

Bahrain Hajj Mission ramps up operational plans for pilgrims

Healthcare, transport and security measures activated

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Bahrain's Hajj Mission has intensified preparations for the Hajj season as pilgrims begin arriving in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

A coordination meeting chaired by Shaikh Adnan bin Abdullah Al Qattan, Head of Bahrain's Hajj Mission, reviewed the readiness of committees and the implementation of operational plans for Hajj 1447 AH / 2026.

The meeting discussed transportation arrangements between the holy sites, crowd movement plans, healthcare and preventive measures, communication with Bahrain's Hajj campaigns, and organisational and media preparations.

Shaikh Adnan Al Qattan stressed the importance of strong coordination between all



Our priority is the safety of every pilgrim. We also urge pilgrims to remain patient and fully cooperate with organisers.

LT COL FATIMA AL MUJAIREN, HEAD OF THE COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION BRANCH AT THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL DEFENCE



Preparation meeting

phase, especially with pilgrims arriving in Saudi Arabia.

He praised the efforts of teams working across the mission's different locations, noting that the mission operates through

an integrated system to ensure pilgrims receive safe and organised services.

Following the meeting, Shaikh Adnan inspected preparations by several committees, including

the medical committee, which is preparing clinics in Makkah and the holy sites to provide healthcare services for Bahraini pilgrims.

He also reviewed security

plans linked to pilgrim safety, inspections and the supervision of movement inside the holy sites.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Colonel Fatima Al Mujairen, Head of the Communication and Coordination Branch at the General Directorate of Civil Defence, urged pilgrims to follow safety instructions issued by Bahraini and Saudi authorities.

Speaking on the radio programme "Sabah Al Khair Ya Bahrain", she advised pilgrims to cooperate with organisers and campaign supervisors and avoid the unsafe use of electrical devices and overloaded connections inside camps to prevent fires and electrical accidents.

She also stressed the importance of cleanliness, avoiding overcrowding and following public safety measures at accommodation sites and holy areas.

Workforce Growth Talks



Bahrain's Minister of Labour and Minister of Legal Affairs, Yousif bin Abdhussain Khalaf, met with James Kennedy, regional director of Alshaya Group, to discuss strengthening cooperation in employing and professionally developing Bahraini nationals. The meeting was attended by Human Resources Director Ayman Jaafar and a number of young Bahraini professionals working within the group. Minister underscored the importance of expanding partnerships with private sector companies that support the recruitment and advancement of national talent, stating that such cooperation creates quality opportunities for citizens and supports the long-term growth of Bahrain's labour market.

Minister of Municipalities and Agriculture, Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, held talks in Paris on strengthening international cooperation in animal health and food security, as he attended the 93rd General Session of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). The minister met WOAH Director General Emmanuelle Soubeyran to discuss joint efforts aimed at enhancing the capacities of member states, improving veterinary health systems, and expanding technical cooperation in the field of animal of Youssef Ahmed Al Eissa, Chief Executive of the Equestrian Affairs Authority, also attended the meeting.



Bahrain Unity Gathering



Engineer Ebrahim Dalhan Aldoseri, Acting Secretary-General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation, participated in a gathering of the Al-Dawasir tribe held to renew loyalty and allegiance to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain. The meeting was attended by several dignitaries, including His Excellency Sheikh Isa bin Ali Al Hassan Al Doseri, Deputy Sheikh of the Al-Dawasir Tribe in Dammam and Bahrain, and His Excellency Sheikh Mefreh bin Hassan Al Khurais Al-Aajmi. During the gathering, Aldoseri said Bahrain continues to serve as a strong example of national unity and cohesion, crediting the country's leadership and the solidarity of its people.

Human Story from Dhaka Earns Bahraini Photographer Top Prize

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Bahraini photographer Isa Ibraheem won first prize in the Egypt Best Press Photo 2025 competition in the category of Best Daily Life Photo Outside Egypt, marking a notable achievement for Bahraini photojournalism on the regional stage.

The competition attracted more than 300 photographers, selecting 40 winners overall, including 10 participants from outside Egypt. Four judging panels comprising 18 judges reviewed the entries.

Ibrahim's winning photograph captures a deeply human moment: a woman bathing her disabled husband in the slums of Dhaka, Bangladesh. The image was praised for its emo-



Award-winning photo by Issa Ibrahim captures a woman caring for her disabled husband



Isa Ibraheem

tional depth and its reflection of values such as care, loyalty, and resilience in challenging living conditions.

The Egypt Best Press Photo exhibition is regarded as one of the region's leading annual photojournalism events. It documents key moments and stories from 2025 through powerful visual storytelling across multiple categories, including news, sports, photo stories, daily life, and multimedia entries from both Egypt and abroad.

Heritage Art Celebrated



The "Echoes of Heritage" group art exhibition was held yesterday, showcasing a vibrant collection of paintings by Bahrain-based artists that celebrated heritage, culture, and artistic expression. As part of the event, certificates were distributed to participating artists during a ceremony that was attended by P. Unnikrishnan, Chairman of The Daily Tribune, and Latha Unnikrishnan, Director of SPAC W.L.L.

