

Naser lights up Riyadh ahead of 400m final

Bahrain's Salwa Eid Naser eased into the final of the women's 400 metres at the sixth Islamic Solidarity Games in Riyadh. | P16

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Bahrain thanked by Saudi King

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received cables of thanks from King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, in response to their cables of condolences following the passing of His Highness Prince Khalid bin Mohammed bin Turki bin Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Saud.

Kingdom hails UN support for Gaza

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The Kingdom of Bahrain welcomed the United Nations Security Council resolution endorsing the comprehensive plan to end the conflict in Gaza.

The resolution calls for a ceasefire and the creation of a "Peace Council" as a transitional body with international legal standing to coordinate reconstruction and recovery funding.

It also calls for the full resumption of humanitarian aid, the formation of a temporary international force to promote stability, protect civilians, disarm militants, and support Palestinian police forces, in line with international and humanitarian law.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed Bahrain's appreciation for the efforts of the United States in drafting the resolution and securing its adoption in cooperation with Security Council members and regional and international partners.

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'Agriculture key to food security and progress'

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His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa has stressed that agriculture is essential for strengthening Bahrain's food security and advancing the Kingdom's sustainable development goals.

He reaffirmed the Kingdom's commitment to adopting forward-looking initiatives that drive agricultural innovation and enable the Kingdom's farmers to succeed.

HH Shaikh Mohammed was speaking as he inaugurated yesterday the Agro Careers digital platform, held under his patronage.

The first initiative of its kind in the Kingdom, this platform



HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa at the inauguration of the event

provides aspiring farmers with academic and professional guidance.

Innovation

His Highness emphasised the importance of the agricultural

sector, noting that its development can empower and attract local Bahrainis, driving greater agricultural innovation.

He noted that such efforts support the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and guided by the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

HH Shaikh Mohammed high-

lighted the pivotal role of the National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD), chaired by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Consort of His Majesty the King and President of the Advisory Council of the NIAD, in its ongoing efforts to advancing the Kingdom's agricultural sector.

Launch

His Highness noted that the launch of the Agro Careers platform represents a vital step toward introducing younger generations to emerging agricultural professions, noting that these efforts ensure alignment between future career choices and the evolving needs of the sector.

Historic pledge

Saudi Arabia to invest \$1 trillion in US as Trump hosts HRH Prince Mohammed at White House

TDT | Washington

US President Donald Trump hailed His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as well as Saudi Arabia's \$1 trillion investment pledge, yesterday while hosting a lavish welcome at the White House.

Trump gave HRH Prince Mohammed a parade of soldiers on horseback and a military flypast featuring F-35 jets that he said Washington would soon sell to Riyadh.

The Saudi prince announced that he was increasing the \$600 billion Saudi investment he promised Trump when the US president visited the country in May.

Increase

"We can announce that we are going to increase that \$600 billion to almost \$1 trillion for investment," HRH Prince Mohammed said in the Oval Office. "Now, you're saying to me



HRH Prince Mohammed speaks with US President Trump in the Oval Office of the White House. (AFP)

now that the \$600 billion will be \$1 trillion?" a grinning Trump asked him to confirm the figure, to which the Saudi royal replied: "Definitely."

Trump pulled out all the stops for the Saudi prince, giving him treatment normally reserved for a state visit to the White House, despite the fact that he is not a

head of state.

He welcomed HRH Prince Mohammed on the South Lawn of the White House as cannon fire boomed out, before they

"We want peace for the Israelis. We want peace for the Palestinians."

- HRH PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

watched the noisy flypast by US military jets.

Later in the day, First Lady Melania Trump was to hold a gala dinner.

The 79-year-old Republican president has made a priority of boosting ties with the kingdom, particularly as he seeks to turn the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas in Gaza into a longer-lasting regional peace.

Relations

Trump said he had pushed the prince to normalise relations with Israel as part of the Abraham Accords that he launched in his first term.

HRH Prince Mohammed said he was working to do so.

Open Opportunities

No limit on jobseekers' applications, says Labour Ministry

Mohammed Darwish

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The Labour Ministry has confirmed that jobseekers face no limit on how many times they may put themselves forward for vacancies through the National Employment Platform.

The ministry also stated that it has no plans to cut the number

of people entitled to unemployment benefit, emphasising that it remains bound by the Unemployment Insurance Law.

In a written reply to MP Khalid Buanaq, the ministry said that the number of people receiving unemployment payments, whether as an allowance or as compensation, moves up and down all the time.

Based on data for October 2025, 11,452 jobseekers were drawing the unemployment allowance. Of these, 3,479 had been unemployed for less than a year, 6,258 for more than a year and up to five years, and 1,715 for more than five years.

Ceiling

The ministry explained that

there is no ceiling on the number of times a jobseeker may nominate themselves for vacancies on the platform.

It said it does not itself place job offers in front of jobseekers.

Employers enter their vacancies into the system, after which the ministry checks the post, the salary, qualification, specialisation and other details. Once

the vacancy passes this check, it appears on the platform for jobseekers to view.

Jobseekers are the ones who choose the roles they want.

Candidates

The ministry said it does not nominate candidates or call them to push them towards specific vacancies.