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India, UAE set \$200bn trade target, deepen defence ties

Centurion Djokovic romps to win as Swiatek, Gauff move on in Melbourne

NBB and INJAZ Bahrain launch Third Edition of Entaliq

Bahrain welcomes  
Syria peace deal

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The Kingdom of Bahrain welcomed the announcement by Syrian President Ahmed al Sharaa regarding a new agreement reached with the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF).

The agreement aims for a ceasefire, the enhancement of security and stability in conflict areas, the integration of SDF into the Ministries of Defence and Interior, the reinforcement of state authority in the eastern and northeastern regions, and the transfer of control over oil fields to the state, among other measures that uphold the unity and sovereignty of the Syrian Arab Republic.

In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs underscored the Kingdom of Bahrain's firm and steadfast support for the security, stability, sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as for the progress of its constitutional institutions.

Kingdom shares  
grief with Spain

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The Kingdom of Bahrain expressed its sympathy and solidarity with the Kingdom of Spain following the collision of two high-speed trains in the Andalusia region, which resulted in a number of fatalities and injuries.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs conveyed Bahrain's sincere condolences to the government and people of Spain, and to the families of the victims, wishing a speedy recovery to those injured.

Brace for more  
chilly nights

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The Meteorological Department said north-westerly winds will become active again overnight today and are expected to strengthen at times tomorrow and Thursday.

Temperatures are forecast to drop noticeably to between 10°C and 12°C, increasing the feeling of cold, particularly at night.

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# Hiring expansion

Cabinet backs efforts to employ 25,000 Bahrainis this year, including 10,000 newcomers

Strengthened public, private cooperation key to creating more job opportunities for citizens

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The Cabinet supports intensified efforts to employ 25,000 Bahrainis this year, including 10,000 new entrants to the labour market, by strengthening partnerships with the private sector.

The initiative follows the directive of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to the Ministry of Labour to ensure three job opportunities for every registered job seeker, reinforcing the Kingdom of Bahrain's commitment to boosting local employment.

It highlighted HRH Prince Salman's meeting with the top 100 institutions that employed the most Bahrainis in 2025, and expressed its appreciation for the efforts of the Ministry of Labour and the private sector.

Meeting

The weekly Cabinet meeting, chaired by Deputy Prime Minister, His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, was held at Gudaibiya Palace.

It also commended the outcomes of the recent talks between His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari, highlighting the visit's role in enhancing bilateral relations between Bahrain and Pakistan.

The Cabinet expressed condolences over a terrorist attack in Pakistan's Khyber Pakh-



H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa



Three job opportunities for every registered job seeker will reinforce Bahrain's commitment to boosting local employment.

tunkhwa province that claimed the lives of several police officers.

Success

The Cabinet praised the success of the second edition of the Hawa Al Manama Festival, extending thanks to the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Tourism, the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), and all involved entities for their organisational efforts.

On the economic front, the Cabinet welcomed Bahrain's selection as the Capital of Arab

Sports Culture for 2026.

It lauded the contributions of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa in advancing the sports and youth sectors and reinforcing Bahrain's international sporting reputation.

Gratitude

In education, the Cabinet commemorated the International Day of Education, expressing gratitude to teachers and educators for their ongoing efforts in enhancing educational outcomes across the Kingdom.

The Cabinet also reviewed several memoranda submitted by ministerial committees and ministers, approving the following: a draft resolution to complete the regulatory framework for halal products, memoranda of understanding with the State of Kuwait, an MoU with the International Baccalaureate Organization, improvements to judicial inquiry services, and responses to proposals and draft laws submitted by the Council of Representatives.

## Bahrain, Bosnia keen to boost cooperation

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His Excellency Dr. Abdulatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, held talks with Elmedin Konakovic, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Bosnia and Herze-

govina, on the occasion of his visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

H.E. Dr. Al Zayani commended the longstanding relations between the two countries and peoples, and the joint efforts to enhance bilateral cooperation across various domains in sup-

port of shared interests.

The Foreign Minister expressed confidence that the visit would give fresh momentum to bilateral relations, expand cooperation, and explore opportunities in economic, trade, investment and social sectors.

Breathtaking aerial view



Photographer Abbas Al-Arayedh captured a striking nighttime aerial view of Bahrain from an airplane window during the gradual landing at Bahrain International Airport, highlighting the Kingdom's beauty and dazzling architectural details. The photograph showcases a majestic night scene, reflecting the country's ongoing urban development. It features the illuminated road network, including the new Muharraq Ring Road project, which stands out with its extended lighting, as well as several prominent landmarks across Manama and surrounding areas. In the image, the Bahrain World Trade Center and the capital's central urban buildings are clearly visible, offering a remarkable documentary-style perspective of the city from above.

Sixth edition

## Royal award launched for agricultural development

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Under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Consort of His Majesty the King and President of the Consultative Council of the National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD), the sixth edition of the King Hamad Award for Agricultural Development was announced.

The award aims to enhance innovation for the sustainability of agricultural production and support agricultural projects, farmers, and researchers, in line with the Bahrain Economic Vision 2030.

It also serves as a competitive platform to showcase outstanding agricultural projects, distinguished farmers, and the latest studies and research in the agricultural field.

It contributes to achieving food security, preserving natural resources, and supporting the green economy in the Kingdom.

The sixth edition includes three main categories: Best

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Agricultural Project, which honours innovative projects in agricultural production, services, technologies, and agribusiness; Best Bahraini Farmer, which highlights the efforts of outstanding farmers; and Best Agricultural Studies and Research, which supports scientific innovation in smart agriculture, conservation of natural resources, and the enhancement of food and water security.

Winners will receive cash prizes of up to BD10,000, a commemorative shield, and certificates of appreciation.

They will also be entitled to use the award's logo in promotional and marketing materials, in addition to highlighting their projects and research.