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Bahrain calls for AI hub and deeper regional integration

● Marrakech forum hears proposals to boost innovation, trade and sustainable development

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Bahrain has called for stronger regional cooperation in artificial intelligence, economic integration and sustainable development during the fourth Marrakech Parliamentary Economic Forum for the Euro-Mediterranean and Gulf Region.

Speaking during a session on artificial intelligence, Dr Ali Majed Al Noaimi said Bahrain has made digital transformation and AI a key pillar



of its development strategy through investments in digital infrastructure, smart government services and innovation-friendly legislation.

He proposed establishing a regional AI centre for the Euro-Mediterranean and Gulf regions to serve as a platform for research, knowledge exchange, capacity building and technological cooperation. The centre, he said, would help accelerate innovation, strengthen cybersecurity, support startups and narrow the digital divide.

Meanwhile, parliamentarian Hanan Mohammed Fardan

highlighted Bahrain's experience in balancing fiscal reforms with continued investment in development projects and essential services. She said fiscal sustainability and economic growth can go hand in hand when supported by diversification, efficient public spending and investment-friendly policies.

Fardan called for a more integrated Euro-Mediterranean-Gulf economic framework to strengthen cooperation in trade, investment and public debt management. She also stressed the importance of

transparency and stronger legislative oversight to ensure long-term economic stability.

Participants at the forum discussed ways to enhance regional economic integration, address global financial challenges and explore new opportunities for cooperation between Euro-Mediterranean and Gulf countries.

The two-day forum brings together parliamentarians, policymakers and economic experts to examine strategies for sustainable growth, innovation and regional development.

Royal Court begins annual Hijri donations



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The Royal Court will begin distributing the annual customary donations to charitable associations and Hussaini ma'atams through the Sunni and Ja'fari Endowments Affairs Councils on the occasion of the Hijri New Year 1448.

The initiative is being carried out under the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and continues a longstanding tradition observed at the start of each Hijri year.

The donations aim to support charitable and community institutions across the Kingdom.

On the occasion of the new Hijri year, wishes were extended for continued prosperity, progress and well-being for Bahrain and its people.

HM King, Saudi Crown Prince discuss regional developments



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa held a telephone conversation with His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia.

During the call, the two leaders reviewed the latest regional developments and discussed ongoing efforts to strengthen security and stability in the region.

They also exchanged views on a number of issues of mutual interest and reaffirmed the close ties between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

Turkish Airlines to resume Bahrain flights

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Turkish Airlines will resume its scheduled Istanbul-Bahrain-Istanbul services from July 16, restoring regular flights between the two destinations.

The airline announced that passengers can begin planning travel and booking tickets through its official channels.

Two trains reported to have collided north of London

London, United Kingdom

British Transport Police said yesterday it was responding to reports of a train "collision" north of London, with other emergency services saying they were attending to the incident amid media reports of injuries.

Unverified footage posted to social media appeared to show two East Midlands Railway (EMR) trains having collided, with one running into the other, and passengers pictured standing on the tracks beside damaged rail carriages.

Gulf trade roars back

Commercial vessel crossings through Hormuz hit a two-month high

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A sharp rise in shipping through the Strait of Hormuz has provided a fresh boost for Gulf trade, with commercial vessel traffic reaching its highest level in two months.

A total of 25 commercial ships crossed the strategic waterway on Thursday, according to maritime tracking firm AXSMarine, marking the strongest daily traffic since mid-April and more than three times the average recorded since early March.

The increase points to growing momentum across regional



shipping and logistics networks, reinforcing the Gulf's position as a vital hub for global trade and energy flows. Around a fifth of the world's oil and gas trade passes through the Strait of Hormuz, making it one of the

most important maritime routes in the world.

Activity was also picking up at ports across the region. At the UAE's Khorfakkan Port, container vessels were unloading cargo while queues of trucks formed

outside terminals as operators worked to move goods through the supply chain.

AXSMarine noted that actual traffic levels may have been even higher, as some vessels switched off or altered their tracking signals during transit. Regional authorities continue to facilitate maritime traffic through the waterway. Iran's Gulf Strait Authority said vessels planning to transit the strait should submit requests 48 hours in advance and announced the temporary waiver of certain transit-related charges for ships using the route over the next 60 days.

Next phase of growth

Bahrain secures \$510m IsDB financing for key projects

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Bahrain and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) have signed financing agreements worth about \$510 million for the King Faisal Highway Development Project and the Salman Industrial City Expansion Project.

The agreements were signed on the sidelines of the IsDB Group's 2026 Annual Meetings in Baku, Azerbaijan, along with a broader cooperation frame-



work agreement.

Under the deals, the IsDB will provide around \$180 million for the King Faisal Highway project, which includes upgrading the corridor between Al Farooq and Al Fateh junctions into a free-flowing route through the

construction of tunnels, a bridge and road improvements aimed at easing congestion in central Manama.

A further \$330 million will fund the expansion of Salman Industrial City. The project will reclaim around one million

square metres of coastal land and develop 800,000 square metres of serviced industrial plots, supported by roads, utility networks and electricity infrastructure. Yusuf Abdulla Al Humood, Undersecretary for Financial Affairs at the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, said the projects support Bahrain's efforts to strengthen infrastructure, expand industrial capacity and drive sustainable economic growth.

The Sun may not engulf Earth after all, scientists say

AFP | Paris, France

Scientists have offered some distant good news: Earth may avoid being swallowed by the dying Sun after all.

For decades, researchers believed the Sun's expansion into a red giant billions of years from now would eventually engulf Earth. However, a new study suggests our planet could escape if the Sun loses enough mass through stellar winds as it ages.

As the Sun expands, its gravity will pull Earth inward. At the same time, the star will shed mass, pushing Earth into a wider orbit. According to researchers, the planet's fate depends on which effect proves stronger.

The findings, published in the journal *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, challenge the long-held view that Earth is destined to be consumed by the Sun in about five billion years.



LuLu Exchange brings Argentina fans together in a day for football celebration

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LuLu Exchange Bahrain hosted a fan gathering at the LuLu Exchange Juffair Mall branch, welcoming Argentina supporters and football lovers from across Bahrain for an afternoon of games, activities and shared passion for one of the world's favourite games.

The event turned an ordinary day into a celebration of community and football spirit. Fans came dressed in the iconic blue and white, taking part in interactive activities, friendly competitions and football-themed fun that captured the spirit of the world champions. It was literally an event for the like-minded crowd that gathered, bound by the same love for the sport and for a team that has come to represent so much more than football.

The gathering reflects how LuLu Exchange continues to



bring its global partnership with the Argentine Football Association to life among communities, creating real moments of connection for the people it serves.

LuLu Exchange proudly became the Regional Fintech Part-

ner of the Argentine Football Association in 2025 and today the journey continues with the same passion and pride. Argentina is one of football's most iconic nations, a country celebrated for its flair, determination and footballing greatness

and the reigning world champions. To stand alongside such a legendary team is both an honour and a responsibility.

What makes this collaboration so meaningful is how naturally both our values align. The team's excellence on the pitch

mirrors excellence in our services. Dedication in training reflects dedication to our customers. Teamwork, resilience and a commitment to connecting people across the globe are among the many principles AFA lives by and these same principles have

guided LuLu Exchange from day one.

"Seeing so many fans come together sharing the same joy and energy is exactly what this partnership is about," said Edison Fernandez, General Manager, LuLu Exchange Bahrain. "Football has a way of bringing people closer and being able to create that space for our community here in Bahrain to celebrate the team we are so proud to stand beside. This is just the beginning of many more moments we hope to share with our fans on the road to the 2026's biggest football match."

Beyond the celebrations, LuLu Exchange continues to serve communities across Bahrain with fast, secure and reliable money transfers, foreign exchange and payment services, connecting people to their loved ones back home, just as football connects fans across the world.

Eighty-three government services upgraded in five months

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Bahrain has upgraded 83 government services across 17 public entities in just five months as part of a drive to improve efficiency, cut processing times and expand digital access.

The improvements, implemented between January 15 and June 18, form part of ongoing efforts to enhance service quality, simplify procedures and strengthen the user experience.

Among the services transformed was the Ministry of Health's issuance of safe disposal certificates for expired food products, which is now fully digital and faster to complete. The Labour Market Regulatory Authority also digitised the correction of work permit status for domestic workers whose employers have died, reducing processing times and paperwork.

Other upgrades included automating requests to cancel academic programme transfer applications at the University of Bahrain and introducing automatic registration for the Electricity and Water Authority's monthly fixed discount service through the Benefit application.

The programme achieved full digital transformation of the upgraded services, reduced processing periods by at least 25 per cent, cut required documents by half and limited application procedures to a maximum of four steps.

Authorities also streamlined digital platforms, converted paper-based forms into electronic services and reduced the number of pages needed to access services by 50 per cent.

Work starts on new Alliance Française Bahrain building

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Education Minister Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma attended the foundation stone laying ceremony for the new Alliance Française Bahrain building in Adliya, organised by the French Embassy.

The event was attended by French Ambassador Eric Giraud-Telme, French Senate members Olivier Cadic and Remy Pointereau, and Minister Delegate for Relations with Parliament Nathalie Delattre.

Dr Juma highlighted the strong Bahrain-France partnership, particularly in education and culture, and praised the Alliance Française for promoting the French lan-



guage and strengthening cultural ties between the two countries.

Ambassador Giraud-Telme

commended Bahrain's support for joint educational and cultural initiatives, while Mr Cadic and Alliance Française Bahrain

chairman Ahmed Al Jawahery outlined the project and its future plans.

The minister later toured

an exhibition showcasing designs for the new building and viewed a presentation on the project.

Reading champions advance to Dubai finals



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The Ministry of Education honoured winners of Bahrain's qualifiers for the 10th Arab Reading Challenge, which attracted more than 148,000 students from 250 public and private schools.

Education Minister Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma praised the initiative's role

in promoting reading and strengthening educational ties between Bahrain and the UAE.

Raneem Murshid Al Darwish of Al Izdihar Primary Girls School won first place, followed by Ahmed Hussain Abdullah of Al Khalil bin Ahmad Intermediate Boys School and Batool Al Sayed Dhiya Al Sayed Mohammed of Al Ahliya Private School.

In the People of Determination category, Batool Al Sayed Redha Sharaf of Saar Secondary Girls School secured first place. Saar Secondary Girls School won the Distinguished School Award, while Aisha Ahmed Al Attawi was named Distinguished Supervisor.

The winners will represent Bahrain in the final round of the competition in Dubai.



Algeria's Minister of State and Minister of Foreign Affairs, National Community Abroad and African Affairs, Ahmed Attaf, received Bahrain's Ambassador to Algeria, Ali Jassim Al Aradi, on the occasion of the conclusion of his diplomatic tenure in the country. During the meeting, Minister Attaf praised Ambassador Al Aradi's efforts in promoting the strong fraternal relations and cooperation between Bahrain and Algeria throughout his term. Ambassador Al Aradi expressed his appreciation for the support and cooperation he received during his diplomatic mission, which contributed to carrying out his duties successfully.



His Highness Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah, received Talal Yousef Fakhro, Consul General of the Kingdom of Bahrain in Dubai and the Northern Emirates. The meeting reviewed the close relations between the two countries and peoples, as well as issues of common interest. Talal Yousef Fakhro commended the deep rooted ties between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates and lauded the development witnessed by the Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah across different domains.

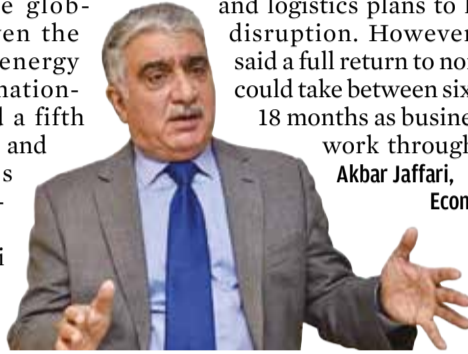
Trade relief in sight as Hormuz reopens

Mohammed Darwish
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Economists have said the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz and the return of normal shipping will ease pressure on Bahrain's economy, with freight and insurance costs expected to fall after weeks of strain on trade routes.

They said the move would also benefit the global economy, given the strait's role in energy flows and international trade. Around a fifth of the world's oil and gas trade passes through the waterway.

Akbar Jaffari said the closure had disrupted supply chains,



increased shipping, export and storage costs, and left many businesses struggling to move goods to overseas markets.

While the impact was felt across the Gulf, Bahrain faced particular challenges because of its location within the affected zone, he said.

Mr Jaffari noted that major industrial firms had adapted quickly, shifting operations and logistics plans to limit disruption. However, he said a full return to normal could take between six and 18 months as businesses work through re-

Akbar Jaffari,
Economist

covery measures.

Bahrain also demonstrated its ability to adapt under pressure, with some trade rerouted through ports in Oman, the UAE and Saudi Arabia to keep goods moving and reduce the impact on local markets.

The reopening of the strait is expected to gradually lower shipping and logistics costs, improving the competitiveness of Bahraini businesses and supporting trade with international markets.

Large corporations and smaller firms alike stand to benefit. While major manufacturers absorbed higher operating costs during the disruption, small and medium-sized enterprises relied on alternative routes to maintain exports, often at a significant expense.

Noura Al Faihani said the reo-



opening would have implications far beyond the Gulf, as the Strait of Hormuz remains one of the world's most important maritime corridors.

Restored shipping stability, she said, would reduce geopolitical risks linked to transport,

insurance and energy markets, helping ease price pressures and support global economic activity.

Lower transport and energy costs are also expected to improve production efficiency and strengthen supply chains, bene-

fitting businesses and consumers alike.

Ms Al Faihani said Bahrain was well placed to benefit because of its strategic location and established transport network. The kingdom's ability to manage logistics challenges during the disruption had reinforced investor confidence in its business environment.

With a number of local and regional companies pursuing expansion plans and overseas investor interest continuing to grow, calmer conditions are expected to support new projects and attract further investment.

She said the reopening of the strait offers Bahrain an opportunity to accelerate growth, strengthen its position as a regional logistics hub and build on the resilience demonstrated during the crisis.

Security grows through partnership, says Al Musallam

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Lasting peace and security cannot be achieved in isolation but through strong partnerships and international cooperation, Parliament Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam said yesterday.

Addressing the opening session of the fourth Marrakech Parliamentary Economic Forum for the Euro-Mediterranean and Gulf region, Al Musallam said Bahrain's foreign policy is rooted in the belief that constructive cooperation remains the most effective path to stability and sustainable development.

He said the Kingdom, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and with the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman



bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, continues to strengthen ties with Mediterranean and European countries to advance shared interests and regional stability.

Highlighting Bahrain's position at the heart of the Arabian Gulf, Al Musallam stressed that

maritime security and economic security are closely linked, while freedom of navigation remains essential to global trade and prosperity.

He noted that economic and political developments are increasingly interconnected, making cooperation between na-

tions vital in addressing regional challenges and managing global change.

The Speaker said the Marrakech forum provides an important platform to discuss economic transformations, explore strategic opportunities and deepen regional collaboration.

He added that stronger Euro-Mediterranean and Gulf cooperation could unlock new opportunities for economic integration and bring countries and peoples closer together.

The forum, held in Marrakech on June 19 and 20, is organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean and Morocco's House of Councillors in partnership with the Parliamentary Network of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.



Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfeeqi, Minister of Youth Affairs, during talks with Jason Isaacson, Chief Policy and Political Affairs Officer of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), and his accompanying delegation. The minister reviewed Bahrain's efforts to empower young people and enhance their participation in the comprehensive development process.

Pet abusers face jail, BD2,000 fine

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People who abuse, torture or kill pets without lawful cause can face imprisonment and fines of up to BD2,000 under Bahrain's animal protection laws, lawyer Zainab Al Barri has said.



Zainab Al Barri, lawyer

Ms Al Barri said Article 14 of the Law Regulating the Keeping of Pets, Dangerous Animals and Fierce Dogs prohibits harming, mistreating or killing pets, as well as failing to provide proper food, veterinary care and required vaccinations.

Under Article 16, offenders may face jail, a fine of up to BD2,000, or both penalties. She said anyone found to have abused or killed a pet, including a cat, without lawful reason could be held criminally liable, with punishment determined by the court.

Ms Al Barri also cited Article 415 of Bahrain's Penal Code, which provides for up to one year in prison or a fine of up to BD100 for intentionally killing or seriously harming a domesticated animal without cause. The offence includes acts such as beating, poisoning, burning, starving, gross neglect and other conduct that causes physical or psychological harm.

She said pet protection is both a legal and moral responsibility, stressing that owners must provide food, water, shelter and proper health-care, while avoiding neglect or abuse.

Ms Al Barri called for strict enforcement of the law and greater public awareness of animal welfare.

New marriage no automatic barrier to custody

Mohammed Darwish
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A divorced mother in Bahrain does not automatically lose custody of her children if she remarries, lawyer Jassim Al Issa has said.

He said Bahrain's Family Law places the child's welfare above all other considerations, leaving the final decision to the court.

Under Article 127 of Law No. 19 of 2017, a Sunni mother married to a man unrelated to the child may retain custody if the

court finds it serves the child's best interests.

Mr Al Issa said judges examine each case individually, considering factors such as the child's home environment, care, education and overall wellbeing rather than the marriage itself.

Under the Jaafari school, a mother's right to custody generally falls upon remarriage, but the court may still allow the child to remain with her if that is deemed best for the child.

He said the law does not impose a fixed rule based solely



Jassim Al Issa, lawyer

on remarriage, but gives courts discretion to decide according to the circumstances of each

family.

Article 130 also allows judges to seek advice from social and psychological specialists when determining custody arrangements.

Mr Al Issa said the widespread belief that a mother automatically loses custody when she remarries is not an accurate reading of Bahraini law.

A new marriage may trigger a court review, but custody can remain with the mother if the judge concludes that doing so best protects the child's welfare.

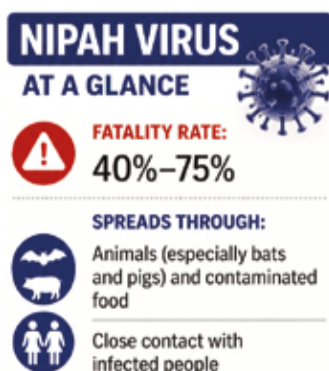
A friend in need: Bahrain steps up in Kerala's hour of need

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When the southern Indian state of Kerala faced an urgent shortage of a key medicine used to combat Nipah, Bahrain stepped in, delivering the drug on short notice.

The swift intervention was revealed by Kerala Chief Minister V. D. Satheesan, who said the state was unable to source Ribavirin, an antiviral drug considered an important part of Nipah outbreak management, despite its significance in emergency response plans.

"There was no stock of this



important medicine here. Within 24 hours, we brought it from Bahrain and used it for treatment," Satheesan said.

The rapid procurement helped plug a critical gap in supplies and ensured the medicine was available when needed most. Authorities later distributed the drug across Kerala's healthcare network to strengthen readiness for future outbreaks.

The significance of the Bahrain-supplied drug is underscored by the treatment currently being administered to Kerala's lone confirmed Nipah patient at Kozhikode Government Medical College Hospital. The patient is receiving a combination of Ribavirin, Remde-

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Nipah is among the world's most dangerous infectious diseases, with a fatality rate that

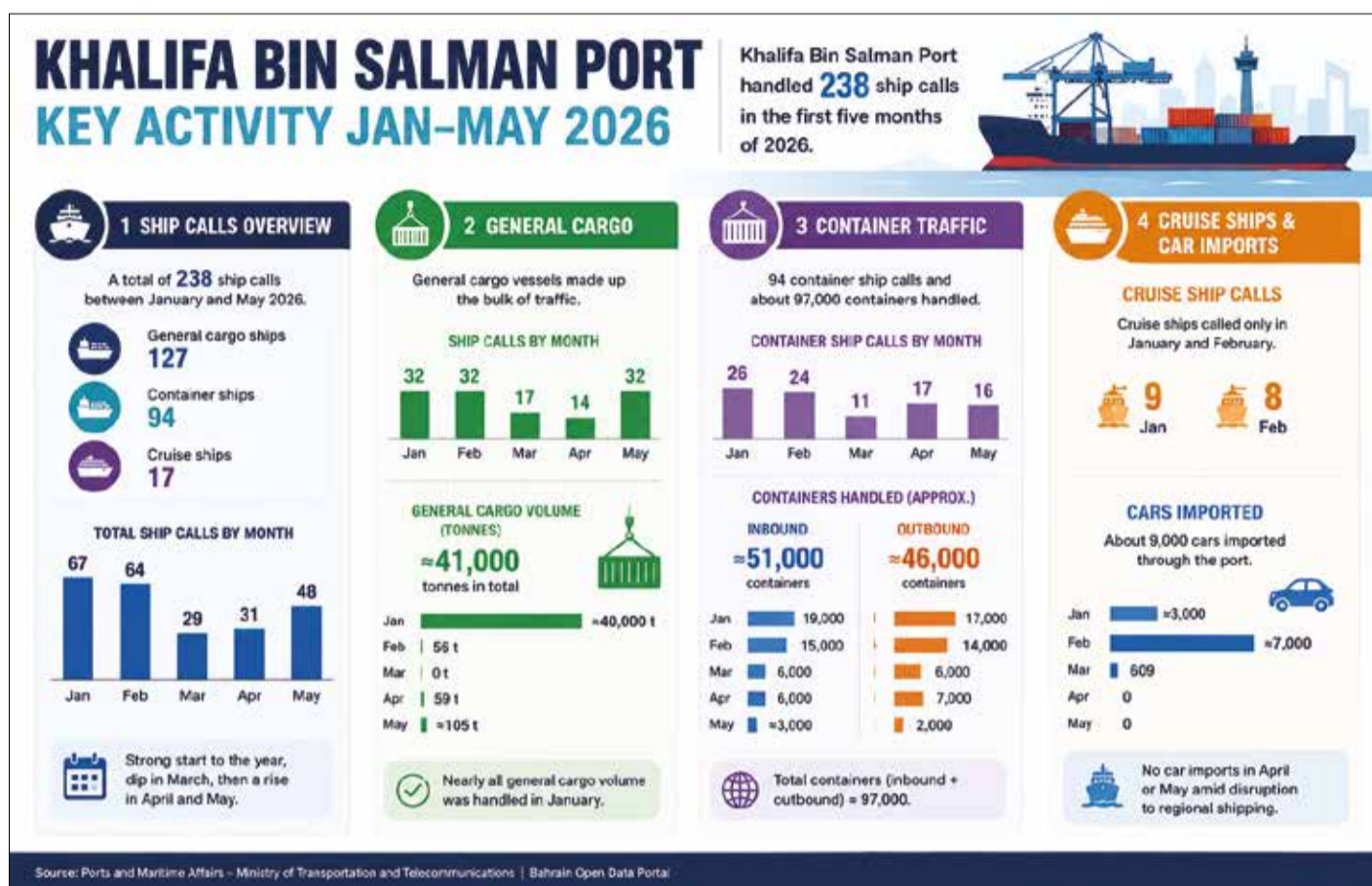
can exceed 70 per cent in some outbreaks. The virus can cause severe respiratory illness and inflammation of the brain, and there is currently no widely available approved vaccine.

Although Ribavirin is not a cure, it is regarded as an important antiviral medicine in outbreak response and is often stockpiled in regions vulnerable to the disease.

The episode offered a striking example of cross-border cooperation in public health, with Bahrain stepping in at short notice to provide a medicine that was unavailable locally.

sivir and monoclonal antibody therapy as doctors battle the highly infectious virus.

Khalifa Port logs 97,000 containers by May



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Khalifa Bin Salman Port handled 238 ship calls between January and May 2026, with general cargo vessels accounting for most traffic, figures from Bahrain's open data portal show.

The data, from Ports and Maritime Affairs at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, listed 127 general cargo ships, 94 container ships and 17 cruise ships over the five-month period.

Ship calls were strongest at

the start of the year. The port handled 67 ships in January and 64 in February, before the count fell to 29 in March. It then rose to 31 in April and 48 in May.

General cargo vessels made up the bulk of the traffic. The port handled 32 such ships in January and the same number in February, followed by 17 in March and 14 in April. The figure returned to 32 in May.

General cargo volumes stood at about 41,000 tonnes over the period. January made up nearly all of that amount, with about 40,000 tonnes handled. February saw 56 tonnes, March

recorded none, while April and May recorded 59 tonnes and about 105 tonnes.

Container ship calls totalled 94. There were 26 in January, 24 in February, 11 in March, 17 in April and 16 in May.

The port handled about 97,000 containers, including inbound and outbound traffic. Inbound containers reached about 51,000, with 19,000 in January, 15,000 in February, 6,000 in March, 6,000 in April and about 3,000 in May.

Outbound containers stood at about 46,000. The monthly

figures were 17,000 in January, 14,000 in February, 6,000 in March, 7,000 in April and 2,000 in May.

Cruise ships called only in January and February, with nine ships in the first month and eight in the second.

The data also listed about 9,000 cars imported through the port. Around 3,000 were recorded in January and nearly 7,000 in February, followed by 609 in March. No car imports were recorded in April or May amid disruption to regional shipping.

Top India telecom and digital company to file for IPO



AFP | Mumbai, India

One of India's top telecommunications and AI companies will file papers for an IPO on Friday, billionaire Mukesh Ambani said, kicking off the process for one of the country's most-awaited stock market debuts.

Reliance Industries' digital arm, Jio Platforms, will issue as many as 270 million shares at 10 rupees (\$0.11) as part of the listing, according to a stock exchange filing.

Reliance is India's most valuable company by market capitalisation and has business interests ranging from oil refining to green energy.

While Jio Platforms dabbles in everything from AI to enterprise network services, it is primarily known for its subsidiary Jio Infocomm -- India's largest telecoms firm by users.

The pricing was not immediately disclosed, but local media reports have suggested the IPO could raise as much as \$4 billion and fetch a market valuation of over \$100 billion.

If that happens, the IPO will eclipse a previous listing record set by Hyundai's India unit in 2024.

"The proposed listing of Jio

will demonstrate to the world that India can build technology companies of global scale, global capability and global value," Ambani, Reliance's chairman, said in televised speech to shareholders.

Jio's wireless carrier service was launched a decade ago and quickly grabbed customers away from rivals Bharti Airtel and Vodafone through aggressive discounts.

Experts credit the company's free 4G offers with allowing hundreds of thousands of Indians to access data-hungry services like YouTube and Netflix for the first time.

Today, the company has over 520 million subscribers and accounts for roughly 60 percent of India's data traffic.

Jio Platforms and its broader digital push have for years been a key part of Ambani's efforts to diversify his conglomerate away from its core oil refining business.

The company raised over \$20 billion from top investors and tech firms such as Meta and Alphabet in 2020 as it sought to tap global expertise while building a digital ecosystem, including an online payments app and a streaming service.

ECB favours cross-border banking in Europe

AFP | Paris, France

Creating large banks which can operate across Europe is desirable for sustaining the continent's financial system, the European Central Bank's chief economist said Friday.

"Having a banking system that is too localised and, in turn, too intertwined with its domestic sovereign, is not a good recipe," Philip Lane told a conference organised by French investment bank Natixis in Paris.

"From a macro point of view, it's very important to have the risk sharing that comes from cross-border banking. That can be in terms of equity ownership, it can be in terms of funding, it can be in terms of common technology," Lane added.

He was speaking as Italy's second-largest bank, UniCredit, targets a hostile takeover of German rival Commerzbank, having launched a bid in May which expired Tuesday. The Italians' longer-term aim is to merge Commerzbank with Germany's HypoVereinsbank, owned by UniCredit.

The Milan-based bank made a bid valued at 35 billion euros (\$40.6 billion) not just to take control of a rival in a fellow EU state but to cement its status as a European heavyweight.

Lane said if banks are unable to achieve mergers, they must seek other ways to reduce costs and risks in a period of rising fixed expenditure, amid the growing need for expensive cybersecurity systems.

Lane said he foresaw a relatively small number of giant banks in Europe and noted the arrival of purely digital banking players to the market, disrupting traditional banking models.

Established players must respond to this process by offering competitive products, embracing technological change along the way, he said.

Oil edges back up, shares steady

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Oil prices edged back up and stock markets stabilised yesterday after postponement of US-Iran peace deal talks.

Equities had largely rallied since the two countries last weekend announced plans to end the conflict and reopen the Strait of Hormuz, fuelling global relief after the war triggered energy shortages and surging inflation.

Almost four months of war have seen crude futures tumble on optimism of heralded settlements in sight, only to rise again as such hopes have been repeatedly dispelled. Stock markets have meanwhile benefited from money continuing to pile into the AI sector.

Friday saw oil prices back up slightly as Brent stood up 0.7% at \$80.41 a barrel while West Texas Intermediate gained 0.3% to \$76.85.

Wall Street was shut Friday for a US public holiday, while Europe was muted as London and Paris lost around half of 1% while Frankfurt ended the week with a 0.2% dip.

"(London's) FTSE 100 was supported by energy and healthcare (but) risk appetite stayed capped after US-Iran peace talks

Key figures around 1545 GMT

Brent North Sea Crude:	▲ P 0.7% at \$80.41 a barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▲ 0.3% at \$76.85 a barrel
London - FTSE 100:	▼ 0.4% at 10,356.90 points (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▼ 0.6% at 8,425.70 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX:	▼ 0.2% at 24,985.82 (close)
New York - Dow:	Closed for public holiday
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▲ 0.3% at 71,250.06 (close)
Seoul - KOSPI:	▼ 0.1% at 9,052.42 (close)
Hong Kong - Hang Seng Index:	Closed for a holiday
Shanghai - Composite:	Closed for a holiday
Euro/dollar:	▲ at \$1.1464 from \$1.1460 on Thursday
Pound/dollar:	▲ at \$1.3218 from \$1.3206
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 161.27 yen from 161.32 yen
Euro/pound:	▼ at 86.73 pence from 86.78 pence



in Switzerland were called off," said Tickmill Group's Patrick Munnely.

Wall Street had bounced back Thursday after the Federal Reserve signalled that it would hike borrowing costs this year -- news which boosted the dollar before it too steadied heading into the weekend pause.

The deal to end the Middle East war remained under strain after the flagged talks in Switzerland were postponed and fighting flared between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon, whose health ministry lamented 47 dead.

Preparations had been made to host Iranian and US dele-

gations at the Swiss resort of Burgenstock to begin negotiations on implementing the deal signed by President Donald Trump and Iranian counterpart Masoud Pezeshkian.

The agreement's signing was intended to end the US-Israeli campaign against Iran -- which saw five weeks of all-out war until a ceasefire was struck in April -- and reopen the Strait of Hormuz, the key shipping bottleneck whose closure caused global energy prices to soar.

The agreement also kicks off a 60-day period for talks on wider issues, including Tehran's nuclear programme.

"Market euphoria that a deal had been reached has shifted to some scepticism," Kathleen Brooks, research director at trading group XTB, noted Friday as it emerged the talks were not happening with no fresh date announced.

Elsewhere, there was little movement for the British pound or London stock market after veteran UK Labour politician Andy Burnham won a crunch by-election on Friday.

Having secured a parliamentary seat, Burnham is expected to try to oust beleaguered Prime Minister Keir Starmer.



Cross-border banking assets account for nearly one-third of total banking assets in the European Union, reflecting the deep integration of the region's financial system.

Labour market shifts from recruitment to **retention**

New work permits fell 10.1pc in 2025, while renewals jumped 11.2pc

Mohammed Darwish
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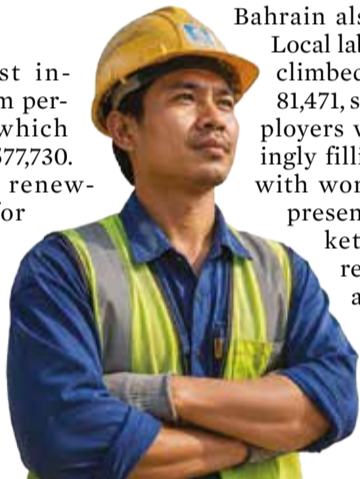
Bahrain issued fewer new work permits in 2025 as employers increasingly renewed existing workers and relied more on labour already inside the Kingdom, according to figures released by the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA).

New work permits fell by 10.1 per cent to 159,759 last year, down from 177,659 in 2024, a drop of 17,900 permits.

Despite the decline in new recruitment, the number of active work permits held by non-Bahrainis edged up by 1.8pc to 654,672 at the end of 2025, indicating only modest growth in the foreign workforce.

Permit renewals

The strongest increase came from permit renewals, which rose by 11.2pc to 577,730. Labour permit renewals accounted for 502,808 of the total, while investor permit renewals reached 15,075 and dependant permit renewals stood at 59,847.



Labour mobility within Bahrain also increased. Local labour transfers climbed by 13.9pc to 81,471, suggesting employers were increasingly filling vacancies with workers already present in the market rather than recruiting from abroad.

Permit cancellations requested during the

year totalled 116,006, including 98,025 labour permits, 1,861 investor permits and 16,120 dependant permits.

Construction remained the largest source of new labour demand, accounting for 20.4pc of new labour permits issued in 2025. Wholesale and retail trade followed with 19.2pc, while accommodation and food services made up 13.4pc. Together, the three sectors accounted for more than half of all new labour permits.

Recruitment

Domestic worker recruitment continued to grow, with new permits rising by 7.4pc to 34,557 and renewals increasing by 10pc to 28,721.

Overall, the figures point to a labour market increasingly focused on retaining and re-allocating workers already in Bahrain, rather than expanding through large-scale new overseas recruitment. The trend comes as Bahrain continues efforts to boost employment opportunities for citizens while allowing foreign hiring in sectors facing labour shortages.



Coffee or matcha? The answer may surprise you

Dr. Sharifa Adel Explains the Effects of Coffee and Matcha on Skin

Rehab Mohammad
TDT | Manama

Coffee and matcha may both offer benefits for healthy skin, but the real threat to a glowing complexion often comes from what is added to the cup, according to dermatologist Dr. Sharifa Adel.

Dr. Adel said both beverages are rich in antioxidants that help protect skin cells from damage caused by free radicals. Coffee may also improve blood circulation, supporting skin vitality, while matcha contains high levels of catechins, powerful antioxidants.

pounds known for their anti-inflammatory properties.

“Both drinks can be beneficial when consumed in moderation,” she explained, noting that matcha may help calm the skin and promote a healthy glow.

However, Dr. Adel warned that sugar, flavoured syrups, sweetened milk and creamers commonly added to these drinks can diminish their health benefits.

She said excessive sugar intake can increase inflammation in the body and damage collagen, the protein responsible for maintaining skin firmness and elasticity. This may contribute to dull skin and accelerate signs of ageing.

To maximise the benefits of coffee and matcha, Dr. Adel advised opting for less sugar and avoiding heavily sweetened additions whenever possible.

She added that healthy skin depends on more than a single drink, stressing the importance of staying hydrated, eating a balanced diet and getting adequate sleep.

“The key is the overall lifestyle,” she said. “Even healthy drinks work best when supported by good daily habits.”

Dr. Sharifa Adel, Dermatology Specialist



Southern Council wraps up term with 291 decisions

Fourth session records 55 decisions and recommendations

Hasan Barakat
TDT | Manama

The Southern Municipal Council has completed its four-year term after issuing 291 decisions and recommendations, with members set to continue their work during a six-month extension approved



Council Chairman Abdulla Ibrahim Abdul Latif

by the Cabinet.

Council Chairman Abdulla Ibrahim Abdul Latif said

the fourth session included 20 meetings that produced 55 decisions and recommendations on municipal and service matters. The council also sent 756 official correspondences to ministries and service authorities, bringing the four-term total to 3,815.

He said the figures reflect ongoing efforts to address residents' concerns, improve services and support development projects across the Southern Governorate.

Abdul Latif welcomed the six-month extension, saying it would ensure continuity while

ongoing projects are completed. He added that the council would maintain its current pace, although it is awaiting clarification from the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture on whether the extension will form part of the fourth term or a separate session.

The chairman thanked government agencies, service authorities, media organisations and council members for their support and contributions, saying the extension period would help determine the impact of ongoing initiatives.

Canopies shouldn't come at a cost

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Families should not be charged for shade canopies that have become a necessity rather than a luxury, a Muharraq municipal council has said while reviewing proposed changes to the law governing the occupation of public roads.

The council backed amendments to Decree-Law No. 2 of 1996, saying the legislation would modernise road-use regulations through clearer rules, stronger oversight and enhanced public safety measures.

However, it raised concerns over plans to increase fines, warning that penalties should



discourage violations without adding to the financial pressures already facing residents, traders and business owners.

The council said punishment must be proportionate to the

offence and urged authorities to strike a balance between enforcement and affordability.

Making the case for exempting private shade canopies from permit fees, the commit-

tee noted that many households now own two or more vehicles, while modern housing plots often provide limited garage or parking space.

With cars increasingly left outdoors, canopies have become a practical safeguard against the region's harsh climate. The committee said they offer a sensible



solution for homeowners while helping preserve the orderly appearance and safety of residential areas.

The recommendation followed a review of a draft bill submitted by the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture. The council said the amendments would update the legal framework governing public roads while reflecting the changing needs of residents.

Russian strikes on Ukraine kill three, including child: Kyiv

AFP | Moscow

Russia renewed its strikes on Ukraine yesterday, killing three people including an eight-year-old girl, Ukrainian officials said.

The strikes come a day after Ukraine launched its biggest-ever drone attack on Moscow, killing a different eight-year-old girl and sparking an inferno at a major oil refinery, according to Russian officials.

The Kremlin said yesterday it would "continue" striking Ukraine following that attack.

Both sides have escalated attacks on each other in recent weeks, as US-led talks on ending the more than four-year conflict remain effectively frozen.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has repeatedly rejected an offer from Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky for direct talks, vowing instead to achieve Russia's war aims on the battlefield.

Between late Thursday and early yesterday, Russia launched 90 drones at Ukraine, according to the Ukrainian air force.



The site of an Israeli attack that destroyed houses and carpentry shops in the village of Al-Qlailah in the Tyre district in southern Lebanon

Israel, Hezbollah agree ceasefire as US-Iran deal under strain

Lebanon fighting delays planned Iran-US negotiations in Switzerland

Ebola spreading 'fast' in DR Congo, warns WHO

AFP | Geneva

The fatal Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo is spreading rapidly, the World Health Organization warned yesterday, despite accelerating efforts to tackle the virus.

The WHO said it was still racing to catch up with the worsening situation gripping the northeastern DRC.

"The outbreak remains serious" and is "evolving so fast", said Marie-Roseline Belizaire, the WHO Africa emergencies chief.

"However, I have seen a response that is growing stronger every day," she told reporters in Geneva, speaking from Bunia, the capital of the DRC's Ituri province, the outbreak's epicentre.

The outbreak was declared on May 15, though transmission had been going undetected for some time beforehand.

It is caused by the rare Bundibugyo strain of the virus, for which there is no vaccine or specific treatment.

● Lebanon clashes killed dozens

● Hormuz shipping begins recovering

AFP | Washington

Israel and Hezbollah agreed a ceasefire yesterday, a US official said, after deadly exchanges between the two sides in Lebanon put a deal to end the Middle East war under strain, less than two days after it was signed.

Talks that were scheduled to take place between the US and Iran in Switzerland yesterday to build on the deal and work towards a lasting settlement were postponed amid the fighting, with no new date announced.

Iran's chief negotiator said Tehran would not compromise on its stated positions and warned that its forces remained ready to act, even as shipping appeared to pick up in the Strait of Hormuz, which had essentially been closed during the war.

The deal signed this week by President Donald Trump and his Iranian counterpart Masoud Pezeshkian aims to end a war that began on February 28 with US-Israeli strikes that killed supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The agreement was also meant to halt the fighting in Lebanon, a condition Iran had insisted upon, turning Israel's ongoing campaign there into a source of



US Vice President JD Vance delivered a rare public rebuke of Israel, telling the New York Times that a nation "can't just kill your way out of solving every single national security problem" – a notable break from Washington's typical public deference to its closest Middle East ally

frustration for Washington.

Israel's military said yesterday that it had struck more than 80 Hezbollah targets in Lebanon and killed dozens of members of the Iran-backed group.

'Permanent war'

Lebanon said 47 people were killed and 97 others wounded in Israeli strikes on Lebanon yesterday. Israel's military reported four troops were killed.

But a US official said a truce between Israel and Hezbollah, beginning immediately, had been brokered by US and Qatari mediators following talks with Israel and Iran. A Gulf diplomat confirmed the ceasefire.

Yet even after the truce was an-

nounced, Lebanese state media reported an Israeli airstrike on the country's south in the Jezzine region.

A previous truce agreed in April, however, did nothing to stop attacks by either side, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had said just hours earlier that the Israeli army would stay in Lebanon "as long as necessary" and would make Iran-backed Hezbollah pay a "heavy price" for its attacks.

Far-right Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir went even further, saying after the soldiers' deaths that "all of Lebanon must burn".

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi accused Israel of only being interested in "permanent war".

'Two spoilers'

Preparations had been made to host Iranian and US delegations led by Tehran's top negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf and US Vice President JD Vance at the Swiss resort of Burgenstock, overlooking Lake Lucerne.

The talks were due to kick off a two-month period of negotiations to discuss outstanding is-

25 commercial vessels crossed the newly-reopened Strait of Hormuz on Thursday, marking the highest traffic volume recorded since mid-April

sues not covered by the initial deal, notably Iran's nuclear programme.

Switzerland's foreign ministry confirmed the discussions had been postponed but said it "remains ready to facilitate these talks".

Quoting diplomats, the Financial Times said Israel's strikes on Lebanon had led to the postponement but there was no immediate confirmation.

Iranian foreign ministry spokesman, Esmail Baqaei, said there was "no urgency to hold the meeting" but that it was planned "in the coming days"

'Crushing response'

Ghalibaf said yesterday that any further negotiations with

the United States would remain subject to Tehran's stated limits.

"If the enemy seeks to be excessive, we have proven that our fingers are on the trigger and we have no hesitation in giving a crushing response to the enemy," he said in remarks published by the official IRNA news agency.

Vance, meanwhile, has expressed a degree of exasperation with the Israeli government rare for a top US official, telling the New York Times "you can't just kill your way out of solving every single national security problem that you have".

Iran's new supreme leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei, who succeeded his father, said Thursday that he had approved the accord with the US, despite holding a "different view".

A key aspect of the deal was the immediate re-opening of the Strait of Hormuz, the key shipping bottleneck whose closure caused global energy prices to rise.

A total of 25 commercial vessels crossed the newly-reopened strait on Thursday, the highest number since mid-April, according to data from maritime tracking firm AXSMarine published yesterday.

A fifth of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas exports passed through the strait in peacetime, according to economists.

American forces on Thursday lifted their parallel naval blockade of Iranian ports, the US military said, noting that American warships "will remain in the general area".

Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir said that "all of Lebanon must burn" after Israel's military announced the deaths of four soldiers there

Battle of the Catalaunian Plains: Roman and Visigoth forces defeat Attila the Hun in northeast France, halting the Hun invasion of Roman Gaul

American inventor Samuel Morse receives a patent for his telegraph



First woman to earn a PhD in Physics from an American university, Caroline Willard Baldwin (25), receives her degree from Cornell University

Highest-ever temperature recorded in the Arctic Circle, 38°C (100°F) in Verkhoyansk, Siberia

Gaza ceasefire a 'deadly illusion', says UNICEF

UNICEF says children continue to die despite an announced ceasefire

● Israel continues launching regular military strikes

● Nearly 1,000 Palestinians dead

AFP | Geneva

The ceasefire declared in Gaza more than eight months ago is a "deadly illusion", the UN charged yesterday, with 265 children killed there since the fighting was supposed to have stopped.

Despite a ceasefire being declared in October 2025, Israel has continued to launch strikes across Gaza, killing at least 992 Palestinians since then, according to the occupied territory's health ministry, whose figures are considered reliable by the United Nations.

The UN children's agency said the number of Palestinian children killed since the ceasefire was announced between Israel



Palestinian children wounded by Israeli strikes wait for medical care in Gaza's Nasser Medical Complex

and Hamas, which runs Gaza, was an "absurd and devastating figure".

"During a period supposedly defined by restraint and protection, a child has been killed, on average, every single day for more than eight months," UNICEF spokesman James Elder told reporters in Geneva, speaking from Amman.

"For many, many months, the

world has been told there is a ceasefire in Gaza. Yet for Palestinian children, this so-called ceasefire has become a cruel and a deadly illusion."

Elder stressed that the children killed since the ceasefire was declared "were not killed in a war zone".

"They were killed in their homes. In their schools. Playing football. Fishing. They were shot,



bombed struck by quadcopters," he said.

"If a child is being killed every day, surely the debate is no longer about the quality of the ceasefire. It is about the credibility of calling it one."

This week, he pointed out, "a two-year-old boy was shot and killed by Israeli forces; a 13-year-old boy was shot and killed inside his tent; a five-year-old boy and his father were killed by an Israeli strike, and on and on it goes".

In addition to those killed, more than 400 children had been injured since the ceasefire was declared, "many with catastrophic wounds", Elder said.

South Korea ex-minister jailed on charges linked to martial law fiasco

AFP | Seoul

A Seoul court sentenced a former defence minister yesterday to three years in prison on charges related to ex-president Yoon Suk Yeol's brief but catastrophic declaration of martial law in 2024, an official said.

Ex-minister Kim Yong-hyun was charged with revealing classified military information to a civilian for the purposes of creating a special team to investigate unverified election fraud claims by Yoon.

The ex-president cited electoral wrongdoing as one reason for his December 2024 martial law declaration, which lasted only about six hours as lawmakers raced to the assembly building and voted it down in an emergency session.

Yoon has since been convicted of leading an insurrection, and is in detention while appealing a life sentence.

Kim, for his part, was accused of wrongfully revealing the identities of intelligence officers who were to be part of a special team to investigate Yoon's vote cheating allegations.



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As conflicts escalate across the globe, a shocking number of girls & boys fall victim to sexual violence. Children must never be targets in war. Protecting them is a legal & moral imperative for every combatant & every country.

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In Addis, I met leaders from Ethiopia's private sector across banking, fintech, telecommunications, health and education. Breaking cycles of aid dependency requires more than humanitarian assistance. It requires jobs, investment, innovation and partnership. The private sector has a critical role to play.

@BarhamSalih

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Congratulations, @AndyBurnhamGM, Labour's new MP for Makerfield. Voters chose Labour's campaign of hope and optimism over division and hate.

@Keir_Starmer

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Conflict and shocks are forcing families to decide who eats and who goes hungry. Our latest joint report with @FAO warns of worsening hunger across 13 hotspots in the coming months. We have a narrow window before more people are pushed to starvation.

@WFPchief

Burnham vows 'new path' for UK as he eyes bid to oust PM Starmer

AFP | London

Veteran UK Labour politician Andy Burnham won a crunch by-election yesterday, resoundingly securing a parliamentary seat and clearing the way for his expected bid to oust beleaguered Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

Burnham, a former government minister who has been Greater Manchester mayor since 2017, ensured his return to parliament by easily beating the far-right Reform UK party's candidate in the Makerfield constituency in northwest England.

The 56-year-old longtime figure in centre-left Labour wants to replace Starmer as party leader and prime minister, and needed to win the high-stakes vote to be in a position to trigger such a contest.

"We've been on path for 40 years that simply hasn't worked for people and places in this part of the world," Burnham told cheering crowds yesterday.

"This is the change moment, we have an opportunity to turn the tide," he said, adding: "We're going to lay out a new path for Britain."

If Starmer does leave office this year, then Britain will get its seventh prime minister in 10 years.

"I do say to my own party, this is a final chance to change," Burnham had said in his acceptance speech after securing nearly 55 percent of the vote, beat-



Count Binface stands next to Labour candidate Andy Burnham and Robert Pownall, after Burnham wins the election for MP of Makerfield

ing Reform's Robert Kenyon by more than 9,000 ballots.

Starmer, congratulated Burnham on X, but again pledged to fight any leadership challenge during a public appearance in London yesterday morning.

"If there is a contest then yes I will run, I will stand. I've said repeatedly, I'm not going to walk away from that," he told reporters.

The 63-year-old ex-lawyer has repeatedly refused to quit despite dozens of calls from his own MPs and several ministerial resignations, insisting that his landslide election victory over the Conservatives in July 2024 gave him a five-year mandate to govern.

'Transition'

Attention now turns to when

Burnham could make his move against Starmer. So what happens next?

All eyes will be on whether Starmer can maintain the support of his cabinet. If senior ministers begin to tell him it is time to go or resign themselves, it would make his position increasingly untenable.

Burnham is due to be sworn in as a member of parliament on Monday. Under Labour party rules, leadership candidates must be an MP.

From the so-called soft-left wing of the party, Burnham has been an outspoken critic of Starmer's more centrist rule. He will easily muster the support of 81 of Labour's 400-plus MPs -- the minimum needed to kickstart a contest.

Outrage in Italy after Trump says Meloni 'begged' for photo op



Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and US President Donald Trump

AFP | Rome

talk to her".

Meloni called what Trump said "made up", adding: "Neither I nor Italy ever beg."

"I don't know why the president of the United States behaves this way with his own allies," the far-right leader wrote on X.

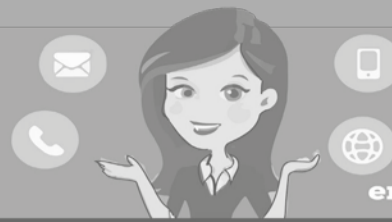
"I can only say that it's a pity he doesn't show the same determination with enemies of the West, with enemies of the United States, with leaders with whom, instead, he is far more accommodating," she said.

Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani on X called Trump's words "grave and offensive" and said he was cancelling a visit to the US planned for June 21 and 22.

He also suggested that Meloni was probably "happy that I talked to her, I didn't have to

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Eight Nations Condemn West Bank Mosque Attacks



The foreign ministers of Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Pakistan, Egypt and Türkiye have issued a joint statement strongly condemning escalating settler violence against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, including recent attacks targeting two mosques north of Ramallah. The ministers highlighted assaults on the Grand Mosque in Jaljulia village and the Al-Farouq Mosque in Mazra'a al-Nubani, describing them as violations of the sanctity of religious sites and breaches of international law, international humanitarian law and relevant United Nations resolutions. They rejected the attacks outright and warned that continued violence and unilateral actions in the occupied Palestinian territories are contributing to instability, extremism and further tensions in the region. The statement placed responsibility on Israel as the occupying power and urged the international community to take effective measures to halt the escalation, stop settler violence and ensure accountability for those responsible. The ministers also reaffirmed their support for the Palestinian people and their right to self-determination, including the establishment of an independent Palestinian state based on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital, in line with the two-state solution and international legitimacy.

Israel, Hezbollah Reach New Ceasefire



A new ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah came into effect on Friday following one of the deadliest days of fighting in recent months. The truce, brokered by the United States and Qatar through separate negotiations with Israel and Iran, took effect at 4 p.m. local time, aiming to halt weeks of escalating cross-border violence. Despite the agreement, reports indicated that strikes and military activity continued near the Israel-Lebanon border shortly after the ceasefire began. According to Lebanon's Health Ministry, at least 47 people were killed and 97 wounded in Israeli airstrikes and bombardments on Friday, including women and children. Israeli officials confirmed that the ceasefire had taken hold but stated that Israeli forces would remain deployed in the buffer zone in southern Lebanon. Israel also warned that it would respond forcefully to any future attacks by Hezbollah. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu highlighted military operations conducted before the truce, saying Israeli forces had struck 150 targets and killed dozens of Hezbollah fighters. The ceasefire marks the latest effort to end a conflict that has repeatedly defied diplomatic attempts at de-escalation. Previous truces and negotiations collapsed amid renewed violence and disagreements over security arrangements. While the latest agreement offers a measure of relief to civilians on both sides of the border, analysts caution that its durability remains uncertain given the history of repeated violations and ongoing regional tensions.

Arabian Oryx Returns Home



An endangered Arabian oryx roams Saudi's the King Salman bin Abdulaziz Royal Reserve after being reintroduced to its natural habitat, marking a major conservation achievement and the species' return to the area after nearly 100 years.

Arsenal will start Premier League title defence against Coventry



Arsenal head coach Mikel Arteta with the Premier League trophy (file photo)

AFP | London

Arsenal will begin their Premier League title defence against promoted Coventry on August 21, with the 2026-27 fixtures released yesterday. Coventry, managed by Frank Lampard, return to the top flight for the first time in 25 years after winning the Championship last season.

The opening weekend also sees Manchester City start life after Pep Guardiola at home to Bournemouth on August 23, with former Chelsea boss Enzo Maresca expected to replace him. Liverpool's new manager Andoni Iraola begins at Newcastle on the same day before his Anfield debut against Nottingham Forest on August 29. Chelsea, led by Xabi Alonso, open away at Fulham on August 24. Hull host Manchester United on August 22, Ipswich meet Sunderland, Aston Villa travel to Brighton, Brentford face Tottenham, Everton host Crystal Palace and Leeds visit Nottingham Forest.

Arsenal, champions for the first time since 2004, face a testing start after Villa away, Chelsea at home on September 5, followed by trips to Sunderland and Brighton. The first Manchester derby of the post-Guardiola era arrives on September 12.

Liverpool host Manchester United on November 21, while City meet Arsenal on November 28 at the Emirates, the same date as the Merseyside derby at Everton's Hill Dickinson Stadium. The north London derby follows on December 5, while Boxing Day sees Lampard's Coventry face Chelsea.

The season ends on May 30, with Arsenal at home to Brighton, City at Sunderland, Liverpool hosting Bournemouth, Chelsea at home to Brentford and Manchester United at home to Fulham. The campaign begins later than usual due to the World Cup, which finishes just over a month before the Premier League starts.

Bahrain begin Asian volleyball title defence

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Bahrain's senior men's volleyball national team are set to begin their defence of the AVC Men's Cup title today when they take on Chinese Taipei in Ahmedabad, India. The match is scheduled to get underway at 12.30pm Bahrain time.

The Bahrainis arrived in India earlier this week ahead of the 12-nation tournament, which runs until June 28 and features some of the continent's leading teams.

Bahrain enter the competition as reigning champions after securing a historic triumph in last year's edition, which was hosted by the kingdom. The nationals defeated Pakistan in four sets in the gold medal match to claim their first-ever championship in any Asian Volleyball Confederation competition.

The title-winning campaign also earned Bahrain qualification for the AVC Volleyball Men's Continental Championship, set to take place in Fukuoka, Japan, from September 4 to 13.

Drawn in Pool A, Bahrain will face Chinese Taipei, New Zealand, Kazakhstan, Australia and hosts India in the preliminary round. Pool B features Qatar, South Korea, Pakistan, Indonesia, Thailand and Oman.

Following today's opener, Bahrain will take on New Zealand tomorrow before facing



Bahrain's roster arrives in Ahmedabad, India

Bahrain's preliminary schedule

TODAY	Bahrain vs Chinese Taipei	12:30 PM
Sunday, June 21	Bahrain vs New Zealand	9:30 AM
Tuesday, June 23	Bahrain vs India	6:30 PM
Thursday, June 25	Bahrain vs Kazakhstan	3:30PM
Friday, June 26	Bahrain vs Australia	6:30PM

hosts India on Tuesday. They then conclude the preliminary round with matches against Kazakhstan and Australia on June 25 and 26, respectively.

The team is guided by Montenegro's Ivan Joksimovic, who was appointed head coach earlier this year. Joksimovic has already enjoyed success with the national side, leading Bahrain to gold at the fourth GCC Games

in Doha last month in his first tournament in charge.

Key players expected to lead Bahrain's title defence include Hasan Alwarqaa, Ali Ebrahim, Mahmood Alafyah, Sayed Hashem Issa, Abdulla Mohammed Jaafar and Mahmoud Abdulwahed.

The AVC Men's Cup is being held for the seventh time and only the second under its cur-

rent format. After the preliminary round, the top two teams from each pool will advance to the semi-finals on June 27, with the gold and bronze medal matches scheduled for June 28.

Bahrain's triumph in 2025 made them only the fifth nation to win the tournament, joining Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Thailand and Qatar on the honour roll. The nationals previously claimed silver medals in 2023, when the competition was still known as the AVC Men's Challenge Cup.

Having established themselves among Asia's emerging volleyball powers, Bahrain will now aim to retain their continental crown and add another chapter to one of the most successful periods in the history of the sport in the kingdom.

Adekoya settles for third in Doha Diamond League



Action from the race

Hussain Almaskati

Bahrain's Kemi Adekoya finished third in the women's 400 metres hurdles at the Doha Diamond League meeting on Friday night, clocking 53.67 seconds at the Suhaim bin Hamad Stadium.

The race was won by Slovakia's Emma Zapletalová in a meeting record 52.30 seconds, with Jamaica's Rushell Clayton taking second in 53.05. The top three headed a high-quality field that featured multiple athletes who have run sub-53 seconds this season, underlining the level of competition in Doha's 33°C evening conditions.

Adekoya, 33, arrived with a season best of 53.71 set earlier this month in Texas. She went out strongly and led the Bahraini challenge through the early stages before fading slightly over the final hurdles. Her 53.67 was a marginal improvement on that mark and marked a solid Diamond League season debut.

Zapletalová built her winning margin in the latter stages, pulling away off the final bend and maintaining her rhythm over the closing barriers to secure maximum points. Clayton stayed closest but had to settle for second despite a strong finish.

Panama's Gianna Woodruff

placed fourth in 53.88, followed by Norway's Amalie Tuel in 54.09. Zimbabwe's Ashley Miller, Italy's Ayomide Folorunso, and Germany's Eileen Demes completed the line-up.

Adekoya now sits seventh in the Diamond League standings on six points after four qualification meetings. Zapletalová leads the rankings on 32 points, ahead of Clayton on 26, with two qualification meetings remaining before the Diamond League Final.

Adekoya, a former world indoor champion and Bahrain medal hopeful, will continue her build-up to the Asian Games in Japan, scheduled from September 19 to October 4.

Bahrain set for Thailand's King's Cup in November

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Bahrain's national football team is expected to take part in the 52nd King's Cup in Thailand this November after reportedly accepting an invitation to the annual tournament. The decision would mean Bahrain are unlikely to feature in the West Asian Football Federation (WAFF) Championship, which is also scheduled for the same month.

The nationals would have entered the WAFF Championship as defending champions, having won the title in its most recent edition in 2019. However, the competition has been postponed several times in recent years and now faces further uncertainty following reports of Oman's withdrawal as host.

The King's Cup, organised by the Football Association of Thailand, is an invitation-only tournament for four national teams. It is expected to form part of Bahrain's preparations for the AFC Asian Cup 2027, scheduled for January and February.

Tuchel 1 photographers 0 after World Cup moment 'ruined'



Thomas Tuchel, Manager of England, reacts as multiple photographers stand in front of him (file photo)

AFP | London

Thomas Tuchel said a "special moment was ruined" and FIFA have now reportedly acted to the England coach being swarmed by photographers during the national anthem ahead of the World Cup clash with Croatia.

The German, managing at a World Cup for the first time, was delighted after seeing his side win 4-2 on Wednesday in Texas in their opening match.

But he was less happy about the massed ranks of photographers snapping him from close range beforehand at the Dallas Cowboys' stadium.

"I am begging FIFA to change the position of the photographers for the national anthem because I could not see my team in the national anthem," he said.

"I was waiting for this moment, it was a very, very special moment today and I was standing in front of a wall of 50 photographers half a metre away.

"I could not see one single player and it ruined a little bit my experience today."

FIFA has now tweaked its guidelines, the BBC and The Athletic reported, to avoid a repeat at the tournament in North America.

Co-hosts Mexico **first team** into knockout rounds

Luis Romo capitalises on goalkeeping error to secure qualification

● Mexico beat South Korea 1-0

AFP | Guadalajara

Co-hosts Mexico became the first team to reach the knockout rounds of the World Cup with a 1-0 win over South Korea at a delirious Guadalajara Stadium on Thursday.

Luis Romo's goal just after half-time put Mexico through as Group A winners with a match to go following a goalkeeping clanger.

In contrast, Mexico stopper Raul Rangel made a superb double save in the dying minutes to preserve their lead.

Finishing top keeps Mexico at home in the last 32 with a game against a third-placed team in Mexico City.

South Korea are second on three points, with the Czech Republic and South Africa also still alive on one.

Both teams went into the clash in front of a passionate home crowd knowing that victory would guarantee progress in double-quick time.

Mexico coach Javier Aguirre made three changes from the side that beat South Africa 2-0



Mexico's midfielder #07 Luis Romo shoots and scores his team's first goal

a week ago to open the tournament.

His counterpart Hong Myung-bo made just one alteration, largely keeping faith with the team that fought back to defeat the Czech Republic 2-1.

South Korea skipper Son Heung-min had the first sniff at goal after 15 minutes, looping the ball over Rangel only for Edson Alva-

rez to prevent it going in with a bicycle kick on the line.

Los Angeles FC attacker Son was belatedly flagged for offside although replays suggested it was a close call.

Julian Quinones, who scored the opening goal of the tournament, then forced South Korea goalkeeper Kim Seung-gyu into a good save from a header, rais-

ing the decibels.

The rest of an uneventful half belonged to South Korea as they stroked the ball around at will, without ever creating a clear chance, but they did succeed in silencing the home support.

Jeers rang out at half-time from the Mexico fans.

The hosts started the second



Mexico's winning goal came after South Korea goalkeeper Kim Seung-gyu collided with his own teammate while attempting to claim a high ball, leaving Luis Romo with an open net

period with far more intent, and five minutes in they went ahead when the goalkeeper Kim came for a high ball and clattered into his own player, spilling it straight to Romo.

He just needed to poke the ball first time into an unguarded net, triggering pandemonium.

Hong surprisingly hauled off the veteran talisman Son before the hour and threw on Hwang Hee-chan of Wolverhampton Wanderers.

But the Koreans were mostly toothless going forward until the final few minutes, when Guadalajara native Rangel came to Mexico's rescue.

Real Madrid move 'huge step' up, says Cucurella



Marc Cucurella speaks during a press conference

AFP | Chattanooga

Marc Cucurella said the chance to sign for Real Madrid was too good to turn down after leaving Chelsea to join Jose Mourinho's rebuild of the club.

Cucurella's 55 million euro (\$63.8 million) move to the 15-time European champions was confirmed just hours before he took to the field for Spain's opening World Cup match against Cape Verde on Monday.

The 27-year-old won the Club World Cup and Conference League during four years with Chelsea, but the Blues failed to qualify for Europe next season after finishing 10th in the Premier League.

"I didn't expect to leave Chelsea, but in life you sometimes have to start new chapters you didn't see coming," Cucurella told a press conference at Spain's World Cup training base on Thursday.

Canada announce themselves with **six-goal** rout

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Co-hosts Canada produced a historic performance at the FIFA World Cup 2026 in Vancouver, thrashing Qatar 6-0 to secure their first-ever victory at the tournament. The emphatic result moved the Canadians to the brink of qualification for the knockout stages from Group B.

Jonathan David stole the headlines with a superb hat-trick, while Cyle Larin and Nathan Saliba also found the net. An own goal from Mohamed Manai completed an emphatic win in a chaotic encounter that saw Qatar reduced to nine men.

Canada made a bright start and took the lead in the 16th minute. David's volley was parried by goalkeeper Mahmoud Abunada, but the rebound fell kindly to Larin, who reacted quickest to slot home his second goal of the tournament.

The Canadians doubled their advantage in the 29th minute when David met a cross with a right-footed volley that flew into the back of the net, ending a year-long wait for a goal from open play.

Qatar's task became even more difficult four minutes later when Homan Ahmed was shown a red card for a challenge on Tajon Buchanan. The referee initially awarded a penalty and a yellow card, before a VAR review over-



Jonathan David celebrates after opening his hat-trick against Qatar

turned the decision to a free kick outside the box and upgraded the booking to a dismissal.

Canada capitalised on their numerical advantage just before halftime. Following a scramble in the penalty area, a shot struck the crossbar before falling kindly for David, who converted from close range to make it 3-0.

The second half was overshadowed by a serious injury to Ismael Koné, who was stretchered off after a challenge from Assim Madibo. The Qatar midfielder was shown a straight red card, reducing his side to nine men and handing Canada an even greater advantage.

Substitute Nathan Saliba added a fourth in the 64th minute with a well-taken free kick. Eleven minutes later, Canada's relentless pressure forced another breakthrough when Mohamed Mannai inadvertently turned the ball into his own net.

David completed a memorable evening in stoppage time, securing his hat-trick and becoming only the second player, after Lionel Messi, to score three goals in a match at this year's World Cup.

The victory leaves Canada in a strong position in Group B after opening their campaign with a 1-1 draw against Bosnia-Herze-

Bench 'heard bone snap': Marsch on Kone horror injury

AFP | Vancouver

Canada coach Jesse Marsch said midfielder Ismael Kone was in hospital with a suspected broken leg after the horrific injury that marred the game.

Marsch told reporters after the game the Canadian bench had realised the severity of Kone's injury immediately.

"It was right in front of us, and everyone could hear the bone snap," Marsch said.

"I haven't spoken to Ismael yet, but he's at the hospital. He will prepare for a surgery. I'm going to go see him after this press conference. We'll see exactly what we decide to do for him.

"Everybody's a little shaken by the whole experience because of the nature of the injury, and also because Ismael is a big part of the heart of our team. It will be a big loss for us."

Kone, 24, who plays for Italian Serie A side Sassuolo, waved to the crowd as he was stretchered off the field while



Canada coach Jesse Marsch embraces Ismael Kone as he is stretchered off the field

receiving oxygen.

"He was waving to the crowd and almost making everybody else feel at ease with the fact that he's injured and that's an incredible statement about Ismael as a person," Marsch said.

"Everybody was crushed when it happened, but we had to find a way to stay focused, we knew that Ismael wanted us to finish the job. There's a

lot of thoughts that go through our heads right now, we're all thinking about him, but we're all very proud of what we are."

Marsch though was unimpressed with the reaction of Qatar's bench, who had protested vociferously when Madibo was given a red card for the challenge on Kone after initially being shown a yellow.

ly on course for a place in the last 32.

For Qatar, the heavy defeat marked another disappointing

chapter in their World Cup history as they continue their search for a first victory on football's biggest stage.

USA secure knockout place with win over Australia

Hussain Almaskati

Co-hosts United States booked their place in the FIFA World Cup 2026 knockout stages with a composed 2-0 victory over Australia in Seattle. Mauricio Pochettino's side followed up their opening 4-1 win over Paraguay in Los Angeles to become the second team, after Mexico, to reach the round of 32.

An 11th-minute own goal from Cameron Burgess and a first-half header from Alex Freeman proved decisive, as the USA dominated possession and restricted Australia to only brief attacking moments at Lumen Field.

The opening goal came when Folarin Balogun drove into the box and delivered a dangerous cut-back that Burgess inadvertently turned into his own net. The early breakthrough reflected the USA's aggressive start and immediately forced Australia onto the back foot.

From there, the Americans controlled the game with sustained possession and territorial dominance. With over 70% of the ball in the first half, Pochettino's side used Sergiño Dest and Antonee Robinson to stretch Australia wide, while Tyler Adams dictated play from midfield.

Australia attempted to respond but struggled to progress through the American press, with their attacks largely limited to isolated transitions. The



Alex Freeman celebrates the United States' second goal



The result marks the United States' eighth qualification for the knockout stages

USA, meanwhile, continued to create chances, with Folarin Balogun going close to extending the lead.

The second goal arrived in the 43rd minute after Sergiño Dest's effort from a set piece was deflected into the air. Alex Freeman reacted quickest to nod the ball over the line. The goal was initially ruled out for offside but was awarded after a VAR review confirmed the decision.

Australia made changes at half-time in an attempt to shift momentum, but the USA remained organised and largely untroubled. Goalkeeper Matt Freese was rarely tested as the visitors struggled to generate clear openings.

The second half became more fragmented, with Australia enjoying brief spells of pressure

through substitutes Cristian Volpato and Connor Metcalfe, but neither was able to find a breakthrough. Balogun also spurned a chance to make it 3-0, firing wide in a one-on-one situation.

Despite six minutes of added time, the United States comfortably saw out the match to secure another clean sheet and confirm qualification for the knockout rounds.

The result leaves the USA in strong form at the top of Group D, while Australia's hopes now hinge on their final group fixture against Paraguay on Friday (5am Bahrain time) in Santa Clara.

Germany bring goal blitz into Ivory Coast clash



Kai Havertz (#7) celebrates his brace in Germany's opening-match demolition

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The top two sides in Group E go head-to-head tonight as Germany face Ivory Coast, with both teams aiming to take a step closer to the knockout stage at the 2026 World Cup. Kick-off is scheduled for 11 PM Bahrain time.

Germany arrive in Toronto full of confidence after producing the biggest win of the tournament so far, a stunning 7-1 victory over Curacao on matchday one. Felix Nmecha gave Die Mannschaft an early lead inside six minutes before Curacao briefly levelled in a historic moment for the tournament debutants.

However, Germany quickly reasserted control in ruthless fashion. Kai Havertz struck twice, while Nico Schlotterbeck, Jamal Musiala, Nathaniel Brown, and Deniz Undav all added their names to the scoresheet in a dominant display under Julian Nagelsmann. That result reinforced their reputation as one of the most dangerous attacking sides in world football, with only a handful of World Cup matches this century producing seven-goal performances – and Germany responsible for multiple entries on that list.

They now have the chance to secure top spot in Group E early, depending on other results, while extending a remarkable 10-match winning streak across all competitions dating back to September 2025. However, concerns remain at the back, with Germany conceding in four of their last five matches and failing to keep a World Cup clean sheet since the 2014 final.

Ivory Coast, meanwhile, arrive with momentum after

grinding out a 1-0 win over Ecuador in their opening match. Despite being under pressure for long spells and seeing Ecuador strike the woodwork three times, they held firm before substitute Amad Diallo delivered a superb 90th-minute winner to seal all three points.

The result extended the 'Elephants' impressive World Cup record of winning at least once in every tournament they've played, while ending Ecuador's unbeaten run of nearly two years.

Emerse Fae's side are now in a strong position to push toward the knockout rounds, needing at least a point from their remaining group games to move closer to qualification history. They also arrive in fine form overall, having won four straight matches across all competitions, including a notable friendly victory over France.

However, their record against European opposition at World Cups remains a concern, with just one win in their last four such encounters.

Germany, by contrast, have historically dominated African opposition on the World Cup stage, losing only once in seven meetings.



Amad Diallo savours Cote d'Ivoire's stoppage-time winner on Matchday 1

World Cup pressure mounts as Netherlands meet in-form Sweden



Van Dijk celebrates after opening the scoring in the Netherlands' opener

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The Netherlands face Sweden in Houston tonight in Group F, with both sides still needing points to secure progression to the Round of 32 at the 2026 World Cup. Kick-off is scheduled for 8 PM Bahrain time.

Sweden arrive as group leaders after an emphatic 5-1 victory over Tunisia in their opening match, while the Netherlands were held to a dramatic 2-2 draw by Japan, leaving Ronald

Koeman's side under pressure heading into this crucial fixture.

In that opener, the Netherlands twice took the lead but were unable to see the game out. Virgil van Dijk opened the scoring in the 51st minute with a header from a Ryan Gravenberch cross, before Keito Nakamura quickly equalised for Japan. Crysencio Summerville restored the Dutch advantage in the 64th minute with a fine curling finish, but Daichi Kamada struck late in the 89th minute to rescue a draw for Japan.



Isak celebrates Sweden's second goal during their opening rout

Despite dropping points, the Dutch remain confident after an unbeaten qualifying campaign. However, defensive lapses in their opener highlighted areas they must tighten against a dangerous Swedish attack.

Sweden, meanwhile, have looked sharp and clinical. Yasin Ayari starred with a brace against Tunisia, while Alexander Isak, Mattias Svanberg, and Viktor Gyökeres also got on the scoresheet in a dominant display that showcased their attacking depth and confidence. The Netherlands still carry

significant firepower, with Memphis Depay, Cody Gakpo, and Donyell Malen offering pace and creativity in the final third. However, Sweden's counterattacking threat, led by Isak and Gyökeres, poses a serious test for the Dutch back line.

Historically, these two sides have met 25 times, with the Netherlands holding a slight edge. The Dutch have won 12 of those encounters, Sweden 8, while 5 matches have ended in draws, reflecting how evenly matched this fixture has been over the years.

World Cup Schedule

Today			
Time	Match	Group	Venue
8:00 PM	Netherlands vs Sweden	F	Houston Stadium
11:00 PM	Germany vs Ivory Coast	E	Toronto Stadium
Tomorrow			
3:00 AM	Ecuador vs Curacao	E	Kansas City Stadium
7:00 AM	Tunisia vs Japan	F	Monterrey Stadium
7:00 PM	Spain vs Saudi Arabia	H	Atlanta Stadium
10:00 PM	Belgium vs Iran	G	Los Angeles Stadium

(All games in Bahrain time)