



Faith, unity mark **Eid** celebrations across Bahrain

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Eid Al Fitr prayers were held across mosques and prayer grounds here yesterday morning, in an atmosphere of faith, hope and optimism despite the exceptional circumstances facing the Kingdom amid the repercussions of recent regional developments.

Worshippers gathered from the early hours, filling mosques and designated open areas in a scene reflecting the community's commitment to observing religious traditions and welcoming Eid with a spirit of calm and devotion.

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During the prayers, worshippers raised their hands in supplication, praying for the continued safety and stability of Bahrain and its people, and for the well-being and success of

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

They also prayed for peace and stability across the region, expressing confidence in Bah-

rain's ability to overcome challenges through unity and solidarity.

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environment for prayers.

Following the prayers, people exchanged Eid greetings in scenes that embodied the spirit of the occasion and the values of compassion and social cohesion, highlighting the strength and resilience of Bahraini society.

Separately, the spirit of Eid was also reflected in neighbourhood gatherings across the Kingdom, where families opened their majlis to visitors in a long-standing social tradition.

A widely shared remark by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa – "Bahrain is well, as long as its people are its strength" – resonated strongly among citizens as they marked the first day of Eid with hope and optimism.

Homes and majlis were filled with visitors of all ages, as families exchanged greetings and children celebrated in festive attire, while elders gathered to share conversations and memories.

The scenes reflected deep-rooted social bonds and the enduring traditions that define Bahraini society, with gatherings serving as a space to reinforce unity and togetherness, particularly in challenging times.

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The celebrations underscored that Eid Al Fitr remains a unifying occasion, bringing together communities and renewing values of compassion, connection and resilience, even amid evolving circumstances.



The security of the GCC countries is an indivisible and interconnected system, based on the Council's charter and joint defence frameworks, the US House Foreign Affairs Committee affirmed during a meeting with the ambassadors of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Jordan. The meeting, held under Bahrain's presidency of the 46th GCC session, was chaired by Shaikh Abdulla bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Bahrain's Ambassador to the United States. It was attended by several members of Congress, including Representative Gregory Meeks, Ranking Member of the Committee; Representative Mike Lawler, Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Middle East; Representative Brad Sherman, Ranking Member of the Subcommittee; and Representatives Joe Wilson and Seth Moulton, members of the House Armed Services Committee. Participants highlighted the importance of continued coordination with the United States and international partners to address security challenges, protect critical facilities, and support regional and global stability.

BDF shoots down 141 missiles, 242 drones

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The Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) has intercepted and destroyed 141 ballistic missiles and 242 drones targeting the Kingdom since the start of Iranian hostilities, the General Command announced.

The BDF praised the exceptional vigilance and combat readiness of its personnel, commending their sustained operational effectiveness in safeguarding Bahrain. The

force's performance continues to reinforce confidence that the Kingdom's skies remain secure.

The General Command urged all members of the public to exercise the utmost caution for their personal safety. Citizens and residents are advised to: Keep clear of affected areas and any suspicious objects; refrain from filming or photographing military operations or debris sites; avoid spreading unverified informa-

tion; and consult only official and government media channels for updates, alerts, and advisories.

The General Command further emphasised that the use of ballistic missiles and drones to target civilian areas and private property constitutes a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law and the United Nations Charter. These indiscriminate attacks represent a direct threat to regional peace and security.