

# Rain, hail and thunderstorms bring relief amid regional tensions

Bahrain experiences light to moderate rain as residents welcome respite

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In contrast to a once-in-500-year heatwave in the United States, countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), including Bahrain, experienced rain and thunderstorms, bringing much-needed relief to residents amid recent missile tensions.

“good omen”

Citizens and residents welcomed the weather, with many describing it as a “good omen” that combined the joy of Eid with a refreshing seasonal touch. The light rain in the early hours of Eid al-Fitr, many told the Daily Tribune, added a distinctive character to the celebrations.

The showers came alongside mild spring temperatures ranging between 20 and 25°C, moderating the atmosphere and giving the holiday a unique feel this year.

The Meteorology Department at the Ministry of Transport and Communications reported that today's weather is expected to



Street scene in Bahrain following rain

be partly cloudy to cloudy at times, with a chance of scattered rain, while daytime and evening conditions remain moderate, suitable for holiday visits and outdoor activities. Winds are expected to be easterly to northeasterly, moderate in speed and occasionally active, with high

humidity levels, reflecting the mild fluctuations experienced across the Kingdom during this period.

Exercise caution

Across Bahrain, light to moderate rain, thunderstorms, and hail were recorded in several areas, accompanied by gusty

winds. The General Directorate of Traffic urged motorists to exercise caution, advising drivers to maintain focus, follow lanes and speed limits, keep safe distances, and avoid distractions. Authorities emphasised road safety under these conditions.

GCC

The weather pattern extended to neighbouring Saudi Arabia, where the National Center for Meteorology (NCM) forecast variable conditions across the Kingdom. Moderate to heavy rainfall is expected in Riyadh, the Eastern Province, Qassim, Makkah, Madinah, Hail, and Najran, and in the highlands of Asir, Jazan, and Al-Baha, as well as parts of the Northern Borders, Al-Jouf, and Tabuk. Active winds causing dust are forecast in Tabuk, Al-Jouf, the Northern Borders, Hail, and Qassim, while fog may form in the Eastern Province, Northern Borders, Al-Jouf, and the highlands of Asir, Al-Baha, and Makkah. Unconfirmed reports also suggested the formation of temporary desert waterfalls in parts of Saudi Arabia, especially in mountainous and wadi regions, following heavy rainfall.

The UAE is experiencing unstable weather during Eid week, with rain, thunderstorms, strong winds, and possible hail, prompting warnings that outdoor activities could be disrupted.

**Regional forecasts for other GCC states:**

- Qatar: Official weather X/Twitter account warns of expected rain, thunderstorms, rough seas, and strong winds.

- Oman and the UAE: Climate forecasters and social media posts indicate expected heavy rain across parts of the region in the coming days as part of a broader unsettled pattern.

- Kuwait: Weather services forecast rain and thunderstorms in Kuwait City, with possible flash flooding risks on roads.

Authorities across the region attribute the conditions to seasonal atmospheric instability and have issued alerts and safety advisories to residents, road users, and visitors, ensuring precautions are taken amid the unsettled weather during the seasonal transition.



**Civil Defence rescues eight, extinguishes fire in Amwaj residential building**

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Bahrain's Civil Defence rescued eight people and extinguished a fire in a multi-storey residential building in Amwaj, authorities said.

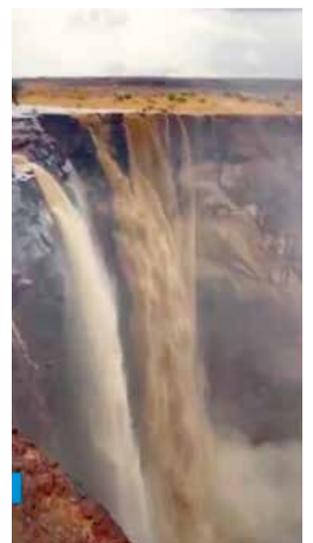
A 15-year-old girl suffering from smoke inhalation was transported to the hospital by the National Ambulance. Investigations are ongoing to determine the cause of the fire.



A screen grab of a Social media video shows rain at Makkah



A screen grab taken from a video posted on social media shows rain at Masjid Quba in Madinah



Large waterfalls cascade across the Arabian desert following heavy rains, forming temporary streams and flood surges in areas such as Al-Ula. The phenomenon, seen, highlights the dramatic impact of rare desert storms on the arid landscape. Source: yourweather.co.uk

## Court orders tenant company to pay BD8,700 and vacate shop

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A Manama court has ordered a tenant company to vacate its premises and pay BD8,700 in

unpaid rent, after finding that rent had not been paid for over two consecutive months.

The court also awarded 1% annual interest on each missed monthly payment from February 2024 until full settlement, BD100 in lawyers' fees, and BD5 for translation costs, while dismissing claims against the second and third defendants.

Four landlords had filed the case seeking to end the tenancy, recover arrears, and regain the property. The court noted that the tenant rented the site for BD350 a month but had

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defaulted on part of February 2024 rent and all payments from March 2024 to February 2026. The lease was undisputed, and no payments were shown.

Under Bahraini law, landlords may request eviction if rent remains unpaid for two consecutive months. The court ruled that the legal criteria for ending the lease were met, ordering the tenant company to vacate the shop.

The court clarified that the second and third defendants were not liable, as the lease was solely between the landlords and the company. It also refused to impose the contract registration fee on the tenant, citing the Property Rent Law.

## Judges ready for English cases, execution still in the works

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Bahrain's Supreme Judicial Council has been training judicial personnel to handle cases in English, the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf said, though executing English-language judgments without Arabic translation remains a step for the future.

The ministry's statement came in response to a question from Shura Council member Dalal Al Zayed, who asked whether steps would be taken to establish a specialised judicial body and a dedicated route for enforcing judgments issued



in English.

Arabic remains the official language of Bahrain's courts, the ministry said, citing Decree-Law No. 27 of 2021, which allows parties to select another language before filing a case if agreed in writing. It also

referred to Decision No. 28 of 2023, governing the use of English before courts and the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution, including the types of disputes, terms of the agreement, and rules on translation and witness testimony.

The ministry said the Supreme Judicial Council, in coordination with the Judicial and Legal Studies Institute, has prepared judicial personnel—particularly those proficient in English—for commercial disputes and contract cases. The training is part of the “Judges of the Future” programme, designed to equip judges for legal and technical developments.

Bahraini courts have already issued judgments in English, including rulings from the Court of Cassation, demonstrating the system's readiness and building trust domestically and internationally.

Regarding enforcement, the ministry said that carrying out English-language judgments without Arabic translation is part of future planning and will depend on practical needs. Currently, such rulings are executed under the Civil and Commercial Implementation Law (Decree-Law No. 22 of 2021), with no special provisions for English-language judgments.