

Al Ramli Fire: Investigation Ordered



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has ordered an investigation into the tragic fire incident that occurred in a residential apartment in Al Ramli, resulting in the deaths of four members of the same family. His Royal Highness instructed that the circumstances and causes of the fire be thoroughly examined and that necessary measures be taken following the investigation's findings.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister further directed that the findings of the investigation be urgently presented to the Cabinet. In addition, HRH instructed the relevant authorities to ensure compliance with fire safety requirements in residential buildings to prevent the recurrence of such tragic incidents. His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness extended sincere condolences and sympathy to the family and relatives of the victims.

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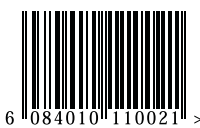
Man Held Over Social Media Posts

The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security has arrested a 60-year-old man over allegedly misusing social media to publish content containing public insults against religiously revered figures.

The directorate said legal procedures have been taken ahead of referring the case to the Public Prosecution.

Authorities urged social media users to comply with laws and avoid publishing or circulating unlawful content.

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Supreme Council for Women Celebrates 25-Year Milestone

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Bahrain's Supreme Council for Women (SCW) marks its silver jubilee this week, commemorating 25 years since its founding on August 22, 2001, a landmark moment recognising the advancement of Bahraini women under the nation's ongoing development agenda.

Established under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the SCW has served as a cornerstone institution in building the legislative and institutional frameworks that have empowered women to play a full role in national life.



The anniversary coincides with Bahrain's designation of 2026 as the "Year of Isa the Great," honouring the legacy of the late Sheikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, underscoring the continuity of Bahrain's nation-building journey.

The celebrations also serve as a precursor to Bahraini Women's Day 2026, held under the royal patronage of His Majesty the King and themed "Twenty-Five Years at the Heart of the



Reform Project."

The SCW is led by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, whose stewardship has been central to the Council's enduring achievements.

Leaders Congratulate Morocco



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent congratulations to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco on the anniversary of the King and People's Revolution.

His Majesty praised the longstanding fraternal ties between Bahrain and Morocco and affirmed Bahrain's commitment to further strengthening bilateral relations.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, also sent congratulations to King Mohammed VI, as well as to Crown Prince Moulay Hassan and Moroccan Head of Government Aziz Akhannouch.

GCC Housing Awards



Bahrain hosted a meeting of the judging committee for the seventh GCC Housing Award at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning.

The meeting brought together delegations from GCC member states and the GCC Secretariat to review projects submitted for the 2026 award, themed "An integrated housing project that enhances quality of life."

Kingdom Strengthens Disease Control

Health Minister Dr Jaleela bint Al Sayyed Jawad Hassan chaired the fourth 2026 meeting of the National Taskforce for Infectious Disease Control, with representatives from relevant authorities.

The meeting reviewed national plans to strengthen disease surveillance, testing and early response mechanisms.

Bahrain Condemns Israeli Strikes on Syria

US envoy calls Abu al-Duhur strikes an unnecessary escalation

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Bahrain has strongly condemned Israeli airstrikes on the Abu al-Duhur military airport in Syria's Idlib Governorate, describing the attack as a violation of Syria's sovereignty and territorial integrity and a breach of international law and the UN Charter.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reaffirmed Bahrain's support for Syria's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, stressing the need to halt escalation and respect the sovereignty of states.



further military incidents.

The strikes also drew a response from Turkey, which rejected Israeli allegations that Ankara posed a threat by preparing to deploy troops to a Syrian base. The facility was reportedly targeted in the Israeli strike.

The incident comes amid



heightened tensions over security arrangements in Syria. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said Israel and Syria had agreed on a secu-

rency status quo that Damascus was reportedly close to breaching by allowing Turkish troops to deploy at an airbase near Aleppo. **Read More on page 6-7**

GCC Naval Chiefs Strengthen Maritime Cooperation



The 24th meeting of the Commanders of the Naval Forces of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states concluded in Bahrain. The meeting was hosted by the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), represented by the Royal Bahrain Naval Force, in the presence of Major General Staff Salman bin Ibrahim Al Fadhala, Assistant Secretary General for Military Affairs at the GCC General Secretariat, and Major General Staff Abdulaziz bin Ahmed Al Balawi, Commander of the GCC Unified Military Command. The meeting reviewed several agenda items focused on developing the operational aspects of the GCC maritime system, particularly maritime security and navigational safety in the Arabian Gulf.

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