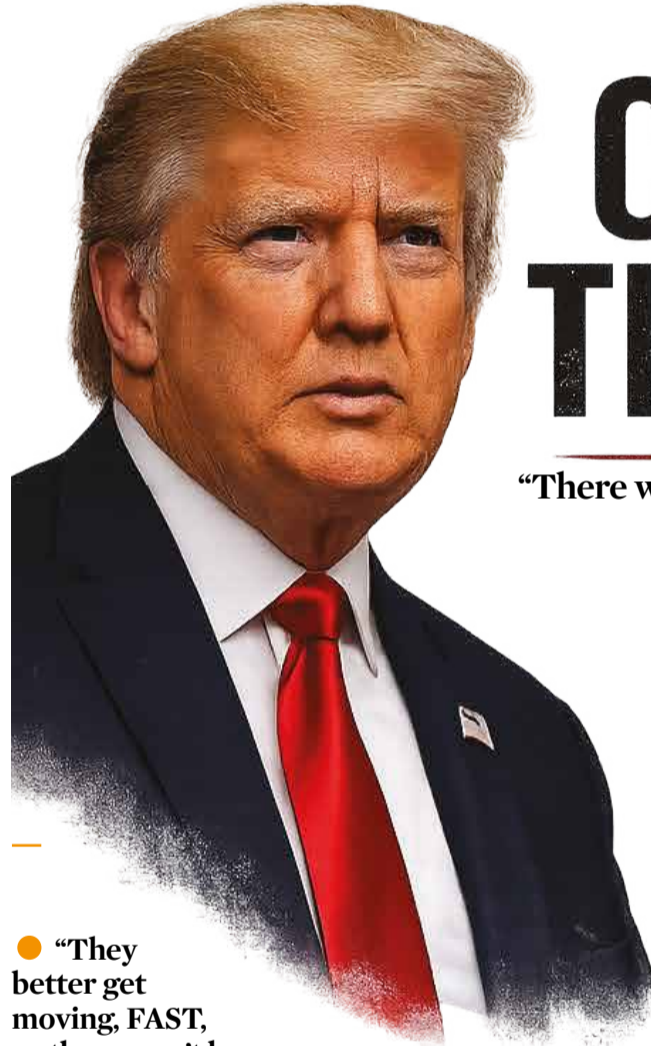
Russian drone hit Chinese cargo ship overnight in Black Sea: Ukraine



Aftermath of a Russian drone strike on a Chinese-owned cargo vessel in the Black Sea. (Source: Ukrainian Navy)

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

A Russian drone hit a Chinese cargo ship in the Black Sea overnight, Ukraine said Monday, a day before Russian President Vladimir Putin heads to Beijing to meet Xi Jinping. Kyiv routinely announces Russian attacks on civilian vessels near the port of Odesa -- a vital maritime hub for Ukrainian agricultural exports. But Monday's attack comes just ahead of Putin's two-day trip to Beijing where he and Xi are set to deepen bilateral ties between the friendly nations. "Drones struck Odesa ... and one of the UAVs hit a vessel owned by China," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in a post on social media. "The Russians could not have been unaware of what vessel was at sea," he added. A spokesman for Ukraine's navy told AFP that none of the crew -- all Chinese citizens -- were wounded and that the Chinese-owned vessel continued on its journey. "The ship was entering for loading. After it was hit at night by a Shahed, the crew coped with the consequences on their own. Fortunately, no one was injured, and the vessel continued on its way to its port of destination," navy spokesman Dmytro Pletenchuk said. The Ukrainian navy named the ship as KSL Deyang. It posted a photo showing part of the upper deck blackened after the apparent hit. Zelensky said Russian forces had attacked Ukraine overnight with 524 attack drones and 22 missiles, including ballistic and cruise missiles.



● "They better get moving, FAST, or there won't be anything left of them"

AFP | Washington, United States

President Donald Trump threatened "there won't be anything left" of Iran if no peace deal is reached, as their truce came under further strain with drone attacks on US allies in the Gulf.

"For Iran, the Clock is Ticking, and they better get moving, FAST, or there won't be anything left of them," Trump wrote on

his Truth Social platform Sunday. "TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!"

The two sides have been communicating via mediator Pakistan but have failed to reach a lasting agreement amid a shaky temporary truce, which was tested again on Sunday by fresh strikes on Gulf nations.

Iranian-backed armed groups equipped with drones are based in Iraq, while Tehran's allies in Yemen -- the Houthi rebels -- also possess combat-grade UAVs.

Trump warns: CLOCK TICKING

"There won't be anything left"

on Iran



Iran says it responded to latest US peace proposal

Iran said yesterday it had responded to a new US proposal aimed at ending the war, adding that diplomatic exchanges continue despite Iranian media reports describing Washington's demands as excessive.

"As we announced yesterday, our concerns were conveyed to the American side," foreign ministry spokesman Esmaeil

Baqaei told a news briefing, adding that exchanges were "continuing through the Pakistani mediator".

Baqaei defended Iran's demands, including the release of Iranian assets frozen abroad and the lifting of long-standing sanctions. "The points raised are Iranian demands that have been firmly defended by the Iranian negotiating team in every

round of negotiations," he said.

He also defended an Iranian stipulation that the US pay war reparations, describing the conflict as "illegal and baseless".

On the possibility of another military confrontation, Baqaei said Iran was "fully prepared for any eventuality".

On Monday, Iran's Tasnim news agency, citing an unnamed source close to the Iranian ne-

gotiating team, said "contrary to previous texts, the Americans agreed in a new text to waive oil sanctions during the negotiation period." Fars said that the Iranian proposal had emphasised that Tehran would continue to manage the strategic Strait of Hormuz, a vital energy conduit which Iran has largely kept closed since the start of the war.

A ceasefire is in place between Israel and Lebanon, but the fighting with Hezbollah has not stopped.

Iran's proxy in Lebanon, the armed group Hezbollah, has also been launching attacks against Israel, drawing Lebanon into the war. Israel has responded with air strikes and a ground invasion in south Lebanon.

1536

Anne Boleyn, second wife of English King Henry VIII, is beheaded at the Tower of London on charges of adultery, incest and treason

1643

Massachusetts Bay, Plymouth, Connecticut, and New Haven form the United Colonies of New England



1649

England is declared a Commonwealth by an act of the Rump Parliament, making England a republic for the next 11 years

1919

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk lands at Samsun on the Black Sea coast, beginning the Turkish War of Independence

“IN A CONTEXT LIKE THIS, LACK OF ACTION IS NOT PASSIVITY. IT IS A LICENSE”.

UN urges Israel to prevent acts of ‘genocide’ in Gaza

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The United Nations demanded yesterday that Israel take measures to prevent acts of “genocide” in Gaza, and decried indications of “ethnic cleansing” in the Palestinian territory and in the occupied West Bank.

In a fresh report, the UN rights office said Israel’s actions in Gaza since the start of the war in October 2023 involved “gross violations” of international law, amounting in many cases to “war crimes and other atrocity crimes”.

UN rights chief Volker Turk called in the report on Israel to ensure compliance with a 2024 International Court of Justice order that it take measures to prevent acts of genocide in Gaza.

Israel, he said, should ensure “with immediate effect that its military does not engage in acts of genocide, (and take) all measures to prevent and punish incitement to commit genocide”.

Monday’s report, which covered the period from October 7, 2023, when Hamas’s unprecedented attack inside Israel sparked the Gaza war, up

to May 2025, also condemned “serious violations” including some amounting to war crimes, by Palestinian armed groups during the initial attack and after.

The Hamas attack resulted in the deaths of 1,221 people on the Israeli side, most of them civilians, according to an AFP tally based on official data.

Monday’s report highlighted the abuse suffered by the hostages seized by the Palestinian armed groups, many of whom reported torture and sexual abuse as they were held “in inhumane conditions” for months on end.

“Most hostages who died in Gaza died while held in secret detention, either killed by their captors or impacts of the conflict occurring around them,” it said.

Most of the focus however was on Israel’s actions in Gaza, where its retaliatory military campaign has killed more than 72,000 people, according to the health ministry in the Hamas-run territory, whose figures are considered reliable by the UN.

Hundreds of thousands of people are still living in tents and conditions remain dire despite a ceasefire that took effect

in October last year.

“The ceasefire diminished the immense scale of violence up to that point, and opened some modest humanitarian space,” Ajith Sunghay, head of the UN rights office in the occupied Palestinian territories, told reporters in Geneva.

“But killings and the destruction of infrastructure have continued on an almost daily basis, and the overall humanitarian situation remains dire,” he warned.

A large proportion of the killings since the start of the war “appear unlawful”, the report said.

It also highlighted how Israel had “directed attacks on civilian or protected objects, including healthcare and medical facilities and attacks on civilians, including journalists, civil defenders, health workers, humanitarian actors and police in a

routine and repeated fashion”.

Israel’s conduct in Gaza had rendered living conditions in much of the territory “incompatible with Palestinians continued existence as a group”, it warned.

The report also looked at the situation in the West Bank, where violence has spiralled since the start of the war in Gaza, pointing out that “the use of unnecessary and disproportionate force (there had) led to hundreds of unlawful killings”.

Gaza and the West Bank, it said.

It charged that “the deliberate and unlawful destruction of wide swathes of Gaza”, coupled with “the emptying and destruction of large parts of refugee camps in northern West Bank”, had contributed to forcing Palestinians from their homes, “with strong indications that Israel intends their displacement to be permanent”.

Taken together, Israel’s repeated violations across the occupied Palestinian territories indicated a pattern aimed at doling out “collective punishment of Palestinians”, and “forced displacement, emptying and ethnic cleansing of large parts of the Occupied Palestinian Territory”, said the report.

“Incitement and derogatory and dehumanising language targeted at Palestinians as a group from Israeli officials was also observed with no accountability,” it warned.

The rights office stressed that it was “essential that there is due reckoning” for all violations listed in the report through “credible and impartial judicial bodies”.

Sunghay warned that “in a context like this, lack of action is not passivity. It is a license”.



‘Collective punishment’

Force displacement on a mass scale” had been seen in both

X

TOP 4 TWEETS

01

Housing is a human right, and fundamental for human dignity. Yet nearly three billion people live in inadequate housing, often in informal settlements and slums. We must put housing at the centre of sustainable development – leaving no one behind.

@antonioguterres

02

Honoured to receive the Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit. This honour is dedicated to the people of India and is a tribute to the enduring friendship between India and Norway. It reflects our shared commitment to global progress.

@narendramodi

03

Delighted to present Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, with a @WHO field vest as a gesture of my regard for her commitment to promoting and protecting people’s health.

@DrTedros

04

Our Foreign Intelligence Service of Ukraine has obtained new Russian documents assessing the aggressor state’s losses from the war. Importantly, this is specifically a Russian internal assessment – one they are trying to conceal both from the world and from their own domestic audience.

@ZelenskyyUa

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)

The sister of Ireland’s President Catherine Connolly is among eight Irish citizens intercepted by Israel on Gaza-bound aid flotilla ships, organisers said.

Around 50 ships had departed from southwestern Turkey on Thursday.



Israeli troops intercept Gaza flotilla trying to breach the blockade (Picture courtesy of AP)

Israel intercepts Gaza-bound aid flotilla, activists claim ‘abduction’

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israeli forces intercepted a Gaza-bound aid flotilla yesterday after it sailed from Turkey last week.

The Global Sumud Flotilla vessels are the latest in a string of attempts by activists to breach Israel’s blockade of the Palestinian territory, with the last convoy intercepted by

Israeli forces last month. “Global Sumud Flotilla is under attack!” the group wrote on X.

“The Israeli occupation has again illegally and violently intercepted our international fleet of humanitarian vessels and abducted our volunteers.”

“We are outraged by the normalisation of these violations

of international maritime law and the kidnapping of peaceful civilians in international waters,” it said, demanding the swift release of the activists and the end of the blockade of Gaza.

A website tracking the flotilla’s location showed several vessels being intercepted west of Cyprus.

Earlier on Monday, the Israeli foreign ministry denounced the convoy as a provocation and vowed to prevent it from reaching Gaza.

“This time, two violent Turkish groups -- Mavi Marmara and IHH, the latter designated as a terrorist organisation -- are part of the provocation,” it said on X.

Activist Gorkem Duru, a member of the Turkey branch of the Global Sumud Flotilla group, who is not on board, told AFP that “communication links with the ships were cut off”.

Activist Suayb Ordu, who was aboard one of the vessels, told Turkish channel NTV that the activists had “no choice but to raise our hands and surrender peacefully without offering any resistance”.

Israel rejects shortage claims

The Israeli ministry rejected claims that Gaza was facing aid shortages.

“The Gaza Strip is flooded with aid. Since October alone, more than 1.58 million tons of humanitarian aid and thousands of tons of medical supplies have entered Gaza,” it said.

A previous flotilla attempt was intercepted last month in international waters off Greece, with most activists expelled to Europe.

Indonesian newspaper Republika said nine Indonesians were in the group

US designs on Greenland unchanged, PM says after meeting Trump envoy

Nielsen called the meeting with envoy Jeff Landry "constructive"

AFP | Nuuk, Denmark

The United States' stance towards Greenland has not altered, the premier for the Danish autonomous territory said yesterday after a first meeting with President Donald Trump's envoy to the island, who came to Nuuk without an official invite.

Prime Minister Jens-Frederik Nielsen called the meeting with envoy Jeff Landry "constructive" -- but noted there was "no sign... that anything has changed" with the US position.

"It was a constructive meeting, where we were able to engage in dialogue in a positive spirit and with great mutual respect," the Greenland premier told a media conference.

"We clearly reiterated that the people of Greenland are not for sale and that Greenlanders have the right to self-determination. This is not a subject for negotiation," Nielsen stressed.

'Red line'

Landry's visit comes as transatlantic tensions over Trump's repeated claims to the territory have receded somewhat but not gone away.

Greenland's foreign minister, Mute Egede, also told reporters that the US has not given up on its aims to acquire the territory. "We have our red line. The



Denmark's King Frederik X (L) walks alongside Greenlandic Prime Minister Jens Frederik Nielsen (C) and the commander of the Joint Arctic Command, Major General Siren Andersen (R), with a Danish Navy vessel moored in the background at the port of Nuuk, Greenland. (file)

Americans' starting point has not changed either," Egede said.

Landry's visit also comes at a delicate time for Denmark, which has been without a government since a March 24 election, with negotiations between parties failing to produce a majority coalition.

In January, Trump backed down from repeated threats

to seize Greenland, possibly through military force, after Denmark and other NATO allies displayed fierce resistance.

Afterwards, officials from Copenhagen and Nuuk held a first meeting in Washington and a working group was then established to discuss the US position.

"Talks are taking place within the working group," Egede em-

phasised. "We are not going to have parallel discussions."

Trump has repeatedly argued the US needs to control Greenland because of national security concerns, hypothesising that if America does not take over the Arctic island then it could fall into the hands of China or Russia.

Landry, who is the governor

of Louisiana, arrived for his first visit in the role as US special envoy to Greenland on Sunday. He is due to take part in an economic forum in the Greenlandic capital on Tuesday and Wednesday.

At the airport, a small number of Greenlanders turned out on his arrival, holding Greenlandic flags in a form of protest, according to footage from local media.

Questioned by Danish broadcaster TV2, Landry said he was in Greenland to explore ways to strengthen the relationship with the United States.

He also said Trump had told him to "go over there and make a bunch of new friends."

'Not guinea pigs'

Landry is accompanied by a delegation of about 10 people, including a doctor tasked with assessing the health needs of Greenlanders, the broadcaster reported.

Greenlandic Health Minister Anna Wangenheim commented that "it is deeply problematic that people whose political mission is to make Greenland part of the United States are sending a so-called 'volunteer doctor' to Nuuk to 'assess our needs'".

"Greenlanders are not guinea pigs in a geopolitical project," Wangenheim said in a post to LinkedIn.

In February, an unsolicited offer by Trump to send a naval

hospital ship to the Arctic island sparked ire.

Nielsen at the time wrote on his Facebook page: "That will be 'no thanks' from us."

The US envoy is also accompanied by the US ambassador to Denmark, Kenneth Howery, who arrived on Monday.

"Together, they will meet with a wide range of Greenlanders to listen and learn with a goal of expanding economic opportunities, building people-to-people ties, and increasing understanding between the United States and Greenland," said a US embassy statement sent to AFP.



More than 80% of Greenland is covered by a massive ice sheet, the second-largest body of ice on Earth after Antarctica. If the entire Greenland ice sheet melted, global sea levels could rise by about 7 metres (23 feet).

Escaped tiger shot dead by German police

● Police told AFP that the animal had seriously injured a 72-year-old man

● Sandokan was a nine-year-old, 280-kilogram (615 pound) Bengal-Siberian mix.

AFP | Berlin, Germany

German police said yesterday they had shot dead a tiger that escaped from an enclosure run by a woman nicknamed the "Tiger Queen" after it attacked one of the keepers.

Police told AFP that the animal had seriously injured a 72-year-old man, who was being treated in hospital after the attack in the eastern city of Leipzig.

The incident happened Sunday on the city's outskirts and



According to local media, the animal escaped from the property of a tiger trainer called Carmen Zander, pictured above (File image)

involved an "escaped tiger which was killed by police using firearms," the police spokesman said. Police said they were "able to locate the animal in an allotment complex" nearby and that it had to be killed "to prevent danger to those present".

One allotment gardener told the Bild newspaper: "First we heard sirens and then right afterwards a helicopter came and lots of police", who warned the

allotment owners to stay inside. "Then there were suddenly several shots." The animal belonged to tiger trainer Carmen Zander, who told Bild that the tiger shot dead was called Sandokan.

According to Zander's website, Sandokan was a nine-year-old, 280-kilogram (615 pound) Bengal-Siberian mix.

The website describes the animal as "a scaredy-cat" that

could "quickly become overwhelmed and insecure" and could therefore attack "more quickly and unexpectedly" than the other animals.

Zander, known as the "Tiger Queen", has faced criticism in the past for the conditions in which the animals are kept at her enclosure.

Animal rights group PETA charged that veterinary authorities "share responsibility for this tragic incident" by having failed to act against the facility sooner and demanded that the remaining animals there be confiscated. The district authority said in a statement to AFP that it had "for some time been working to improve the housing conditions of the tigers" at the site.

Zander had been instructed to comply with regulations "so that all animals have access to the necessary indoor and outdoor space, or to adjust the number of animals to the space currently available".

Runaway kangaroo disrupts Belgian rail service



Brussels, Belgium

A runaway kangaroo briefly halted services on Belgian rail line Monday after it was spotted hopping near the tracks, the Infrabel rail agency said.

Police were called to apprehend the marsupial once the "rather incongruous sighting" was reported during rush hour near Zingem, a village in the

Dutch-speaking Flanders region, the agency told AFP.

"The police tried to catch the animal but were unable to do so, so they called in a vet," Infrabel spokesman Frederic Sacre said. "The vet proved to be more skilled".

Rail traffic on the branch line was halted for about an hour in total, Sacre added.

It was not immediately clear where the animal had come from.

Manhattan rent hits record high above \$5,000 per month

AFP | New York, United States

Apartment rentals in New York's Manhattan borough topped \$5,000 a month for the first time in April as vacancy rates tumbled to six-year lows, according to US real estate firm Corcoran.

"Manhattan's rental market

surged in April 2026, as a sharp rise in demand collided with increasingly constrained supply," Corcoran Chief Operating Officer Gary Malin said in a May 15 blog post.

The median rent last month in the borough was \$5,099, up six percent from a year ago.

The vacancy rate fell to 1.55 percent, dynamics that point to a "market defined by heightened urgency and sustained competition among renters," Malin said.

Rents rose across the board in Manhattan, with one-bedroom and two-bedroom apart-

ments setting new records at \$5,228 and \$8,338.

The rising cost of living has emerged as a potent political issue in New York and elsewhere, fueling the November election of Mayor Zohran Mamdani.

A preliminary vote earlier this month by a rent guidelines

panel endorsed Mamdani's plan to effectively freeze rents on nearly one million New York apartments. A final vote on the proposal will take place in June.

In Brooklyn, the most populous of New York's five boroughs, Malin described leasing activity as busy but said

"conditions were less intense for renters." The median rent in Brooklyn was \$4,110, down from February's record high as inventory rose 16 percent from month-over-month. "Overall, Brooklyn remains active, but with signs of a more balanced market emerging," Malin said.

India, Norway agree to 'green strategic partnership'

Norway is Europe's largest oil and gas producer excluding Russia

● The new partnership is "beneficial for the entire world", Modi said

● Signed partnership agreements in the fields of health and digital technology

AFP | Oslo, Norway

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Norwegian counterpart agreed yesterday to a "green strategic partnership" deal aimed at promoting a clean-energy transition and sustainable development.

"From clean energy to climate resilience, from the blue economy to green shipping, in every sector, India's scale, speed and talent will combine with Norway's technology and capital, and our companies will develop global solutions," Modi said on the first day of a two-day visit to the Norwegian capital.

India, the world's third-largest importer of oil, has seen its supplies severely disrupted by the



Crown Prince Haakon of Norway (L) shakes hands with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi (R) during a meeting with King Harald V of Norway (C) at the Royal Palace in Oslo, Norway

closure of the Strait of Hormuz during the war in the Middle East.

Roughly half of India's crude imports usually pass through the strait.

After announcing a cut in fuel

taxes to curb a surge in prices at the pump, the country -- where 73 percent of electricity generation currently comes from coal-fired power plants -- has announced it will speed up approvals for wind power plants

and battery-powered energy storage systems.

Meanwhile Norway, Europe's largest oil and gas producer excluding Russia, derives almost all of its electricity from renewable sources, primarily hydroe-

lectric facilities.

The new partnership is "beneficial for the entire world", Modi said in a statement to the press.

His Norwegian host, Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store, told broadcaster NRK that India had "a lot to contribute" on the matter.

"The country is currently making significant progress in the fields of renewable energy, solar, wind, and energy storage technologies," he said.

This is the first visit to Norway by an Indian prime minister since Indira Gandhi in 1983.

The two countries have also signed partnership agreements in the fields of health and digital technology.

They have boosted their economic ties since the entry into force in October 2025 of a free-trade agreement between the Asian giant and the member countries of the European Free Trade Association (Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein).

"Whether in Ukraine or West Asia, many parts of the world are witnessing conflict. In such a situation, India and Europe are entering a new golden era in

their relations," Modi said.

The Indian leader, who arrived from Sweden in the morning, was to take part in a Norway-India business conference in the afternoon.

On Tuesday, he is due to meet with the heads of government of the Nordic countries and participate in the third Nordic-India summit, before winding up his European tour with a visit to Italy.



Norway is home to the Svalbard Global Seed Vault, a secure underground facility built inside an Arctic mountain that stores backup seeds from around the world to protect global food crops in case of disasters or climate crises.

Indonesia boosts defences with new fighter jets

Jakarta, Indonesia

Indonesia will continue boosting its defence capabilities, President Prabowo Subianto said Monday, citing uncertain times as he presented new military hardware, including six French-made Rafale jets, to the air force.

The Southeast Asian nation, which pursues a policy of diplomatic non-alignment, must "continue to improve our defence capabilities to serve as a deterrent", Prabowo told reporters at a ceremony at a military air base in Jakarta.

"We observe that the global geopolitical landscape is fraught with uncertainty, and we recognise that defence is a primary prerequisite for stability," he added.

Prabowo inspected defence equipment recently procured for the Indonesian military, including four Dassault Falcon 8X jets and an Airbus A400M Atlas transport aircraft, according to a presidential palace statement. Jakarta signed an \$8.1 billion deal in 2022 under then-defence minister Prabowo to purchase 42 French-made Rafale fighters. Six of the jets have been delivered so far -- three in January and another three on Monday, defence ministry spokesman Rico Ricardo Siraik told AFP.

Japan arrests Americans over stunt at baby monkey Punch's zoo

AFP | Tokyo, Japan

Two American nationals were arrested in Japan after a stunt in which one entered the monkey enclosure at a zoo where a baby macaque named Punch became a global internet sensation this year, police said Monday.

One of the men, who identified himself as a 24-year-old college student, was arrested Sunday after climbing over a fence and dropping into a dry moat surrounding the monkey exhibit at Ichikawa City Zoo outside Tokyo.

The other man, who was film-



A seven-month-old male Japanese macaque monkey named Punch, who was abandoned by his mother shortly after birth, drags a stuffed orangutan toy at Ichikawa City Zoo and Botanical Gardens in Ichikawa, Chiba Prefecture

ing the act, identified himself as a 27-year-old singer.

Images on social media showed a person scaling the fence in a costume that included a smiley face head with sunglasses, prompting the monkeys to scatter.

The men did not come close to the animals, and were quickly apprehended by zoo officials, said an official at Ichikawa Police who spoke with AFP on a traditional condition of anonymity.

The two men face charges of forcible obstruction of business, which they refute, the police official said.

The duo did not have formal

identifications with them and initially tried to lie to police about their names, he added.

The arrests follow a massive surge in domestic and international visitors to the zoo, driven by Punch's viral fame.

The baby monkey became an internet star this year after the zoo posted photos of Punch clutching an IKEA plush orangutan for comfort after being rejected by his mother.

Punch was raised in an artificial environment after being born in July, and began training to rejoin his troop earlier this year.

Australia orders China-linked investors to sell stakes in rare earths firm

AFP | Sydney, Australia

Australia ordered a string of China-linked shareholders to sell their stakes in a rare earths firm on Monday, citing the need to protect the sector from foreign control.

Northern Minerals is vying to challenge China's dominance in producing dysprosium, a rare earth mineral used to make high-performance magnets used in electric vehicles.

Chinese investors have been snapping up shares in an effort to exert sway over the firm -- on one occasion even launching a bid to topple its chair.

Wary of a stealth takeover, the company referred itself to Australia's foreign investment review board in November 2025.



Treasurer Jim Chalmers said six shareholders would be forced to exit Northern Minerals.

"We operate a robust and non-discriminatory foreign investment framework and will take further action if required to

protect our national interest in relation to this matter," he said in a statement.

Three of those shareholders had addresses listed in China, two were listed in Hong Kong and one was listed in the British Virgin Islands.

The list included some of Northern Minerals' largest single shareholders, including Beijing-based Vastness Investment Group, which held more than six percent of the firm.

Vastness tried to use its sizeable stake to replace the chair of Northern Minerals earlier this year.

It eventually withdrew its bid to vote on the company's leadership at an extraordinary general meeting.

Hong-Kong based Qogir Trading and Service Company separately holds almost five percent of Northern Minerals.

Asked about Australia's order, the Chinese foreign ministry said it was not aware of the situation.

"China has consistently op-

posed the overstretching of the concept of national security to interfere with normal investment activities," ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun told a news briefing, adding that "the Australian side should earnestly respect the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese investors".

Australia has over the past two years waged a running battle to pry Northern Minerals away from Chinese investors.

It used the same foreign takeover laws in 2024 to force a different group of Chinese investors to sell shares in Northern Minerals.

Northern Minerals said it was "currently considering the new disposal orders and will make a further announcement once it has done so".

13th World Urban Forum opens in Azerbaijan

The Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Jasssem Mohamed Al-Budaiwi, took part on Sunday in the official opening of the 13th session of the World Urban Forum, held in the Azerbaijani capital Baku.

The event was inaugurated under the patronage of President Ilham Aliyev, following an official invitation from the head of state. The forum convenes under the theme "Housing the World: Safe and Resilient Cities and Communities," bringing together heads of state, ministers, senior officials, and private sector representatives from around the world.



In his remarks on the occasion, Al-Budaiwi said the GCC's participation reflects the bloc's strong commitment to advancing sustainable urban development and building safe, resilient cities capable of responding to future challenges.

He highlighted that GCC member states have made "qualitative leaps" in urban planning, housing, and smart infrastructure, driven by ambitious national visions aimed at improving quality of life and strengthening sustainability and innovation.

Al-Budaiwi also praised Azerbaijan for hosting and organizing the major international United Nations forum, describing it as an important global platform for exchanging expertise and shaping the future of urban development.

GCC chief tours Bahrain and Saudi pavilions at global urban forum



The Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Jasssem Mohammed Al-Budaiwi, visited the pavilions of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia on the sidelines of the 13th World Urban Forum in Baku, Azerbaijan, the GCC General Secretariat said on Monday.

The visit was part of his participation in the international event, which brings together policymakers, experts and institutions to discuss urban development and sustainable city planning.

During the tour, Al-Budaiwi was briefed on initiatives, projects and programmes showcased in both pavilions, highlighting the rapid urban transformation underway in the two Gulf states.

The exhibits focused on sus-



tainable urban development, infrastructure expansion and efforts to enhance quality of life in line with long-term national development strategies.

Al-Budaiwi praised the content presented in both pavilions, commending the efforts of those involved in highlighting Gulf development experiences and showcasing achievements in urban and economic progress.

He said the progress seen across GCC states reflects the vision of Gulf leaders, who continue to prioritise the development of sustainable cities and more prosperous societies, according to the statement.

Oman Condemns Drone Attempt on Saudi Arabia

The Sultanate of Oman on Monday condemned an attempted drone attack targeting the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, denouncing the act as hostile and reaffirming its rejection of such practices.

In a statement issued by its Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Oman expressed "condemnation and denunciation" of the attempted strike, reiterating its consistent stance against actions that threaten the security and stability of states.

The Sultanate voiced its support for Saudi Arabia and the measures it is taking to safe-



guard its security and maintain stability.

Oman also urged restraint and called for wisdom in addressing regional challenges, stressing the importance of dialogue and diplomatic and political channels as the preferred means to resolve disputes and tensions.

Albania, Qatar Strengthen Ties

Albanian President Bajram Begaj received Qatar's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in the capital, Tirana, on Monday, where they discussed strengthening bilateral relations.

The Qatari envoy, Shaikh Sultan bin Saad Al-Murikhi, conveyed greetings from Qatar's Amir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, to President Begaj, along with wishes for continued health and prosperity for the Albanian leadership and people.

In return, President Begaj asked the minister to relay his greetings to the Qatari Amir, wishing Qatar further progress, development, and

prosperity.

The meeting reviewed bilateral cooperation between Albania and Qatar and explored ways to enhance ties across various fields, while also discussing issues of mutual concern, the statement added.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to expanding dialogue and cooperation between the two countries.



Pakistan PM Meets Envoys in Gulf

Focus placed on regional stability and economic cooperation

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chaired a high-level meeting on Monday with Pakistan's ambassadors posted in Iran and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, focusing on strengthening economic diplomacy, regional ties and investment cooperation, his office said.

The meeting at the Prime Minister's Office brought together senior officials, including Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Economic Affairs Ahad Khan Cheema, Adviser to the Prime Minister Dr Syed Tauqir Shah, Special Assistant Syed Tariq Fatemi, and Foreign Secretary Amna Baloch.

During the session, Pakistan's envoys briefed the prime minister on the current state of bi-



lateral relations with their host countries. They also highlighted emerging opportunities and key challenges in areas such as trade, investment, remittances, and engagement with the Pakistani diaspora.

Sharif underscored the "historic, economic and strategic importance" of relations with Iran and GCC states in Pakistan's foreign policy framework.

He directed ambassadors to

adopt a more proactive approach to expanding cooperation in trade, investment, energy collaboration, and people-to-people exchanges, according to the statement.

The meeting also reviewed the broader regional and international situation, focusing particularly on efforts to promote peace, stability, and economic connectivity across the wider region.

Saudi envoy meets Ishaq Dar in Islamabad



The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan, H.E. Nawaf bin Saeed Ahmad Al-Malki called on Deputy Prime Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar in Islamabad on Monday.

During the meeting, both sides discussed the long-standing fraternal relations between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, focusing on expanding cooperation across multiple fields.

Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar reaffirmed Pakistan's strong commitment to further strengthening bilateral ties and deepening collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

The two leaders also exchanged views on recent regional developments and other matters of shared concern.

The Saudi ambassador appreciated Pakistan's continued role in promoting regional peace and stability, according to an official statement.

OIC condemns Israeli moves in East Jerusalem

Calls for urgent international intervention

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) warned against escalating Israeli measures targeting historic properties and Islamic endowments near the Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem.

In a statement, the OIC said the seizure of historic buildings and Palestinian-owned properties near the mosque forms part of broader policies aimed at altering the identity of the Old City in Jerusalem and imposing "new demographic and geographic realities" on the ground.

It said these actions are intended to undermine the historical and legal status of holy sites in the area and erase the cultural and civilizational heritage of Palestinians in occupied East Jerusalem.

The General Secretariat also strongly condemned an Israeli plan to convert a seized United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) facility in Jerusalem into a museum and the headquarters of the so-called Israeli Ministry of Security.

It said the building had been

forcibly taken in violation of international law, adding that the move represents an effort to weaken UNRWA's presence and mandate in the occupied territory.

The OIC stressed that Israel has no sovereignty over East Jerusalem, describing the measures as part of broader "racist policies" aimed at undermining the agency and advancing efforts to eliminate the Palestinian refugee issue.

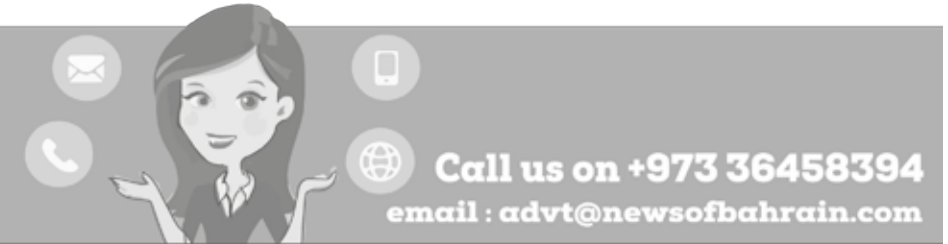
It further argued that such actions violate international law, United Nations resolutions, and

the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice.

The organisation called on the international community to intervene urgently to halt what it described as ongoing violations in Jerusalem, and to ensure protection for UN agencies operating in the occupied Palestinian territory, particularly UNRWA, so they can continue their work without obstruction.



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Mohamed Said Maalem eyes long-awaited crowning glory at BRAVE CF 106



Manama

For Mohamed "L'Ambiance" Said Maalem, the pursuit of BRAVE Combat Federation gold has been a journey filled with heartbreak, controversy, and unfinished business.

Now, on Saturday, June 6, the Algerian-Swiss powerhouse believes the stars may finally align in his favor as he challenges Bosnian rival Erko "The Bounty Hunter" Jun for the BRAVE CF Light Heavyweight World Championship in the co-main event of BRAVE CF 106 at Hala Tivoli in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Said Maalem enters the highly anticipated rematch carrying years of frustration and determination on his shoulders.

Despite establishing himself as one of the most dangerous competitors in the division, the elusive BRAVE CF World Title has remained just beyond his grasp.

"Since the beginning of my career, I've always dreamed about

becoming a World Champion," Said Maalem stated. "That is what drives me every single day in training. I have sacrificed so much for this sport, and winning the BRAVE CF belt would mean everything to me."

His closest brush with championship success came at BRAVE CF 52 in August 2021, where he battled Mohammad "The Latest" Fakhreddine for the vacant BRAVE CF Light Heavyweight World Title.

At first, it appeared to be a flawless night for Said Maalem. Competing in Milan, Italy, he overwhelmed Fakhreddine and secured a first-round technical knockout victory before proudly leaving the arena with the prestigious championship strapped over his shoulder.

However, the celebration proved fleeting. Following a post-fight review, officials determined that illegal blows to the back of the head occurred during the finish.

The promotion and the governing commission in Italy



later overturned the result to a no-contest, abruptly erasing what was supposed to be Said Maalem's crowning achievement.

When the two warriors met again at BRAVE CF 57 in March 2022, Fakhreddine removed all doubt by stopping Said Maalem in the second round to claim the vacant championship and crush the Algerian-Swiss contender's hopes once more.

More than four years after that emotional rollercoaster began, Said Maalem has forced his way back into World Title contention and insists the stakes at BRAVE CF 106 have pushed his motivation to another level.

"This fight means everything to me because of what is on the line," he shared. "A World Title opportunity does not come every day. I know exactly what this moment represents, and I am preparing to deliver the best performance of my career."

Standing across from him, however, is a familiar and dangerous obstacle.

Jun already owns a victory over Said Maalem after scoring a devastating knockout finish in their first meeting at BRAVE CF 81 in April 2024.

That defeat still lingers in the memory of "L'Ambiance," adding another deeply personal layer to the championship encounter.

For Said Maalem, BRAVE CF 106 presents the ultimate opportunity to rewrite his story in spectacular fashion.

Not only can he finally capture the championship that has narrowly escaped him for years, but he can also avenge one of the most painful losses of his career against the very man now sitting atop the throne.

"I could not ask for a bigger challenge," Said Maalem declared. "I have the chance to take revenge against Erko Jun and finally win the BRAVE CF gold. That makes this fight even more special. On June 6, I plan to seize that moment and leave Ljubljana as the World Champion."

McGregor to make UFC return with Holloway rematch

AFP | London

Conor McGregor will return to the Ultimate Fighting Championship Octagon for the first time in five years when he takes on Max Holloway in a non-title rematch on July 11 in Las Vegas, UFC said.

Ireland's McGregor, a former two-weight champion and still one of UFC's most famous and bankable fighters, hasn't fought since suffering a broken leg in a loss to Dustin Poirier on July 10, 2021.

July's return at UFC 329 will be a rematch of his second UFC fight, in August of 2013, when McGregor beat Holloway in Boston despite suffering a torn knee ligament during the bout.

The 37-year-old Dubliner had withdrawn from a planned comeback fight in June of 2024 with a toe injury.

McGregor has dealt with multiple issues outside the Octagon. In 2024 he was found liable and ordered to pay around \$250,000 damages to a wom-



Action from Conor McGregor's 2013 fight against Max Holloway

an who accused him of rape in Ireland.

In December a woman who accused McGregor of sexually assaulting her at an NBA game in Miami dropped her civil lawsuit against him, authorities having already declined

to pursue criminal charges. A month earlier, McGregor was suspended for 18 months after missing three drug tests in a 12-month period, escaping a longer ban after Combat Sports Anti-Doping said he cooperated with their investigation into the

missed tests.

UFC announced the bout during the first MMA promotion by YouTuber-turned-boxer Jake Paul's Most Valuable Promotions outfit, a card in Los Angeles highlighted by Ronda Rousey's return against Gina Carano.

Talajic names 30-man squad

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

Bahrain head coach Dragan Talajic has announced a 30-man national team squad as preparations intensify for international commitments, including a training camp in Georgia next month.

The squad includes goalkeepers Omar Salem, Mohammed Al Gharabli and Goodwill Chia.

Defenders selected are Abdulla Ahmed, Sayed Mahmood Al Moosawi, Hassan Al Karani, Abdulla Al Khalasi, Waleed Al Hayyam, Amine Benaddi, Ahmed Bughammar, Ahmed Rabeea, Ahmed Dhiya, Hamad Al Shamsan and Vincent Emmanuel.

The midfield options are Ibrahim Al Khatal, Mohammed Abdulqayoom, Abbas Al Asfoor, Sayed Dhiya Saeed and Komail Al Aswad.

Forwards named in the squad are Ali Madan, Al Sayed Hashim Isa, Saleh Al Zubaidi, Ali Al Doseri, Hussain Abdulkarim, Sayed Mahdi Sharaf, Mohammed Marhoon, Mohammed Al Rumaihi, Mahdi Abduljabbar, Mahdi Humaidan and Omar Saber.

According to the schedule announced by the Bahrain Football Association, the local camp will begin on Thursday, with a training match scheduled for 25 May. Players involved with their clubs in the Nasser bin Hamad Premier League play-offs will join the squad on 31 May.

Bahrain's overseas-based players will join the national team on 1 June, before



Sayed Hashim Isa on the ball during training drills



Bahrain head coach Dragan Talajic during a training scrimmage

the squad travels to Georgia the following day for a training camp ahead of the 27th Arabian Gulf Cup (Khaleeji 27). The official draw for the tournament

will take place today, with the competition to be hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 23 September to 6 October.

Arsenal Grind Out Vital Burnley Win

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Arsenal secured a crucial 1-0 victory over Burnley at the Emirates Stadium yesterday, collecting three vital points that keep their title hopes alive heading into the final stretch of the season.

Mikel Arteta's side knew that anything less than a win could prove costly in the title race, and the pressure was evident from the outset. Burnley,

already relegated but playing with freedom, made the contest scrappy and difficult, limiting Arsenal's ability to carve out clear chances against a compact defensive block.

The breakthrough arrived in the 37th minute through Kai Havertz. Bukayo Saka delivered a perfectly weighted corner from the right, with the ball hanging invitingly in the air. Burnley defenders hesitated and failed to challenge, allowing Havertz to rise highest and

guide his header into the net. The Emirates erupted, stirring memories of the Invincibles era, 22 years on from the iconic 2003-04 season.

The German's goal ultimately proved enough to decide the match.

The result carries significant implications for the title race, with Arsenal moving five points clear of Manchester City, who still have a game in hand. City face AFC Bournemouth away today at 9:30 PM (Bahrain time),

a result that could bring them back within touching distance depending on the outcome.

With one match remaining against Crystal Palace on Sunday, Arsenal remain firmly in contention for long-awaited Premier League glory, although the pressure at the top is far from over. Palace also have a UEFA Conference League final just three days later, which could lead them to field a more rotated and rested side for the league fixture.



Kai Havertz celebrates Arsenal's winning goal

Carvajal to leave Real Madrid at end of season

AFP | Madrid

Real Madrid captain Dani Carvajal will leave the club at the end of the season, Los Blancos said yesterday.

The Spain international, who has played 450 times for Madrid, has won 27 trophies including six Champions Leagues and four La Liga titles.

"Real Madrid wishes to express its gratitude and affection to one of the greatest legends of our club and world football," said the Spanish giants in a statement.

Carvajal, 34, came through Real Madrid's La Fabrica youth academy and after signing for Bayer Leverkusen in 2012, Los Blancos bought him back the following summer.

"Carvajal is a legend and a symbol of Real Madrid and its academy," said Real Madrid president Florentino Perez.

The defender was hoping to play for Spain at the World Cup



this summer but has struggled with various injuries through a disappointing campaign and will not be called up by coach Luis de la Fuente according to Spanish media.

Carvajal will play his last match for the club at the Santiago Bernabeu this weekend against Athletic Bilbao in La Liga, at the end of a second straight season without a major trophy for Madrid.

Mourinho set for shock Madrid return

TDT | Manama

José Mourinho is reportedly close to a return to Real Madrid more than a decade after leaving the club, with discussions said to be at an advanced stage over a potential managerial comeback.

The 63-year-old Portuguese coach, currently at Benfica, is being lined up to take charge following a disappointing season by Madrid's standards. Although second in La Liga, Los Blancos trail FC Barcelona by 11 points with one match remaining. They have also suffered consecutive quarter-final exits in the UEFA Champions League, raising concerns over their performance during the business end of the season.

Club president Florentino Pérez is understood to be central to the push for change, with Mourinho viewed internally as a figure capable of restoring authority and competitive discipline.

There is a growing belief within the club that the current squad has lacked control



José Mourinho (R) with club president Florentino Perez at his unveiling in 2010

in crucial moments and requires stronger tactical and psychological direction.

Mourinho previously managed Real Madrid from 2010 to 2013, winning La Liga with a record of 100 points and lifting the Copa del Rey. His tenure defined one of the most intense periods in modern Spanish football, shaped by a fierce rivalry with Pep Guardiola's FC Barcelona.

Since departing Madrid, Mourinho has overseen spells at several of Europe's leading clubs.

At Chelsea, he won the Premier League and League Cup in his second stint, reaffirming his ability to deliver immediate results.

At Manchester United, he added the Europa League, League Cup, and Community Shield, maintaining a steady

flow of trophies despite inconsistent league form.

At Tottenham Hotspur, he improved competitiveness and stability, though his tenure ended shortly before a domestic cup final.

At AS Roma, he secured the inaugural UEFA Europa Conference League in 2022 and reached the Europa League final the following season, before leaving amid mixed domestic results.

His brief spell at Fenerbahçe ended after the club failed to secure Champions League qualification.

A return to the Spanish giants would likely be supported by significant transfer backing as the club looks to reassert itself domestically and in Europe. If completed, the move would mark one of the most notable managerial returns in recent football history.

For Real Madrid, it signals a possible shift toward a more structured, hard-edged identity. For Mourinho, it represents another opportunity at the elite level of European football.

Bahrain Keep Perfect Record in GCC Handball

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's handball team continued their strong campaign at the fourth GCC Games in Doha with a 36-25 victory over Saudi Arabia at Duhail Handball Hall, reinforcing their reputation as one of the tournament's leading contenders.

The reigning Asian champions, led by Swedish coach Robert Hedin, controlled the match from the opening whistle and never allowed their regional rivals to settle, building on their opening win against Kuwait.

Captain Hussain Al Sayyad set the tone early with a 2-0 lead, assisted by Mohammed Habib Nasser, as Bahrain quickly imposed their rhythm on both ends of the court. The early exchanges saw Bahrain's structured attack repeatedly break through Saudi Arabia's defence, with Mohammed Habib Nasser adding another key finish for 4-1.

The advantage continued to grow as Ahmed Fadhel struck for 9-3, before Salman Al Showaikh completed a well-worked move to push the score to 17-10. Bahrain's fluid transitions and disciplined defensive shape ensured they remained firmly in control throughout the first half, going into the break with a comfortable 19-11 lead.

After the restart, Bahrain maintained their intensity and extended their dominance through fast breaks and efficient attacking sequences. Jas-



Hussain Al Sayyad goes for goal against Saudi

sim Khamis added a goal for 21-13, Mohammed Habib Nasser struck again for 24-16, and Salman Al Showaikh produced further finishing quality with two more goals, including the

final strike to seal a 36-25 win. Saudi Arabia managed a late response, but Bahrain's superiority remained clear until the final whistle confirmed another convincing victory in Doha.

"We played a good match, we were able to dominate from the start," said Mohammed Habib Nasser. "In terms of our upcoming match against Qatar, we'll have a look at the video clips



Head coach Robert Hedin gives tactical instructions from the sideline

and try to improve our performance."

The win takes Bahrain to four points in the competition, strengthening their position ahead of a key clash with hosts Qatar at 4.30pm. It also marks back-to-back victories following their earlier success against Kuwait. National football goalkeeper Ebrahim Lutfalla was among those in attendance, supporting the team from the stands.

Beyond handball, Bahrain's athletes were also in action across several disciplines at the Games in Doha.

Snooker at the Qatar Billiards & Snooker Federation Hall saw Bahrain's men fall 3-1 to Oman, marking a setback in their campaign.

At the Aspire Dome, Bahrain's

women claimed a 2-1 victory over Qatar in padel, while the men's team also faced Qatar.

At Lusail Shooting Range, Bahrain competed in both the men's and women's trap events (75 targets qualification).

The men's team finished fifth and last with 184 points. In the men's individual trap qualification, Ismael Ghuloom placed 14th with 65 points, Saeed Ali finished 17th with 62, and Ahmed Aldhawaihi came 21st with 57.

The women's team finished third and last with 171 points. In the women's individual trap qualification, Maryam Sulaiti placed 7th with 60 points, Marwa Buarki and Fatema Nasralla both finished 11th with 58 points, while Samah Hejres came 13th with 53.

Champions return home after GCC success



Bahrain athletics team celebrated after strong GCC performance

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Bahrain's athletics and table tennis teams were welcomed back to the kingdom yesterday after a strong showing at the 4th GCC Games in Doha, where they continued their impressive run across multiple sports.

Officials from the Bahrain

Olympic Committee, including Executive Director of Operations Ahmed Mohammed Abdulghaffar and Dr. Moayyed Al Alawi, received the athletes on arrival. Both praised the team's performances and commitment, and reaffirmed continued support for upcoming competitions.

Bahrain's athletics team ac-

counted for most of the medals, producing a series of dominant displays and several podium sweeps.

In one of the latest events, Raihanah Garoubah won gold in the women's 200m in 23.23 seconds, ahead of teammate Aisha Abdullah, who took silver. Noora Jasim claimed gold in the

women's shot put with a best effort of 15.29m.

In the women's 1,500m, Nelly Korir secured gold in 4:22.56, with teammate Tigest Mekonen taking silver. Abdikani Hamid won gold in the men's 5,000m in 14:54.95, followed by compatriot Dawit Fikadu in silver position.

The women's 4x400m relay team — Zenab Mahamat, Aisha Abdullah, Sufian Abdulghani, and Kemi Adekoya — added another gold in 3:34.29.

Bahrain also earned a bronze in the men's 200m through Ali Haji, who clocked 20.80 seconds.

In the latest table tennis ac-

tion, Ryan Emad secured bronze in the women's singles after a 3-2 win over compatriot Dana Alkhayyat in the third-place match.

With competition at the Games running until May 22, Bahrain are expected to remain in medal contention in the remaining events.



Bahrain table tennis team welcomed by Bahrain Olympic Committee