



UOB Speeds Up Certificate Requests



The University of Bahrain has launched a digital service allowing applicants to track requests for statements, transcripts and certificates instantly, down from a two-day processing period, as part of government efforts to re-engineer public services.

The service reduces application steps to four, cuts required approvals by 25%, and lets users log in via Key electronic ID or personal details to check status immediately, without waiting for email replies. It covers enrolment statements, graduation clearances and transcripts.

University President Dr Fuad Mohammed Al Ansari said the move reflects the university's push toward digital transformation, simplifying procedures and improving the user experience for students.

National Guard Chief Meets Pakistani Army Delegation



National Guard Commander Lieutenant-General Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa received Lieutenant-General Ali Iqbal, Deputy Chief of the Pakistan Army General Staff, and his accompanying delegation during an official visit to Bahrain.

The meeting, also attended by Brigadier Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, highlighted the deep historical ties between Bahrain and Pakistan, especially in the military field, and reviewed joint coordination between the two forces.

Discussions covered expanding training exchanges to boost capabilities and readiness. Lieutenant-General Iqbal thanked the National Guard for its hospitality, praising its efficiency and the continued progress in bilateral military cooperation.

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“Protects Bahrain’s Identity”

His Majesty King Receives Head of National Resilience Documentation Committee

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications and Chairman of the Committee for Documenting the National Resilience Saga. The minister briefed His Majesty the King on the committee's work recording Iran's hostile attacks against the Kingdom and the unity shown in response.



His Majesty said the “spirit of resilience” is a deep-rooted national culture, not merely a reaction to a passing challenge, praising the research role of the Bahrain Center for Strategic, In-

ternational and Energy Studies (Derasat).

The King described documenting the resilience saga as a national duty to preserve a unified narrative and pass lessons of loyalty to future generations, calling national memory “the fortress that protects Bahrain's gains and identity.”

Dr. Shaikh Abdulla thanked His Majesty the King for the trust placed in him, pledging the committee's findings would become a historic and legal reference reflecting the Kingdom's strength.

HM King Receives Artist Isa Al Kooheji



His Majesty King Hamad also received artist Isa Al Kooheji, accompanied by his son Mohammed, who presented the King with a painting depicting His Majesty alongside Bahrain's flag and map. The King praised the artwork and Al Kooheji's contributions to Bahrain's art scene, expressing pride in Bahraini artists showcasing the Kingdom's cultural image. Al Kooheji thanked the King for his continued support of local artists.



Public Transport Moves Toward Electric Buses

● UK partner Mobico to guide green transition

● Ministry reviews readiness for cleaner fleet

● Officials track the shift to eco-friendly buses

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Fatima Abdulla Al Zayen, Undersecretary for Land Transport and Post at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, affirmed the ministry's commitment to further developing Bahrain's public transport system to enhance its efficiency, safety, and



sustainability.

The statement came during her visit to the public bus depot, accompanied by the Bahrain Public Transport Company's executive management,

where she reviewed operational readiness and future plans supporting a shift toward a more sustainable transport network.

Al Zayen noted that the pub-

lic transport network continues to improve and is seeing notable ridership growth, reflecting the system's readiness and ability to maintain reliable service under all conditions.

She also reviewed the depot's preparations for transitioning to electric bus operations, which is part of a broader plan to build an integrated, eco-friendly transport system supporting Bahrain's target of carbon neutrality by 2060.

Plans were also discussed to draw on the experience of parent company Mobico Group, a UK-based international public transport operator, in deploying clean-energy vehicle technology and managing the conversion of bus depots to electric power in line with global best practices.

Royal decrees



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, issued four separate edicts covering government appointments and commercial regulations.

Edict (3) of 2026 amends last year's decree on the Royal Fund for Fallen Servicemen. The Minister of the Prime Minister's Court has been added as a member of the fund's Supreme Commission, which HRH the Crown Prince also chairs.

Similarly, Edict (35) of 2026 adds the Minister of the Prime Minister's Court to the Civil Service Council, updating the council's 2018 founding decree.

Commerce rules for Bahrainis

Edict (36) of 2026 sets out commercial activities that will be restricted to Bahraini nationals only. The move follows a proposal from the Minister of Industry and Commerce and was approved by the Cabinet.

Finally, Edict (37) of 2026 appoints Judge Dr. Riyadh Mohammed Ibrahim Sayadi as full-time Director of the Judicial and Legal Studies Institute at the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf.

All four edicts take effect immediately and will be published in the Official Gazette.

Interior Minister Bids Farewell to UK Ambassador



Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa received UK Ambassador Alistair Long on the conclusion of his diplomatic posting, in the presence of Police Chief Lieutenant-General Tariq Al Hassan.

The minister praised the strong strategic partnership between Bahrain and the UK, particularly in policing, highlighting Britain's role alongside allied nations in strengthening regional and global security and stability.

Spain's midfielder #16 Rodri lifts the trophy with his teammates after winning the 2026 World Cup football tournament final match between Spain and Argentina at the New Jersey Stadium.

