



## Bahrain's U-16 basketball team claims Arab title



Making Bahrain proud

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Bahrain's under-16 national basketball team returns home today after clinching the 22nd Arab Basketball Championship in Cairo, marking the Kingdom's first-ever Arab title in the sport.

The young squad completed an unbeaten run to lift the trophy, highlighted by standout performances from Sumto Patrick, who earned the tournament's Most Valuable Player award, and Hussain Fouad, who claimed the three-point shooting title.

Officials expressed confidence that this milestone will inspire greater development across youth categories, particularly as preparations intensify for the Asian Championship in Mongolia this September.

The ultimate ambition is to secure qualification for the prestigious FIBA Under-17 Basketball World Cup.

## Bahrain condoles with Algeria over fatal bus accident

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The Kingdom of Bahrain extended sympathy and solidarity to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria following the tragic passenger bus accident in the capital, Algiers, which resulted in the deaths and injuries of dozens of people.

A statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the Kingdom of Bahrain expressed the Kingdom's sincere condolences to the government and people of Algeria, as well as to the families of the victims, wishing a speedy recovery for all the injured.



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● New employer files EMS

● Resignation proof required

● One-year rule decisive

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) has issued a clear reminder of how expatriate workers can legally transfer from one employer to another, emphasising transparency and the importance of documented resignation.

### Transfer process

Under the outlined steps, the new employer must initiate the transfer by submitting a work permit request through the Expatriate Management System (EMS). A critical requirement



Bahrain introduced the Expatriate Management System (EMS) in 2014 to digitise all work permit processes, aiming to cut down disputes between workers and employers.

is proof that the current employer has received the employee's resignation, a safeguard to prevent disputes over whether notice has been given.

Once filed, the LMRA and relevant entities review the application before electronically forwarding it to the current employer for action.

The rules give employers some control, but only within a set framework. If the worker

has been with the current employer for less than one year, the employer may approve or reject the transfer request. However, if the worker has completed more than one year, the current employer cannot block the move but is authorised to set the notice period in line with the law, typically 30 days and up to 90 days depending on the contract.

### Final step

After all requirements are fulfilled and approvals processed, the expatriate may join the new employer. The LMRA frames this sequence under its guiding principles of "Transparency, Responsibility, Stability," assuring both workers and employers that transfers occur with accountability on all sides.

By setting resignation proof and the one-year rule at the heart of the process, the LMRA seeks to balance workplace stability with expatriates' right to mobility. The move is part of its ongoing efforts to keep labour market transitions orderly and dispute-free.

## Humanitarian Vision

# From Peace to Practice: Bahrain Turns Vision Into Action

● Kingdom marks World Humanitarian Day

● Initiatives link peace and development

● Awards highlight global compassion

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Under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Bahrain is turning its vision of compassion into concrete humanitarian action.

His Excellency Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Hamad Global Centre for Coexistence and Tolerance (KHGC), said this approach has reinforced the Kingdom's posi-



H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa

tion as a pioneering partner in advancing human welfare and development.

### World focus

Marking World Humanitarian Day, H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla highlighted Bahrain's alignment with the global community in underscoring the importance of giving, extending assistance to those in need, and easing the suffering caused by wars, crises, and natural disasters.

H.E. also praised the prominent role of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His



The Isa Award for Service to Humanity, established in 2009, has honoured humanitarian leaders from across the globe, including projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Majesty the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF), in enhancing the Foundation's contributions at both local and international levels.

The KHGC Chairman noted that Bahrain has become a unique model of humanitarian work, embodying the highest values of compassion and underscoring the vital link between peace and development.

Initiatives such as the call for an international peace conference in the Middle East, the provision of education and healthcare to conflict-affected communities, the Isa Award for Service to Humanity, and the King Hamad Award for Coexistence and Tolerance reflect the Kingdom's wide-ranging humanitarian commitment.

### Sustained commitment

H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla also expressed appreciation for international organisations, UN agencies, and frontline relief workers, stressing the need to protect them and to honour those who lost their lives or were injured in the line of duty.

His Excellency affirmed that the King Hamad Global Centre for Coexistence and Tolerance continues to contribute across humanitarian fields with a focus on education, training, and capacity-building. Guided by the royal vision, H.E. said, the Centre affirms that humanitarian work is both a duty and a value that unites humanity, inspiring new hope and lasting impact in the pursuit of peace, cooperation, and harmony.

## Six robbery suspects arrested in Muharraq

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The Interior Ministry announced that the Muharraq Governorate Police Directorate arrested six Asians for stealing electrical cables valued at around BD10,000 and vandalising a power supply station in East Hidd.

Launched investigation led to identifying and arresting the suspects. Legal proceedings were taken, and the case was referred to the Public Prosecution.

## Air alert over Kyiv ahead of Trump-Zelensky talks in US

AFP | Kyiv

Air raid sirens sounded over Kyiv yesterday ahead of highly-anticipated talks in Washington between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and US leader Donald Trump.