

## Eid Al-Adha Holiday Announced

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, today issued a circular regarding the Arafah and Eid Al-Adha holidays.

According to the circular, the Kingdom's ministries and public institutions will close on the Day of Arafah and during Eid Al-Adha, corresponding to Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 26-29. As the official holidays coincide with a Friday, they will be compensated with an additional day off on Sunday, 31 May.

## Bahrain suspends entry of non-citizens from Ebola-hit countries

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Bahrain announced a temporary suspension on the entry of non-Bahraini travellers arriving from South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda, following renewed concerns over the spread of Ebola, authorities said on Tuesday.

The Civil Aviation Affairs said the decision takes effect immediately, May 19, 2026, and applies to all flights coming from the three countries, as well as passengers who have been present in them within the past 30 days.

The move comes in response to updated assessments by the World Health Organization regarding Ebola outbreaks and the evolving epidemiological situation in the affected regions.

Authorities said Bahraini citizens arriving from the listed countries would not be barred, but would instead be subject to established health protocols upon entry at Bahrain International Airport.

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# Global Coexistence Milestone

Guinness World Records certificate highlights Bahrain's religious diversity

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received 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.

Dr. Shaikh Abdulla presented His Majesty the King with a Guinness World Records certificate recognising the Kingdom of Bahrain as the country with the highest density of places of worship for different religions. The achievement reflects Bahrain's longstanding reputation for religious tolerance and coexistence.



His Majesty the King was also briefed on the centre's current and future plans, including preparations for the first edition

of the King Hamad Award for Coexistence and Tolerance. His Majesty directed that the Coexistence Path, which comprises

places of worship across Manama, be highlighted as a symbol of the Kingdom's commitment to religious and cultural diversity.

His Majesty commended the prestigious international achievement, which reflects the Kingdom's unique civilisational character, its pluralism, and embrace of different religions and sects in an environment of tolerance and religious freedom. It also reflects the Kingdom's commitment to guaranteeing freedom of worship and the protection of all faiths.

His Majesty the King also noted that Bahrain continually seeks to strengthen a culture of coexistence and cultural understanding between cultures and civilisations, and to promote the values of peace and mutual respect among peoples of different cultures and beliefs.

# Shared Cooperation Goals

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a written message from His Excellency Mohamed Ould Cheikh Al Ghazouani, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, concerning close bilateral relations between the two countries, means to further develop and strengthen cooperation, and issues of mutual interest.

The message was delivered to His Majesty the King by Mohamed Salem Ould Merzoug, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Mauritians Abroad, during a meeting



with His Majesty and the minister's accompanying delegation. Minister Merzoug conveyed the greetings of HE the Mauri-

tanian President, and wished for further progress and prosperity for the Kingdom of Bahrain and its people.

His Majesty extended his greetings and best wishes to HE President Al Ghazouani, wishing further development and prosperity for Mauritania and its people.

His Majesty the King expressed appreciation for Mauritania's positions under the leadership of HE the President, and for the sincere expressions of solidarity His Excellency conveyed towards the Kingdom regarding the recent Iranian attacks.

His Majesty the King commended the longstanding relations between Bahrain and Mauritania and their development across various areas of coopera-

tion, amid both countries' commitment to strengthening ties for the benefit of their peoples.

For his part, the Mauritanian Foreign Minister expressed gratitude to His Majesty the King for the warm reception and hospitality, and for His Majesty's commitment to strengthening relations between the two countries.

He reiterated Mauritania's full solidarity with Bahrain and its strong condemnation of the Iranian attack on the Kingdom, as well as its support for Bahrain in all measures undertaken to protect its security, stability and sovereignty.

# Strategic Financial Partnership Reviewed

HRH Crown Prince highlights initiatives to boost financial sector contribution to national economy

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, met with Douglas B. Petno, Co-CEO of the Commercial and Investment Bank of JPMorgan Chase, at Riffa Palace.

His Royal Highness highlighted the critical role of the banking and financial sector in advancing the Kingdom's economic diversification.

In this regard, HRH the

Crown Prince and Prime Minister underscored the importance of creating initiatives and programmes that advance the banking sector's contributions to the national economy, in line with the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted the importance of strengthening strategic partnerships with global financial and banking institutions through expanded coop-

eration and expertise exchange supporting the development of financial services and economic growth.

During the meeting, several issues of mutual interest and the latest global economic developments were also discussed.

For his part, Petno expressed his appreciation for His Royal Highness' unwavering support in strengthening the Kingdom's financial and banking sector and bolstering Bahrain's investment environment.



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