



## Shura Council Praises UAE Progress



Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh congratulated the United Arab Emirates on Union Pledge Day, marking the historic establishment of the UAE federation in 1971.

In a message to Federal National Council Speaker Saqr Ghobash, Al Saleh praised the UAE's development and global standing while highlighting the strong fraternal relations and parliamentary cooperation between Bahrain and the UAE.

## Nominations for Workers Awards



The Ministry of Labour has opened nominations for the 41st Outstanding and Distinguished Workers Awards, held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Private sector companies can nominate exceptional Bahraini employees through the ministry's website until September 30, 2026. The annual awards ceremony is scheduled for December and aims to honour national talent and workplace excellence.



# Bahrain Congratulates UAE on Union Pledge Day

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a congratulatory message to UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on Union Pledge Day, which marks the historic 1971 signing of the UAE's founding declaration and constitution.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince and Prime Minister Prince Salman bin Hamad Al



Khalifa also extended congratulations to the UAE President, alongside Vice President Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid

Al Maktoum and Vice President Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Union Pledge Day Observed

annually on July 18, the occasion commemorates the historic moment in 1971 when UAE Founding Father the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and the rulers of the Emirates signed the declaration of the Union and the UAE Constitution, officially naming the country the United Arab Emirates. This paved the way for the nation's formal establishment on December 2, 1971.

## Social Insurance Chief Visits Youth City



Social Insurance Organisation (SIO) Chief Executive Officer Sahar Rashid Al Mannai visited Youth City 2030, reviewing programmes focused on leadership, entrepreneurship, digital innovation, arts, science and sports.

She also visited the SIO platform at the event, highlighting efforts to raise awareness among young Bahrainis about social insurance services, rights and responsibilities while supporting their future career planning.

## RHF Highlights Media Partnerships Model



The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) showcased its partnership model between media, government, non-profit and private sectors during the Third Arab Forum on Socially Responsible Media 2026.

RHF Director of Public Relations and Media Bader Ali Qamber presented the foundation's approach to strengthening community partnerships, highlighting the media's role in supporting humanitarian initiatives and increasing their impact.

## Two US Troops Killed in Jordan



Two U.S. service members were killed while defending against Iranian ballistic missile and drone attacks in Jordan on July 17, U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) said. The troops were operating alongside partner forces when the attack occurred, and one additional service member remains missing.

Four injured American service members were evacuated to hospitals in Jordan and have since been discharged, while others treated for minor injuries have returned to duty.

# GCC Calls Iran Strikes on Gulf States 'War Crimes'

Bahrain defences hold; Kuwait oil and power facilities hit; Jordan shoots down missiles

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The Gulf Cooperation Council has condemned Iran's attacks on Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan as war crimes, demanding international accountability for strikes on civilian infrastructure.

GCC Secretary General Jassem Mohamed Albudaiwi said the attacks constituted a flagrant violation of state sovereignty and a grave breach of international law and the United Nations Charter

"Iran's actions represent an unprecedented escalation and reflect a clear insistence on violating all international rules and norms," Albudaiwi said, adding that the attacks showed an unacceptable disregard for regional stability.

## Strikes Hit Gulf Infrastructure

Iran launched strikes on Saturday as part of its retaliation for US military action against the Islamic Republic. Kuwait bore the brunt of the latest wave, with an oil facility and a power and water plant targeted. Kuwaiti air defences reported intercepting waves of Iranian drones targeting vital facilities, power stations and water desalination plants, causing major infrastructure damage.

It was the second attack on a Kuwaiti power plant in two days. The first attack, on Friday, caused a fire and damaged generation units.

Jordan said its air defence systems shot down eight missiles launched from Iran toward its



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- JASSEM MOHAMED ALBUDAIWI, GCC SECRETARY GENERAL

territory. Missile debris fell, but no casualties or property damage were reported.

Albudaiwi stressed that the GCC stands united with Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan, supporting all measures taken to protect their security, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

## BDF on high alert

- The Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) General Command announced that its air defence systems successfully intercepted and destroyed several Iranian aerial attacks targeting the Kingdom on Saturday.
- The BDF said Iran continues its "systematic hostile approach" by attacking civilians in Bahrain, stressing that all military formations and units remain at the highest levels of readiness and full alert to protect the Kingdom.
- The General Command urged citizens and residents to exercise caution and avoid approaching any unfamiliar or suspicious objects resulting from the attacks, calling on the public to report such items immediately.



Kuwait's Electricity Minister Dr Subaih Al-Mukhaizeem inspects response efforts at the damaged power generation and water desalination plant following a fire incident



Kuwait Health Ministry Undersecretary Dr Sheikh Salman Khalifa Al-Sabah visits hospitals to check on those injured in the Iranian attacks.

# Hands Off Hormuz

EU and GCC tell Iran: no state can block the world's most vital shipping lane

The European Union and the Gulf Co-operation Council jointly reaffirmed freedom of navigation through the Strait of Hormuz is guaranteed under international law, issuing a stark warning against any attempt to restrict one of the world's most critical maritime corridors.

The declaration followed the High-Level Forum on Regional

Security and Co-operation held in Brussels on July 13. EU High Representative Kaja Kallas and Bahrain Foreign Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, serving as President of the GCC Ministerial Council, jointly presented the statement.

The two sides stressed that all nations hold an unconditional right of passage through the Strait under the United Nations Convention on

the Law of the Sea. Crucially, they asserted that no country has the legal authority to suspend, obstruct or attach conditions to that right.

The joint declaration signals a hardening of the transatlantic and Gulf alliance on maritime security at a moment of heightened regional tension, setting a firm diplomatic baseline ahead of potential further confrontations.



USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) transits the Arabian Sea while an MH-60S Sea Hawk flies nearby. American forces continue to strictly enforce the ongoing naval blockade against Iran. As of July 18, CENTCOM has redirected 5 commercial vessels and disabled 1.

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# Metro to Run Driverless on 109km Network

Phase one links airport to Seef and Juffair to Isa Town across 20 stations

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Bahrain is set to launch a fully automated, driverless electric metro system spanning 109 kilometres, built on elevated concrete bridges across the Kingdom.

Land Transport Undersecretary Fatima Al Dhaen confirmed the project is among the most significant transport developments in Bahrain's pipeline. The system will operate without drivers and run entirely on electricity.

First phase covers 29km  
The initial phase stretches



- Fully automated, driverless electric system on elevated bridges
- **Total length:** ~109km | **Phase one:** ~29km, 20 stations
- **Lines:** Airport-Seef and Juffair-Isa Town
- Aligned with Vision 2030 and net-zero target by 2060
- **Transport:** ~9% of Bahrain's carbon emissions



Fatima Al Dhaen

approximately 29 kilometres and includes two lines — one connecting Bahrain International

al Airport to the Seef district, and another running from Juffair to Isa Town — served by 20 stations. Routes were selected following detailed studies and coordination with government

agencies, factoring in population density and commercial activity across the Kingdom.

**Green goals**  
The metro supports Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 and its target of net-zero carbon neutrality by 2060. Transport currently accounts for around nine per cent of the Kingdom's total carbon emissions and ranks third among the world's most polluting sectors.

The ministry also marked World Bicycle Day for the second consecutive year, reinforcing its push to shift residents toward sustainable and healthier modes of transport.

## Duo Face Trial Over Ministry System Fraud

They are accused of entering false data to block victims from learning of legal claims against them

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Two defendants have been referred to criminal trial in Bahrain on charges of forging electronic records after allegedly entering false information into the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments' electronic system.

The case emerged following Public Prosecution investigations into a series of complaints. Inquiries conducted by the Economic Crimes Directorate confirmed that

the first defendant had filed debt claims against twelve individuals—entering his own address and his co-defendant's mobile number in each application instead of the victims' real contact details.

The move was designed to ensure court notifications reached the defendants themselves rather than the people being sued, preventing victims from knowing legal proceedings had been launched against them and stripping them of any chance to respond.

Text messages recovered from

the second defendant's phone confirmed he received filing notifications intended for the victims. Both defendants admitted during questioning that the address and mobile number submitted were their own.

The Deputy Chief of the Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecution confirmed the referral to trial following what it called conclusive evidence of involvement. The case is scheduled to be heard before the High Criminal Court on 26 July 2026.

## Bahrain Expands Global Collaboration on Sustainable Cities

Minister highlights affordable housing initiatives, digital transformation and global partnerships in New York

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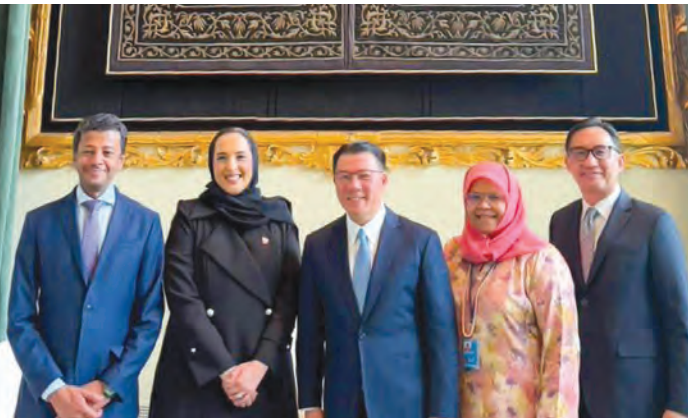
Bahrain highlighted its achievements in housing and sustainable urban development at the United Nations Midterm Review of the New Urban Agenda, with Minister of Housing and Urban Planning Amna bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi representing the Kingdom at the high-level gathering in New York.

Addressing two ministerial sessions, the Minister outlined Bahrain's comprehensive housing strategy, highlighting programmes that provide citizens with multiple pathways to home ownership. These include housing finance, land and housing unit purchase schemes, off-plan projects and flexible funding solutions designed to meet the needs of different income groups.

The minister also highlighted Bahrain's progress in digitising housing services, noting that digital transformation and integrated e-services have streamlined procedures, reduced processing times and improved access to government services for beneficiaries.

She pointed to the Government Land Development Programme as a successful model of public-private partnership, explaining how collaboration with private developers has accelerated the delivery of quality housing projects while maximising the use of government-owned land.

On the sidelines of the sum-



Minister highlights key programmes during two ministerial sessions.



The meeting with UN-Habitat Executive Director Ana Claudia Rocha

mit, the minister met with UN-Habitat Executive Director Ana Claudia Rocha to discuss expanding cooperation in urban planning, technical expertise and institutional capacity building. She also held talks with Malaysia's Minister of Housing and Local Government, Nga Kor Ming, on strengthening collaboration in housing development, financing mechanisms and digital government services.

**“Our commitment to international collaboration reflects our belief that sustainable urban development is achieved through innovation, knowledge exchange and strong global partnerships.”**

AMNA BINT AHMED AL RUMAIHI, MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN PLANNING

## BD100 Fine Warning Over Roadside Laundry

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Mohammed Darwish

Residents who hang wash over roads or pavements risk a BD100 settlement bill, the Northern Area Municipality has warned.

The council said clothes lines, racks and laundry left beyond the edge of a home or shop count as unlawful use of public space.

They are treated in the same way as unlicensed car shades, barriers and makeshift fences.

In a social media post, the municipality said these cases usually carry fines of between BD50 and BD300. Offenders can settle by paying one-third of the top fine —BD100.

The rule covers washing, poles, lines and racks that jut over a pavement, street or other shared area.



Municipal workers can order residents to take them down. The items can also be removed at the owner's cost when the warning is ignored.

Bahrain's Public Roads Occupation Law separately allows fines of between BD20 and BD500 for putting items on roads or pavements without permis-

sion. Courts can also order payment of twice the due fee and the cost of clearing the site.

Laundry kept wholly within private land would not normally count as road occupation. The breach arises when it hangs over public ground, blocks the way or takes up part of a road or pavement.

## Market inspections uncover consumer law violations

Ministry takes action against outlets over pricing and expired products



The Ministry of Industry and Commerce detected several violations during inspection campaigns across Bahrain's commercial establishments to ensure compliance with consumer protection laws.

The ministry's Inspection Directorate found violations at four food retail outlets, including failure to display product prices, discrepancies between shelf prices and checkout charges, and the sale of expired products.

The violations were addressed immediately, the outlets were instructed to correct their practices and legal procedures were initiated under Law (35) of 2012 on Consumer Protection and its executive regulations.

Inspectors also detected price manipulation violations at a commercial establishment in the Southern Governorate. Because the establishment failed to correct previously reported violations, the ministry ordered its administrative closure and took further legal measures.

The ministry reaffirmed that inspection campaigns will continue nationwide to safeguard consumer rights and maintain market stability.



# Bahrain to Host 7th GCC Digital Government Award

Regional award to recognise innovation, AI and excellence in digital government across GCC states

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The Kingdom of Bahrain will host the 7th GCC Digital Government Award 2026 as part of its presidency of the 46th session of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), reaffirming its leadership in digital transformation and regional cooperation.

The Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA) Chief Executive, Mohammed Ali Al Qaed, said the award provides a regional platform to recog-

nise outstanding digital government projects, encourage innovation through advanced technologies, and promote the exchange of best practices among GCC member states. He added that Bahrain's hosting of the event, alongside its chairmanship of the GCC Ministerial Committee for Digital Government, reflects the Kingdom's advanced digital government capabilities and commitment to enhancing government services across the region.



Mohammed Ali Al Qaed

The award features nine categories, including Best Digital

Government Service, Best Use of Artificial Intelligence, Best Open Data Initiative and Best Integrated Government Application. Government entities across GCC member states can submit nominations from July 19 to September 3, 2026, in coordination with their respective digital government authorities. The GCC Digital Government Award was established in 2009 to celebrate excellence and innovation in digital government across the region.

## Budaiya Highway Widening Begins

BD29.1m project to expand road to six lanes and remove four roundabouts



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Preparatory works have started on the Budaiya Highway development project, with crews removing palm and other trees to clear the site ahead of major construction.

Northern Municipal Council representative Mohammed Al Doseri confirmed works are underway from the Salman City-Budaiya intersection through Al Qadam flyover, carried out in coordination between the Ministry of Works and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture.

The BD29.1 million upgrade will widen the 6.7km highway—

running from Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Street to Al Janabiya Street—from its current layout to three lanes in each direction. Four roundabouts will be removed to improve traffic flow.

Works also covers service roads, pavements, parking areas, a rainwater drainage network, underground utility relocation, lighting, landscaping, and traffic safety upgrades.

Budaiya Highway is one of Bahrain's oldest major roads, directly and indirectly serving around 25 villages and home to more than 7,800 commercial shops. Al Doseri expressed hope construction would begin once coordination between service authorities is finalised.

## Pools 95pc Booked for Summer

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Mohammed Darwish

Swimming pools across Bahrain are almost sold out for the summer, with bookings hitting 95pc and some sites full until early September.

Families have snapped up morning and evening slots as searing heat and high humidity drive people away from parks and other open-air spots.

Prices range from BD70 to BD200, based on the pool's size, area and facilities. Many operators charge about BD120 on weekdays and up to BD160 at weekends.

Indoor and air-conditioned pools are drawing the biggest crowds, with families keen on privacy, cooler rooms and space to eat, play and spend the day.

Abdullah Al Isa, who runs a pool in Sanad, said bookings shot up once pupils broke for the summer.

Most morning and evening



slots were now full, with dates taken through July and August and into the first days of September.

He said the rush was common at this time of year, as families turned to malls and pools to escape the heat.

Ahmed Al Dallal, who owns a pool in Karzakan, said every slot had been taken until September 10.

He was also receiving dozens of calls each day from customers still trying to find a booking.

Pool owners were now offering far more than a place to swim, he said, with barbecue areas, sports courts, big screens for football matches and rooms fitted with video games.

Closed pools were the first

choice for many families because they gave them privacy and shelter from the heat.

Al Dallal said weekday bookings cost about BD120, rising to BD160 at weekends.

He blamed higher water bills and the rising price of chlorine and other cleaning supplies.

A pool booking cost no more than BD100 in most cases three years ago, he said.

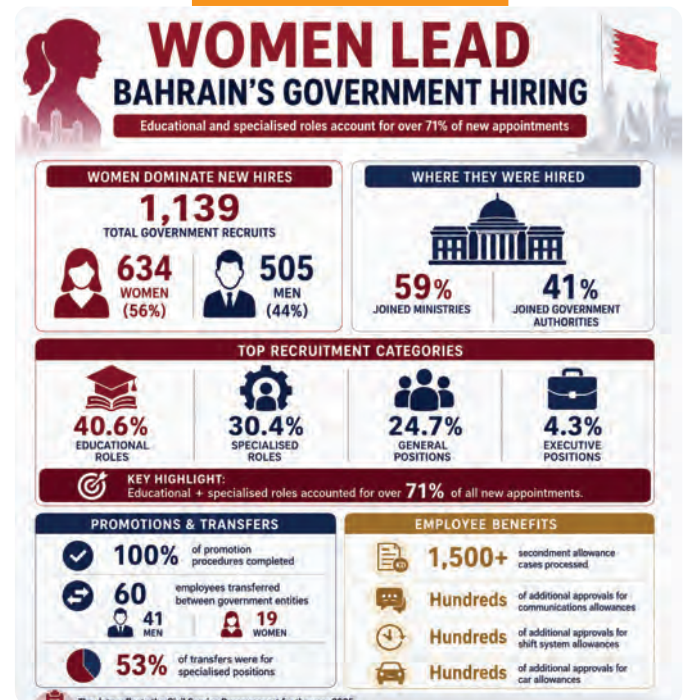
Mohammed Al Atta, who owns a pool in Buri, said customers began booking in mid-May, with weekend dates going first.

His prices had stayed near BD120 on weekdays and BD150 at weekends over the past two years.

Demand was still as high as in the last two summers, he added, with almost every slot taken.

Mr Al Atta said the market now ranged from smaller pools charging about BD70 to larger sites costing up to BD200, based on their area, fittings and extra services.

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## Investing in youth, building the future

Survey chief highlights Youth City 2030 achievements



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The President of the Survey and Land Registration Bureau (SLRB), Eng. Bassem bin Yacoub Al Hamer, praised Youth City 2030 as a leading national initiative focused on developing young Bahraini talents and preparing them for future opportunities.

During a visit to the annual programme, organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs in partnership with strategic partner Tamkeen, Al Hamer toured various training centres and programmes designed to enhance youth skills and strengthen their readiness for

the labour market.

Accompanied by the Ministry of Youth Affairs Undersecretary Marwan Fouad Kamal, Al Hamer reviewed the initiatives offered at the city, highlighting their role in building participants' knowledge, innovation and practical skills.

Al Hamer also visited the SLRB's specialised programme, "Survey Engineering and Geospatial Data," where he met participants and learned about the course content, which combines theoretical knowledge with practical training.

The programme introduces young participants to modern surveying technologies, geospatial data applications and arti-



cial intelligence tools, reflecting global practices and real-world workplace requirements.

Al Hamer said investing in youth is essential to building a competitive and sustainable future. He praised Youth City 2030 for discovering national talents and providing them with specialised training opportunities.

## Ministry of Industry and Commerce Launches "Smart Shopping" Platform at Youth City 2030



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The Ministry of Industry and Commerce, represented by the Consumer Protection Directorate, is participating in Youth City 2030, organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs in collaboration with its strategic partner, the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), through an interactive "Smart Shopping" platform developed in cooperation with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). The initiative aims to promote responsible consumer behavior and

raise awareness among young people of their consumer rights and responsibilities.

Eng. Entisar Abdulaal, Director of Consumer Protection, said the Ministry's participation reflects its commitment to equipping youth with the knowledge and practical skills needed to make informed purchasing decisions and embrace sustainable consumption.

She added that the initiative encourages young people to actively contribute to national initiatives while strengthening their sense of responsibility and supporting sustainable devel-

opment.

The "Smart Shopping" platform features interactive activities, competitions, and practical experiences designed to help participants understand their rights as consumers, compare products and services, read commercial information, and identify genuine and misleading offers.

The Ministry's participation in Youth City 2030 forms part of its ongoing awareness programmes aimed at promoting consumer protection, responsible consumption, and a more informed and sustainable society.

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Every banking transaction begins with a customer need. It may be a payment, a financing request, a corporate instruction or a complex cross-border requirement. Whatever the service, the process eventually reaches the same point: execution.

For Nabeel Mustafa, Group Chief Operating Officer at the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB), this is where the Operations function becomes essential.

“The role of the Operations department is, in short, the end of any banking transaction story,” he says. “Any transaction that goes through study needs execution at the end of the process.”

Nabeel sees Operations as the function that turns the Bank’s commitments into a finished service. Its role is to ensure that what has been agreed with the customer is delivered with efficiency and quality.

A broader role in every transaction

Banking operations once relied heavily on manual checks and back-office processing. Technology has changed the function at speed and scale. Nabeel describes operations as a function that is now connected to the entire customer journey, from the moment a request enters the Bank until the service is fully delivered.

“The Operations department is no longer seen as only an execution function,” he says. “You must monitor the process from the very first point of the customer’s

arrival at the Bank until the very last point.”

That wider role reflects the variety of activity passing through NBB. The function supports individual customers, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), large corporations and strategic clients. Each segment has different expectations, timelines and levels of service complexity.

The common point is that all transaction data ultimately passes through Operations. This gives the function a practical view of how services perform after they leave the design stage. Nabeel’s team, therefore, studies the data and feeds insights back into the business. The aim is to identify where a process can be improved, where a product may need to be adjusted and where the customer experience can be made more efficient.

“The Operations Department has become a partner in every transaction,” Nabeel says. “It helps develop services and move to a more advanced stage in the banking relationship with the customer.”

The skills behind the execution

Technology has changed the way Operations teams work, but the fundamentals remain the same. Nabeel returns to three qualities: accuracy, speed and discipline. These are the basic requirements of any transaction. Customers expect instructions to be completed correctly, within the required timeframe and according to clearly defined controls.

The difference lies in the mindset now needed to deliver those outcomes. Operations employees



Nabeel Mustafa, Group Chief Operating Officer at the National Bank of Bahrain

must understand digital financial technology and how it can improve the way banking processes are completed. They need to recognise where automation can raise productivity, reduce manual handling and lower the risk of error.

NBB has consistently invested in the development of its Operations teams, exposing employees to external developments and encouraging them to bring forward ideas that can improve the way work is carried out. As digitalisation increases, fewer transactions require manual intervention. This allows teams to focus on work that requires more strategic-level planning.

Technology may have changed the tools, but the standard has not shifted. The work still demands precision, responsiveness and a strong sense of responsibility.

Continuity planned from day one

The importance of Operations becomes especially clear during periods of disruption. Customers expect access to banking services

period in the region as a practical test of NBB’s readiness. The Bank continued to provide its services without delay, and customers were able to complete their transactions without feeling the full impact of the disruption.

One operating standard across the Group

NBB Group’s operational scope extends across Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. It also covers conventional and Islamic banking through NBB and Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB).

Nabeel views that range as an advantage. It brings different practices, regulatory settings and operating models into one wider environment, giving the Group the opportunity to identify what works best and apply it more broadly.

The objective is to build a common standard across entities wherever possible. Processes should follow the same principles and deliver the same level of quality, while adhering to local regulations or governance dynamics. This requires systems and processes that can adapt. A rigid operating model may work for one entity or market, but become difficult to extend when the organisation scales or when regulations change.

Nabeel says flexibility must be considered whenever any new investments are made in technology, systems or processes. Each decision should support current requirements while remaining ready for future additions.

The standard customers ultimately see

Much of the work carried out by Operations takes place outside the customer’s view. Customers may not see the process design, contingency planning, data analysis or system architecture behind a completed transaction.

What they experience is the result.

“Since its establishment, NBB has proven through many situations, occasions and crises that the Bank remains standing, accessible and able to deliver all its services,” he says, while addressing NBB’s customers. They expect payments that arrive on time, requests that are processed accurately, service that remains available, and transactions that move through the Bank without unnecessary delays. This is why Nabeel links Operations so closely with confidence. The function may sit behind many customer-facing services, but its performance is visible in every interaction that reaches completion.

That role places a clear responsibility on the Operations function. It must protect the standards customers already associate with the Bank while it prepares for higher volumes, faster technology and an increasingly complex business environment.

“NBB is a strong, well-established institution and it will continue to remain so,” he concludes. “We will pass it on to the coming generations, for the better.”

In that sense, Operations at NBB is more than the end of a transaction story. It is where the Bank proves that the promise made at the beginning has been carried through.

Al Salam Bank Enhances its Multi-Currency Debit Card with New International Currencies

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Following the success of its Limited Edition Lamine Yamal Visa Multi-Currency Debit Card, Al Salam Bank has announced the expansion of its multi-currency debit card offering through the introduction of new additional international currencies, further strengthening its card solutions and providing clients with greater flexibility for international travel, overseas spending, and online transactions.

Central to this enhancement is the Bank’s Limited Edition Lamine Yamal Visa Multi-Currency debit card, alongside its standard multi-currency debit card, enabling both existing and new cardholders to benefit from expanded international payment capabilities through a single integrated banking solution.

With this latest expansion, the multi-currency debit card now supports the addition of SAR, OMR, QAR, and INR, alongside the currencies already available including BHD, USD, EUR, GBP, AED, and TRY. Existing cardholders will automatically gain access to the newly added currencies, while new clients will benefit from full access upon card issuance.

Designed to support seamless international spending,



Mohammed Buhijji, Chief Retail Banking Officer, Al Salam Bank

the card enables clients to link multiple foreign currency accounts to a single card, allowing transactions to be automatically processed from the matching currency account whenever payments are made in supported currencies. Cardholders also benefit from the elimination of foreign exchange markup fees on eligible international and online transactions, instant issuance through the Bank’s digital channels, and a range of travel-related benefits that further enhance convenience and overall client experience.

Commenting on the announcement, Mohammed Buhijji, Chief Retail Banking Officer, Al Salam Bank, said: “Building on the positive response to the Limited Edition Lamine Yamal Visa Multi-Currency Debit Card, we continue

to enhance our card solutions to provide clients with greater flexibility, convenience, and everyday value. The expansion of supported currencies reflects our continued focus on developing innovative payment solutions that simplify international spending while supporting the growing travel and lifestyle needs of our clients through a seamless digital banking experience.”

In addition to expanded currency access, clients using the multi-currency debit card continue to benefit from a range of value-added features including simplified digital management through the Al Salam Bank mobile application, seamless international transactions, and access to exclusive seasonal card campaign rewards linked to card usage.

This latest enhancement reinforces Al Salam Bank’s continued investment in innovative payment solutions designed to support evolving client lifestyles, strengthen its cards proposition, and advance the Bank’s broader strategy of delivering seamless and digitally enabled everyday banking experiences.

Ministry of Industry and Commerce Inspection Directorate

Publication of a Court Judgment Regarding the Trading of Adulterated and Spoiled Food Products

Pursuant to the judgment issued by the competent court, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce announces the issuance of a court judgment convicting TAMWEEN FOOD STORE, Commercial Registration No. 90605-1, and its representatives for committing the offence of deliberately adulterating goods by altering their nature or characteristics, in violation of the provisions of Law No. (12) of 2018 approving the Unified Law (Regulation) on Combating Commercial Fraud of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) States and its Executive Regulations.

The Court established, based on the case file and the evidence contained therein, including the inspection and seizure reports prepared by the judicial officers of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, the technical examination and expert reports, the site inspection report, and the defendants’ confessions, that the defendants had deceived consumers by selling and trading expired food products unfit for human consumption, using labels containing false expiry date information, and possessing, storing, and trading adulterated and spoiled food products with the intent of offering them for sale.

Accordingly, the Court ordered the following:

- Closure of TAMWEEN FOOD STORE for a period of six months, together with the confiscation and destruction of the seized adulterated and spoiled goods and the tools used in committing the offence.
- Sentencing the first defendant, a Bahraini national, to one year’s imprisonment with immediate enforcement, imposing a fine of BHD 20,000 (Twenty Thousand Bahraini Dinars) for the commercial fraud offences due to their connection, and a further fine of BHD 1,000 (One Thousand Bahraini Dinars) for employing a worker without obtaining a work permit.
- Sentencing the second defendant, a Nigerian national, to one year’s imprisonment with immediate enforcement for the offence of commercial fraud, imposing a fine of BHD 10 (Ten Bahraini Dinars) for working without a work permit, and ordering his permanent deportation from the Kingdom of Bahrain upon completion of the imposed sentence.
- Sentencing the third defendant, a Bangladeshi national, to one year’s imprisonment with immediate enforcement for the offence of commercial fraud, and ordering his permanent deportation from the Kingdom of Bahrain upon completion of the imposed sentence.
- Publishing a summary of the judgment, together with its reasons and supporting evidence, in two local daily newspapers, one of which shall be in Arabic, after the judgment has become final and conclusive, at the expense of the convicted persons.

The publication of this judgment is made in implementation of the judgment issued by the competent court.

Trump threatens to increase Canada tariffs over wildfire smoke pollution

AFP | New York, United States

US President Donald Trump threatened on Friday a tariff increase on Canada to cover the cost of smoke pollution from wildfires that have choked large parts of the United States.

Dense wildfire smoke billowing down from Canada and northern Minnesota has set off unhealthy air quality alerts across the US.

As of Saturday, there were 937 active fires in Canada, most of which were burning out of control, according to the Canadian Wildland Fire Information System.

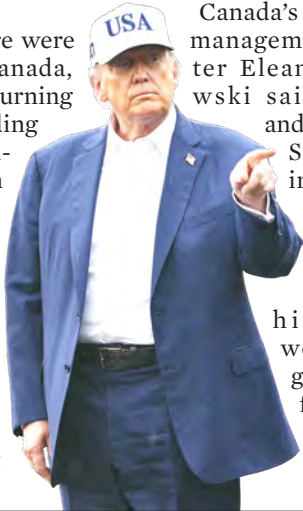
"This is Willful Negligence, and becoming a yearly occurrence, costing the United States Billions of Dollars," Trump said on Truth Social, adding that the "cost of this pollution must

of necessity be added to the TARIFFS Canada is currently paying."

Trump accused Canada of "not properly maintaining" their forests, failing to carry out "basic Forest Management and Debris Removal."

He said he would call Prime Minister Mark Carney "to find out what they are going to do about" the smoke.

Canada's emergency management minister Eleanor Olsewski said Canada and the United States were in "constant contact," pointing toward their "long history of working together to fight wildfires."



Hezbollah buries dozens of fighters in south Lebanon

AFP | Majdal Selm, Lebanon

Hezbollah held a mass funeral for dozens of people, most of them fighters killed in the most recent fighting with Israel, in southern Lebanon's Majdal Selm on

yesterday.

In the heavily-damaged village, Hezbollah buried 44 people, 39 of them fighters and four civilians said to have been killed in Israeli operations, and one man who died of natural causes.

Panama bids to regain control of strategic oil pipeline

AFP | Panama City, Panama

The Panamanian government said Friday it would buy the remaining 41 percent private stake in Petroterminal from a US company, giving Panama complete control of the strategic oil pipeline.

Once the transaction is completed, "Panama will own 100 percent" of Petroterminal, "consolidating national control over one of the country's most important strategic infrastructures," the government said in a statement.

It said the acquisition would be funded "with the income and cash flows generated by



the company itself," without giving the value of the transaction.

"Our goal is for this strategic infrastructure to generate increasing value and greater benefits for all Panamanians," Panama's Minister of Economy and Finance Felipe Chapman said.

Chapman said the acquisition was "in strict accordance with the law."

Leather jacket worn by Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang auctions for nearly \$1 mn

New York, United States

A black leather jacket sported by Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang sold for \$960,000 at a New York auction on Friday, 16 times higher than the estimated value of \$60,000, according to Sotheby's.

The auctioneer said in a press release that 45 collectors bid on the Tom Ford jacket, with Sotheby's Head of Modern Collectibles Brahm Wachter calling it "an object so closely tied to one of the defining figures of the AI era."

Much like Apple founder Steve Jobs' penchant for black turtle-necks or Meta chief Mark

Zuckerberg's endless wardrobe of gray T-shirts, Huang has made leather jackets part of his signature style, wearing one in nearly every public appearance -- including the cover of Time Magazine in 2021.

As head of Nvidia, he has seen the chipmaker grow to become the highest-valued publicly traded company in the world.

Proceeds from the auction go to benefit the Edge Institute, a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching English and instructing professionals in Western business and educational methods.



Iraq, US sign 48 agreements

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● Trump praised Zaidi as a "champion" in a meeting at the White House.

AFP | Baghdad, Iraq

Iraq signed 48 agreements and partnerships with American companies, many in the oil sector, during a visit to the US by Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi, his office said yesterday.

Oil-rich Iraq has been trying to move past decades of war and unrest, but still suffers from poor infrastructure, failing public services, mismanagement and endemic corruption.

It is in urgent need of an economic boost, especially after losing revenue due to a halt in oil exports caused by the Middle East war.

"A total of 48 agreements, memoranda of understanding, cooperation agreements, and partnership declarations were signed between public and private sector entities in Iraq



US President Donald Trump shakes hands with Prime Minister of Iraq Ali al-Zaidi (L) in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, DC

Lebanon's president departs for Washington to meet Trump

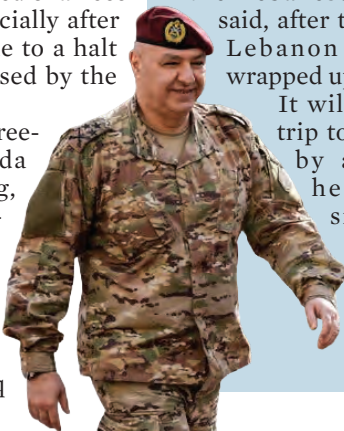
AFP | Beirut, Lebanon

Lebanese President Joseph Aoun yesterday left Beirut for Washington, where he is expected to meet Donald Trump, the Lebanese presidency said, after talks between Lebanon and Israel wrapped up in Italy.

It will be the first trip to Washington by a Lebanese head of state since Michel Sleiman was received by Barack Obama in 2009. Aoun will

hold discussions "with several American officials on the situation in Lebanon and ways to strengthen the ceasefire", particularly in Lebanon's south, as well as on "the withdrawal of Israel from the Lebanese regions it occupies", the presidency said.

A Lebanese military source meanwhile told AFP that the Lebanese army has begun intensifying patrols in several villages adjacent to areas occupied by Israeli forces, including Froun in the Bint Jbeil district, in preparation for implementing the pilot zones provision.



and the United States," the Iraqi leader's media office said.

They include "cooperation and partnerships involving the ministries of oil and electricity... with ExxonMobil, KBR, GE Vernova, Shell, and Halliburton," as well as several deals related to the construction of a major crude oil pipeline between Iraq and Syria.

Iraq also signed a deal with Starlink, which dominates the global satellite communications sector, to introduce services to the country. On Tuesday, US President Donald Trump praised Zaidi as a "champion" in a meeting at the White House.

Zaidi, a businessman, came to power this year with US blessing after Trump vetoed another candidate. He has vowed to boost Iraq's fragile economy and disarm pro-Iran armed groups in Iraq that have targeted US facilities.



Modern-day Iraq was at the heart of ancient Mesopotamia, where some of the world's first cities and one of the earliest writing systems were developed.

US hails plan to restore Iraqi-Syrian oil pipeline

AFP | Washington, United States

The US State Department on Friday reported a major oil pipeline between Iraq and Syria, which has been closed for decades, will be restored by the two countries.

"The United States welcomes the Government of the Republic of Iraq and the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic's intent to advance the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Iraq-Syria crude oil pipeline as a priority infrastructure project," the State Department said in a statement, calling it "of bilateral and regional strategic significance."

The pipeline will link Iraqi oil production to export markets in the Mediterranean and beyond.

"Today's announcement marks an important milestone



Representative image

for the region and for Syria-Iraq relations," the State Department added.

Washington is overseeing an international consortium "to execute the technical and financial

aspects of this project," which is expected to have an initial transport capacity of two million barrels of crude daily once fully rehabilitated, the department said.

In Damascus last week, To-

talEnergies CEO Patrick Pouy- anne said that Syria could become an "important transit country for oil coming from Iraq to the Mediterranean," especially with the need for "alternative routes" given the closure of the Strait of Hormuz due to the Iran war and its effect on global energy supplies.

Since April, Iraq has been transporting crude through Syria by truck to circumvent the closure of the strait, which briefly reopened after a fragile ceasefire but has since been locked down by Iran after US strikes resumed earlier this month.

The announcement of the oil pipeline restoration comes as Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi visits Washington, with US President Donald Trump praising his leadership.

Israeli rule change clears way for using crocodiles to deter prisonbreaks

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israeli Environmental Protection Minister Idit Silman has reclassified crocodiles from wild animals to "captive-bred wildlife", a move that clears the way for the reptiles to be used for security purposes, including to deter prison escapes.

Far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben

Gvir -- who reportedly proposed in December surrounding a prison for Palestinian detainees with crocodiles, a la Florida's "Alligator Alcatraz" immigration detention facility -- welcomed the decision.

"Are you thinking of attempting to escape? Think again,"

Ben Gvir wrote in a Facebook post on Thursday, alongside an AI-generated image of himself with a crocodile on a leash.

The caption read: "Ministers Ben Gvir and Silman are cooperating and encircling prisons with crocodiles!"

Israel's Channel 13 reported that the Israel Nature and Parks Authority had opposed Ben Gvir's proposal when he first floated the idea last year.

The reclassification transfers oversight of the animals from the authority to a "security body". The Israel Prison Service, which

Ben Gvir runs, is one such body.

The regulation was signed into law on Wednesday. Israeli media reported that Ben Gvir intends to deploy crocodiles around Ketziot prison in southern Israel, which holds many Hamas men captured after the group's October 7, 2023 attack on Israel -- which triggered the more than two-year war in Gaza.

Channel 13 said Ben Gvir's proposal was initially "met with ridicule by several officers" at the Israel Prison Service when he raised it last year.



Astronomer Johannes Kepler has an epiphany and develops his theory of the geometrical basis of the universe while teaching in Graz, Austria

First US women's rights convention is held in Seneca Falls, NY, organized by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott



Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull surrenders to US federal troops at Fort Buford in the Territory of Montana

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill launches his "V for Victory" campaign

# 'Hello space, we have arrived!'

India successfully launches first private orbital rocket

● The Vikram-1 rocket took off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota

● Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the endeavour as "a defining moment in India's space journey".

● The rocket is carrying a diverse range of payloads, including a lab-grown diamond and robotic arms capable of removing space debris.

AFP | Sriharikota, India

India's first privately built orbital rocket took its maiden flight yesterday, its company said, marking a significant step for the South Asian giant as it eyes a bigger slice of the global space economy.

The Vikram-1 rocket, built by Skyroot Aerospace and designed to carry small satellites into low-Earth orbit, took off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota amid loud cheers.

"Hello space, we have arrived!" Skyroot Aerospace said in a post on X. "Vikram-1's Test Flight-1 has completed its mission. The first ever Indian private sector launch has been successfully completed."

Vikram-1 is about as tall as a seven-storey building and capable of carrying payloads weighing up to 350 kilograms



India's Skyroot Aerospace orbital rocket Vikram-1 blasts off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota

(771 pounds). Pawan Goenka, chairman of the government's Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre, said the achievement went "way beyond expectation for the very first orbital launch ever taken by an Indian private company".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the endeavour as "a defining moment in India's space journey".

"The growing participation of our private sector is opening new frontiers and accelerating innovation," Modi said.

"This achievement will encourage countless youngsters

to dream bigger and innovate fearlessly."

The rocket is carrying a diverse range of payloads, including a lab-grown diamond and robotic arms capable of removing space debris.

A miniature 18-karat gold rocket that has mini sculptures of Indian physicists Vikram Sarabhai, CV Raman and former Indian president and noted aerospace engineer APJ Abdul Kalam is also aboard the vehicle.

India's space ambitions, built on decades of investment by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), have gathered pace in recent years.

The country's space economy -- valued at around \$8.4 billion -- has rapidly expanded since the sector opened up to private players in 2020, and is now home to more than 400 space startups.

## 'New heights'

"India's space ambitions soar to new heights!" Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar said after the successful launch.

Former ISRO chairman K. Sivan hailed the work done by space startups, adding that the country was witnessing the "fruits of the seeds sown" when it opened up the sector to private players.

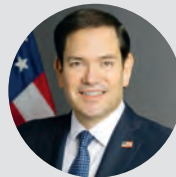
"With Skyroot especially, the rocket is one of the most challenging and complex technologies in the space system... It is going to motivate many people," he told AFP.

"If an Indian startup can make one of the most challenging things in the space industry, then it gives a huge boost to India's reputation globally."



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Without trust, there can be no greatness. Under @POTUS, the Trump Administration will rout out foreign interference in our elections and safeguard our democracy. America's future belongs to Americans.

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I have always been inspired by Nelson Mandela's life & belief that when people stand together, nothing is impossible. The future is in our hands. On #MandelaDay, let's carry forward Mandela's vision of a just, inclusive, equal and peaceful world.

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The cooperation between Germany and France is the necessary condition for making progress in Europe.

@EmmanuelMacron

04



I've visited Ukraine four times as Prime Minister, and I've seen firsthand the devastation caused by Russia's invasion. The UK's support for Ukraine will never waver.

@Keir\_Starmer

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## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

# Three Defining Traits of the Iranian Regime



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

Threats, deception, and aggression. These three characteristics have come to define, in the eyes of many observers, the conduct of the Iranian regime—both in its dealings with its regional neighbours and in its political rhetoric. Since the establishment of the Islamic Republic, the Middle East has endured repeated crises that Tehran has either instigated or helped sustain, making escalation one of the regime's most enduring instruments of statecraft.

This is not a conclusion reached lightly. It is drawn from the realities our region has witnessed in recent weeks and years. While Gulf states continue to face threats to their security and stability, Iranian officials persist in issuing warnings of further attacks while insisting that their operations are directed solely at military targets. Yet the facts on the ground tell a different story: civilians, critical infrastructure, and essential public services have too often borne the consequences.

The recent attack on a power station and desalination facility in the State of Kuwait is a stark example. Such infrastructure exists to serve ordinary citizens, and any strike against it places the wellbeing of hundreds of thousands of people at risk. Regardless of how Tehran attempts to justify such actions, or portray them as legitimate military operations, the realities on the ground speak far more convincingly than official narratives.

The second defining trait is deception. It is not confined to messaging directed at the outside world but also extends to Iran's domestic audience. The persistent gap between official statements and actual events—between diplomatic language and military conduct—raises legitimate questions about who truly shapes decision-making in Tehran and where real authority ultimately resides.

The contradiction has become increasingly apparent. Political leaders speak of dialogue, restraint, and diplomacy, while military institutions continue to issue threats and pursue policies of escalation. Such inconsistency reflects more than a lack of institutional coherence; it undermines the credibility of any assurances or political commitments issued by the Iranian leadership.

This pattern is reinforced whenever threats against regional infrastructure are accompanied by claims of military operations that are subsequently denied by the states concerned or disproved by subsequent evidence. It reinforces the perception of a system that relies as heavily on propaganda and psychological warfare as it does on conventional military power.

The third—and perhaps most dangerous—trait is aggression. It has moved well beyond rhetoric, manifesting itself in attacks on civilian infrastructure, threats to international shipping, and actions that heighten regional instability while diminishing opportunities for dialogue and peaceful political solutions.

The cumulative effect of these policies has been to erode Iran's diplomatic standing and diminish whatever goodwill remained among those who once argued for greater engagement. A foreign policy built primarily on intimidation and coercion inevitably narrows the space for trust and cooperation.

The Middle East is passing through one of its most sensitive periods in recent history. It is a time that demands wisdom, restraint, and responsible leadership from all parties. A strategy founded on threats, deception, and aggression cannot deliver lasting security, nor can it build relationships based on mutual confidence and respect. History repeatedly demonstrates that governments which rely exclusively on force while disregarding international law and the principles of good neighbourliness ultimately find themselves increasingly isolated—and eventually confronted by the consequences of their own choices.

There remains hope that reason will prevail over confrontation, and that diplomacy will ultimately triumph over escalation. For it is always ordinary people who bear the heaviest burden of conflict, while in the end, truth endures, justice prevails, and peace remains the only lasting victory.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

## Spain braces for third heatwave with highs above 40C

AFP | Madrid, Spain

Spain is set to enter its third heatwave of the summer on Tuesday, with temperatures forecast to climb above 40C across large parts of the country, the national weather office said.

The heatwave will be fuelled by a persistent area of high

pressure that will trap hot, dry air from North Africa over Spain for several days, pushing temperatures to exceptionally high levels, AEMET said in a statement.

The heat is expected to intensify through Thursday, which forecasters say is likely to be the peak of the event, with some isolated areas potentially ex-

ceeding 45C. "The level of danger will be significant during the central hours of the day, especially for outdoor activities and vulnerable people," the weather agency said. Spain has already endured two other heatwaves this summer -- one in late June that broke temperature records across Europe, and another in early July.

## Drug lab discovery prompts residents' evacuation in The Hague

The Hague, Netherlands

Authorities in The Hague evacuated residents from dozens of homes Saturday after discovering an illegal drug lab had been set up in their neighbourhood, Dutch officials said.

The operation was the second time in 24 hours the residents were asked to leave their homes over the lab, outside which bar-



rels containing hundreds of litres of dangerous chemicals were stored.

The police investigation into the site led to the arrests of at

least four men aged between 34 and 71.

Several media outlets in the Netherlands said some 150 residents were asked to evacuate while specialised teams safely removed the products and then dismantled the inside of the lab.

It said that it expected the residents would be allowed to return to their homes late Saturday night.

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## region

### Qatar Condemns Iranian Attacks on Gulf States

Doha calls strikes on Jordan, Bahrain and Kuwait a violation of sovereignty



Qatar has strongly condemned renewed attacks by Iran targeting the territories of Jordan, Bahrain and Kuwait, describing them as a violation of sovereignty, territorial integrity and international law. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the attacks breach the UN Charter and principles of good neighbourly relations, warning that continued escalation threatens regional security and stability. Qatar said the targeting of electricity and water desal-

ination facilities in Kuwait crossed “all red lines” and represented a serious violation of UN Security Council Resolution 2817, which calls for respect for the sovereignty of the affected countries and protection of civilians and critical infrastructure. The ministry urged an immediate halt to all military actions, calling for restraint, a return to dialogue and negotiations, and adherence to diplomatic understandings aimed at restoring security in the region.

### UAE Prosecution Probes False Dubai Explosions Report

Attorney-General summons news agency staff over fabricated story



The UAE Public Prosecution has expanded its investigation into the publication of false information claiming explosions were heard in Dubai. Attorney-General Counselor Dr Hamad Saif Al Shamsi said prosecutors have heard the reporter's statement and summoned those responsible for preparing, approving and publishing the report at the

news agency to examine their roles and compliance with legal and professional standards. Measures are being taken to determine responsibility and pursue legal action based on investigation findings. The prosecution confirmed that the agency's decision to withdraw the report and publish an apology does not halt the investigation or preclude legal accountability.

### UN Urges Talks as Iran-US War Escalates

The United Nations has expressed deep alarm over escalating military exchanges between the United States and Iran, warning that strikes on civilian infrastructure are “unacceptable.” UN Deputy Spokesperson Farhan Haq said Secretary-General António Guterres is “particularly concerned about attacks on civilian infrastructure in Iran and across the region.”



Tensions erupted after the US and Israel launched an intense bombing campaign in late February. Iran responded with counterstrikes targeting US bases in neighbouring Gulf states, halting commercial shipping through the Strait of Hormuz — a chokepoint carrying one-fifth of global oil and gas supplies. A Memorandum of Understanding signed last month

included a ceasefire and reopened the waterway, but disputes over its terms have reignited hostilities. Iran claims the deal grants it control over the strait, including the right to collect passage tolls — a position rejected by Washington and the international community. Guterres called for urgent diplomatic efforts toward a “peaceful and durable settlement,” including full restoration of navigational freedoms through the Strait of Hormuz.

High Turnout Marks the Success of Police Officers Club’s “Summer Club 3”



The Police Officers Club has witnessed an impressive turnout for its annual “Summer Club 3” program, drawing the participation of nearly 200 children of club members. The comprehensive summer camp, featured structured swimming lessons, football training, and an interactive workshop titled “Our Values and Customs” aimed at reinforcing traditional Bahraini heritage and developing youth skills during the school holidays.

STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT



His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Governor of the Southern Governorate, receives parliament deputies, municipal leaders, and local residents during his weekly majlis council. The meeting focused on accelerating vital infrastructure initiatives—including upcoming events hall projects in Isa Town and Khalifa City—while reinforcing national security coordination, community solidarity, and the governorate’s commitment to addressing local service and municipal needs.

GLOBAL EXPOSURE



Three players from Arjun’s Chess Academy (ACA) Bahrain, led by ACA Director and Head Coach Arjun Kakkadath, are competing at the prestigious Serbia Open 2026 in Belgrade. The international tournament, marks another exciting chapter in the global game of chess .

NRNA Bahrain Hosts Successful Blood Donation Drive



Members and volunteers of the Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) National Coordination Council of Bahrain gather during a highly successful community blood donation campaign held on July 10, 2026. Organizers extended their deep gratitude to the numerous expatriate donors who stepped forward under the banner “blood donation is a donation of life” to support local medical facilities and save lives.

Bahrain Odia Samaj Celebrates Ratha Yatra 2026



The Bahrain Odia Samaj successfully celebrated the auspicious annual Ratha Yatra 2026 festival at Adhari Park, drawing a large gathering of devotees from the expatriate community. The grand cultural celebration, which commemorates the sacred journey of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra, and Subhadra, was honored by the presence of His Excellency Vinod K. Jacob, the Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, who participated in the traditional rituals and highlighted the vibrant heritage and unity preserved by the community in the Kingdom.

ICRF Holds Fifth Week of ‘Thirst Quenchers 2026’



Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF) officials and volunteers distribute vital refreshments, fruits, and ice cream to nearly 425 workers at the Amwaj Beach Front worksite during the fifth week of the “Thirst Quenchers 2026” campaign. Supported by the Ministry of Labour, LMRA, and IOM, the annual summer initiative aims to provide heat relief and safety awareness to outdoor laborers.

BMBF Launches ‘Help and Drink’ Campaign



The Bahrain Malayali Business Forum (BMBF) launched the 12th season of its annual “Help and Drink” campaign at Cebarco and Al Rashid Group worksites in Tubli. Led by General Secretary Basheer Ambalayi, Patron Aneesh K.V., and other key officials, the summer-long humanitarian initiative distributes refreshment kits and vital health awareness support to outdoor construction workers braving the intense seasonal heat.

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# He has made history. He is a legend

Argentina coach Scaloni hails ‘legend’ Messi before final

AFP | New York, United States

Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni urged fans to make the most of seeing Lionel Messi lead his team out in another World Cup final at the age of 39 as the holders aim to retain the trophy when they take on Spain this weekend.

“He has made history. He is a legend,” Scaloni said of the former Barcelona player, who has already helped Argentina win a World Cup and back-to-back Copa America titles in the last five years.

Messi’s international career has enjoyed a remarkable late renaissance -- a decade ago he briefly retired from the Argentina team at the age of 29 after a Copa America final loss to Chile, his fourth defeat in a final for his country.

Messi and Scaloni hugged on the pitch at full-time after Wednesday’s 2-1 semi-final win over England, with the Argentine captain calling that victory “pure history”.

“It fills me with pride because he is the best player in the history of football,” Scaloni said of Messi, who has scored eight goals at this World Cup, which is his sixth, and is the tournament’s all-time top scorer with 21.

“To have been able to get to a final in the way that he has in this moment, at the age of 39, I think it is incredible.

“That is why I said we should



Argentina’s defenders #13 Cristian Romero (C) and #19 Nicolas Otamendi (R) exercise during a training session on the eve of the 2026 World Cup football tournament final match against Spain, in Morristown, New Jersey. Right, Scaloni

enjoy having him, because look at what happened with Diego (Maradona) and how we ended up missing him.

“We still have Leo and we should appreciate that. He is the historic figure and the legend, as are all these players who have given us these marvellous years.”

Argentina had gone 28 years without winning a major international title before lifting the Copa America in 2021 to spark this current golden era.

“They have done things that a

few years ago were unthinkable. It was not easy to get here and to compete at this level over so many years,” he said ahead of Sunday’s final at the MetLife Stadium just outside New York City.

“We might win and I hope we do but in any case the journey to get this far has been incredible.”

Scaloni said he could not answer whether the game would definitely be Messi’s last at a World Cup, but it seems highly unlikely he will continue until the next one in 2030.

Argentina will have to beat the reigning European champions if they are to become the first nation in 64 years to win back-to-back World Cups.

“They are a great team. Everything worries me about them,” Scaloni said.

## Veteran Abdullatif calls time on 25-Year career

Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

Veteran striker Ismail Abdullatif has called time on his playing career after over 25 years in the game.

The forward, known to fans as ‘Sama’a’, broke the news in a social media post on Saturday, saying the curtain had fallen on a career filled with pride, grit and landmark goals.

“Every beginning has an end, and every ending brings a new beginning,” he wrote.

Abdullatif said his years on the pitch had been shaped by hard work, willpower and a hunger to win.

He added that he had worn every club

shirt with pride and had always tried to repay the faith shown in him by fans.

The former Bahrain star thanked his family, teammates, coaches, club boards and supporters for standing by him through each stage of his career.

“I leave the pitch proud of all that was achieved and thankful for every moment that helped build this legacy,” he said.

“Retirement ends the career of a player, but it opens a new chapter in which the love of football and loyalty to the game will live on.”

Abdullatif was one of Bahrain’s best-known frontmen and the national side’s record goalscorer.

He played in several Asian Cup tournaments and scored in some of Bahrain’s biggest matches, earning a lasting place among the country’s football greats.

He ended his message with a final salute: “Thank you, football, and thank you to everyone who was part of this unforgettable story.”



# Messi to get ‘special attention’ from Spain, says de la Fuente

New York, United States

Luis de la Fuente said Spain planned to pay “special attention” to Lionel Messi in today’s World Cup final but ruled out trying to man-mark the Argentina captain.

De la Fuente told reporters at a press conference on Friday that he knows from experience the challenges of using man-to-man marking against the eight-time Ballon D’Or winner.

The Spain coach recalled an experience from when he was coaching Sevilla’s youth team while Messi was playing junior football for Barcelona, underlining how it was impossible to keep him quiet for the whole match.

“I first encountered him when I was coaching the Sevilla youth team,” he said. “We went to Barcelona, and I had heard great things about a kid named Messi.

“So we assigned a player to mark him man-to-man, but in the 70th minute, I substituted the marker because he was on a yellow card. The score was 0-0, and in the span of 15 minutes, Messi scored four goals against us.”

“So we won’t use man-to-man marking this time. We have to stay alert and pay special attention, certainly,” de la Fuente added.

Messi, 39, has produced a series of vintage performances for Argentina to carry them into today’s final, which will almost

## Spain captain Rodri preparing for ‘physical’ Argentina battle

New York, United States

Spain captain Rodri is bracing for a “physical” battle with reigning champions Argentina when the two sides collide in the World Cup final.

Rodri told a packed press conference in Manhattan that Spain will aim to ignore any possible “provocations” by their South American opponents and instead concentrate on imposing Spain’s gameplan.

Rodri, the 2024 Ballon D’Or winner who has excelled at the heart of Spain’s midfield during the World Cup, said he expects the final to be unlike any other game the European champions have faced.

“I think today’s match will be quite different,” the Manchester City star told reporters.

“It will be a more physical one, and we must be prepared. But I believe that if we are known for something in this national team, it is that we know how to play different games based on the moment.

“So we can adapt to having to defend, counter-attacking, to attacking. We are a very com-

Rodri

plete team, and that is why we are here.”

When asked if he expected Argentina to resort to “provocative” tactics, Rodri replied: “Well, that’s a part of football.

“We will see how the game plays out. I like to think that (Argentina) are a national team that gives their utmost, and they don’t go that down that route.

“But if we enter such a stage of the game, obviously we must ignore that and try to play our game, so that we don’t fall into provocations.”

The Spanish skipper meanwhile saluted Argentina counterpart Lionel Messi -- almost certainly playing in the final World Cup match of his career -- as “the greatest of all times”.

“They’ve won the World Cup, two Copa Americas, the Finalissima... and they are led by a close friend of mine. I have nothing but admiration and more admiration for them.

“I believe that both Spain and Argentina will have a game plan where talent and good football will rule over everything else.”

“We got to be a little offensive, right? What do I know about coaching?”

England coach

certainly be the veteran’s last appearance in the World Cup.

“Messi is one of a kind,” de la Fuente said. “An example for young athletes in terms of his attitude and behaviour, especially given the spectacular World Cup he is playing at his age.”

Today’s final will also be a personal duel between de la Fuente and has Argentina counterpart Lionel Scaloni, who formed a friendship in 2017 when de la Fuente was an instructor as Scaloni studied for his professional coaching licence.

De la Fuente strongly pushed back at suggestions that Argentina may resort to skulduggery or streetwise tactics in an attempt to disrupt Spain.

“Oh, please, no, no, no,” de la Fuente said. “I would never dare to say that. I have the utmost admiration for this national team.

“They’ve won the World Cup, two Copa Americas, the Finalissima... and they are led by a close friend of mine. I have nothing but admiration and more admiration for them.

“We got to be a little offensive, right? What do I know about coaching?”

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Kane



Luis de la Fuente

## Trump questions England’s World Cup tactics

AFP | New York, United States

To the long list of critics of England’s tactics in the World Cup semi-final they lost to Argentina can now be added Donald Trump.

The US president on Friday took a gentle swipe at coach Thomas Tuchel’s decision to adopt defensive tactics after England took the lead against Argentina on Wednesday.

Speaking at a reception in New York alongside FIFA president Gianni Infantino, Trump mentioned England captain Harry Kane, with whom he shared a round of golf in Florida 18 months ago.

“You have a great player in England, who I played golf with, Harry,” Trump said.

“They perhaps made a mistake when they made him a defensive player. What do I know about soccer?”

Trump added.

“They took the lead and they took their best player and they put him on defence.

“We got to be a little offensive, right? What do I know about coaching?”

England coach

Thomas Tuchel was heavily criticised for withdrawing two forwards and putting on defenders in the last half hour of the game against Argentina, meaning England had to sit back although Kane stayed on the field.

Lionel Messi exploited the space and provided the assists that led to the two Argentine goals that sent the South Americans into the final.

Tuchel repeated on Friday that he stood by his tactical decisions.

“No I don’t regret my decision. I thought we had become too passive,” Tuchel said. “I was trying to help the team.”



# One last dance

Messi eyes back-to-back World Cup glory as Argentina face flawless Spain in grand finale

AFP | East Rutherford, United States

Argentina and Spain fine-tuned preparations for today's World Cup final in New Jersey as a persistent, choking smog blanketed the eastern United States.

Lionel Messi's Argentina are striving to become the first team since Brazil in 1962 to win back-to-

back World Cups, while Spain are trying to win a second title after their maiden victory in 2010.

US President Donald Trump will be among a crowd of more than 80,000 spectators at the MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford -- the first game he has attended.

Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum said she would also attend after an invitation from the American president.

## Messi farewell?

Today's showpiece is likely to be the final World Cup curtain call for Argentina's Lionel Messi, widely considered the greatest player of all time.

The Inter Miami forward is top of the Golden Boot standings on eight goals -- level with Kylian Mbappe, who could face England in Miami later Saturday. Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni urged fans to make the most of seeing Messi lead out his team at the age of 39.

"He has made history. He is a legend," Scaloni said of the former Barcelona player, who helped Argentina to win the World Cup in Qatar in 2022.

The battle-hardened three-time champions have shown an astonishing never-say-die attitude during the 2026 tournament, including in their dramatic late comeback against England in the semi-finals.

Spain, on the other hand, have been almost flawless, conceding just a single goal

## Messi, Yamal come full circle in World Cup showdown

East Rutherford, United States

When Lionel Messi and Lamine Yamal line-up against each other in the World Cup final today it will mark the closing of an incredible full circle moment that has been two decades in the making. In 2007, a 20-year-old Messi and Yamal, born in July of that year, posed together in a photo organised by UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund), the global agency which provides humanitarian and development to children and mothers worldwide.

Yamal's family had entered and won a raffle to pose with a Barcelona player for a 2008 UNICEF calendar. In one photo from the shoot, Messi is seen helping Yamal's mother, Sheila Ebana, give the smiling five-month-old boy a bath in a blue plastic tub.

"The photographer, Joan Monfort, has said that Lamine Yamal stole Messi's heart because he was always smiling," UNICEF Catalan's Laia Ruich said on the organisation's website. Fast forward nearly 20 years, and now Messi and Yamal are sharing football's great-

est stage. Spain star Yamal, the teenage prodigy who has followed in Messi's footsteps at Barcelona, has only just turned 19.



in their seven matches so far and sweeping past France in the semi-finals.

Spain captain Rodri said he was bracing for a "physical" battle with Argentina and would aim to ignore any possible "provocations". "It will be a more physical one, and we must be prepared," he said. "But I believe that if we are known for something in this national team, it is that we know how to play different games based on the moment." A galaxy of A-list stars will be performing at the MetLife Stadium, from Tom Cruise in the pre-game closing ceremony to Madonna and Shakira in

the half-time show -- the first in World Cup history.

England face France in Miami on Saturday in the meeting of the beaten semi-finalists, to determine who finishes third.

England coach Thomas Tuchel admitted that their 2-1 defeat to Argentina in the semi-final had been painful. "It is our scar that we carry now. It is a very painful defeat, and we have to live with this defeat," he said.

Didier Deschamps meanwhile vowed that no tears would be shed as he prepares to take charge of his final match as France coach.

## Antonelli pips Verstappen to take pole at Belgian Grand Prix

urday when he beat Red Bull's four-time champion Max Verstappen in the final seconds of Belgian Grand Prix qualifying.

The 19-year-old Italian clocked a superbly-executed best lap in one minute and 44.361 seconds to outpace the Dutchman by 0.317sec with defending champion Lando Norris third for McLaren.

Norris has a 10-place grid penalty for Sunday's race after taking a new engine.

It was Antonelli's sixth pole this year and extended Mercedes run to 10 consecutive poles this season. His success came with the biggest pole-winning margin of the season.

"Let's go man," cried Antonelli on team radio. "Let's go!"

Reminded it was his father Marco's birthday, he added: "Happy birthday, Dad."

In his on-track interview, the Italian said he was happy with his display.

"The last lap was good. It was a nice lap. It was very clean, so very happy," he said.

"Tomorrow is another day, with Max starting next to me it will be important to get a good start and be ahead into Turn 5."

George Russell was fourth for Mercedes ahead of Ferrari's Charles Leclerc and seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton, who had crashed earlier in the day, with Oscar Piastri seventh in the second McLaren. Racing Bull's rookie Arvid Lindblad was eighth ahead of Audi's Gabriel Bortoleto and Isack Hadjar, in the second Red Bull, who also faces a penalty and will start from the back of the grid.

Verstappen admitted that his pace, to secure a front-row

spot, was down to assistance he received from team-mate Hadjar offering a slip-streaming 'tow' on his laps.

"I wouldn't be here without that," the Dutchman said.

"It was a definite help for me. If not, I would be like P6. Today, knowing he is to start at the back of the grid, Isack did a really good job giving me a tow."

Bottas was first out in Q1 for Cadillac in continued dry conditions as the rest filed out in pursuit, including Hamilton who had smacked the barriers in his Ferrari at the end of final free practice.

Verstappen was the first front-runner to go for a push lap in 1:45.930, an impressive start and beyond Antonelli's immediate riposte as Lindblad and Hadjar went second before Norris took control in 1:45.865.



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Championship leader Kimi Antonelli roared to pole position for Mercedes on Sat-

Mercedes' Italian driver Kimi Antonelli