



**Bahrain Skies**  
**Witness Rare**  
**Celestial Show**



Skies over Bahrain and across the Gulf had witnessed a striking celestial event yesterday evening, as the waxing crescent moon aligned with the Pleiades star cluster.

Venus, the brightest object after the Moon, was also visible just below the crescent, completing the scene.

**Scam Alert**

Authorities have warned the public about a fraudulent text message circulating on social media that falsely claims recipients have been issued a traffic fine.

Officials urged residents to avoid interacting with suspicious links and to rely only on official channels for verification or payment, including the National Portal and the MyGov application.

**Airport Services**  
**Growth Success**

Bahrain Airport Services announced its membership in the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Ground Handling Partnership Programme (GHP) for 2026, reflecting its commitment to global standards in airport ground operations.

The company said the move underscores its continued efforts to enhance operational efficiency, safety, and reliability in ground handling services at Bahrain International Airport, aligning with internationally recognised best practices in the aviation sector.

The GHP programme aims to strengthen cooperation between airlines and ground service providers, improve industry standards, and enhance overall operational performance across the aviation ecosystem.

# Post-War National Action Begins

**Launch Decisive Post-War Measures**

**Action on Security, Citizenship Cases**

**HRH Crown Prince Tasked With National Reform Drive**

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has directed a series of decisive national measures following a high-level meeting with senior officials, focusing on strengthening state resilience and addressing security and institutional gaps in the wake of recent regional tensions.

A central decision from the meeting was assigning His Roy-



HM the King

al Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to lead the implementation of comprehensive and urgent reforms. These include programmes to



HRH Prince Salman

address any identified gaps in the defence and economic sectors, alongside broader measures to enhance national preparedness and stability. His Majesty also ordered the

immediate initiation of legal proceedings against individuals found to have betrayed the nation or compromised its security and stability. In addition, a full review of citizenship entitle-

ment cases will be conducted, applying legal procedures where necessary.

During the meeting, His Majesty stressed that the Kingdom is managing the challenges arising from recent developments through strong coordination between defence, security, and civil defence authorities, supported by national unity and effective government response systems.

Reaffirming Bahrain's position, His Majesty emphasized a continued commitment to resolving regional crises through peaceful and diplomatic channels that support stability and the interests of the wider region.

The directives reflect a firm state approach aimed at reinforcing national security, ensuring accountability, and strengthening institutional readiness for the next phase.

## Strong Economic Shift

Non-Oil Growth Driving Economic Stability

The Gulf economy continues to demonstrate structural resilience and growing diversification even amid persistent regional tensions, underscoring its expanding role in supporting global economic stability and supply chains.

Speaking at a dialogue session at the Middle East Institute in Washington, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Bahrain's Minister of Finance and National Economy, said that while geopolitical developments remain a concern, the Gulf region's economic fundamentals remain strong and increasingly adaptive.

He warned that recent attacks on Gulf states and Jordan reflect broader attempts to destabilize

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SHAIKH SALMAN BIN KHALIFA AL KHALIFA

the region, noting that such actions extend beyond security implications and risk disrupting global markets, particularly energy flows and key industrial commodities including aluminum, fertilizers, and iron.

Shaikh Salman highlighted Bahrain's economic transformation as a central outcome of this resilience, pointing to the Kingdom's continued progress in diversification.

He noted that non-oil sectors



Officials at the dialogue session at the Middle East Institute in Washington, D.C.

now account for more than 86% of GDP, marking a significant structural shift toward a more sustainable economic model.

He further emphasized the strong recovery capacity of key sectors such as tourism and financial services, which contin-

ue to support Bahrain's growth trajectory despite external pressures.

The Minister also pointed to proactive measures taken by the Central Bank of Bahrain to safeguard financial stability, including liquidity support of 7

billion Bahraini dinars, adjustments to reserve and liquidity requirements, and loan repayment deferrals for individuals and businesses—steps he said reflect a high level of institutional readiness to manage uncertainty.

**Unstable Weather**

Bahrain is expected to experience a week of changing weather conditions, starting with relatively stable and partly cloudy skies today. From tomorrow onwards, conditions are expected to become more unsettled as humidity rises and northerly winds pick up. The Kingdom may see scattered showers through midweek, with humidity levels reaching up to 90 per cent and slightly cooler temperatures below 29°C.



Unit officials discuss the complaints

**Child Cyber Risks**

Child Protection Unit in Cyberspace, under the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security, has reported receiving 113 complaints between the start of 2026 and April 15.

The unit noted a noticeable shift in the nature of cases, highlighting a growing diversity in cybercrime patterns targeting children.

This, it said, reflects the evolving tactics used in the digital environment and underscores the need to continuously upgrade response mechanisms and readiness in line with best security and legal practices.

