



Bahrain, Russia **expand** ties

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His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, met with Vladimir Putin, President of Russia, on the sidelines of the Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) 2025.

His Highness Shaikh Nasser conveyed the greetings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

HH Shaikh Nasser highlighted the strong and growing partnership between Bahrain and Russia, noting that bilateral co-operation continues to expand across strategic and cultural fields. HH Shaikh Nasser also praised Russia's efforts in hosting the forum, describing it as a



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key platform for international dialogue, economic exchange, and global collaboration.

HE President Putin affirmed the importance of Bahrain-Russia relations and recalled his previous meeting with His Majesty the King, which laid the groundwork for new joint initiatives in trade, culture, and

humanitarian affairs. HE the President also welcomed Bahrain's participation in the forum and thanked HH Shaikh Nasser for attending this important global event.

Separately, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, met Anton Si-



Export Bahrain has signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Russian Export centre JSC. The signing ceremony took place in the presence of His Excellency Mr. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce and Chairman of Export Bahrain, alongside senior officials and dignitaries from both countries. The agreement was formalized by Ms. Safa Sharif Abdulkhalig, Chief Executive Officer of Export Bahrain, and Ms. Veronika Nikishina, Chief Executive Officer of the Russian Export Centre—signalling a shared commitment to strengthening bilateral economic collaboration.

luanov, Russian Finance Minister, on the sidelines of (SPIEF) 2025.

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Sign MoUs on fuel and energy technology cooperation

Bahrain and Russia signed memorandums of understanding (MoUs) to cooperate in fuel and energy sector technologies and equipment.

The signing took place on the sidelines of the Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum 2025, where Bahrain is participating as Guest of Honour from June 18 to 21. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, underlined the steady growth of historical relations between Bahrain and Russia. He noted the continued commitment to enhancing coordination across various sectors.

He added that the MoUs would help expand trade and investment cooperation, creating new opportunities.

The deals were signed by respective ministries of industry and commerce of both nations.

ICAI Bahrain Chapter hosts HR Summit 2025

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The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Bahrain Chapter successfully hosted its HR Summit on June 18, 2025, at Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa. The event, powered by MCA Gulf - Audit, Tax, Consulting & Corporate Services, attracted over 150 professionals, establishing itself as a premier platform for fostering dialogue, networking, and advancing thought leadership in human capital management.

The summit featured insightful presentations from distinguished speakers, including Ms. Nouf Al Sowaidi, Group



Chief HR Officer at Bapco, and Ms. Jamuna Muralidharan, Partner - HR Advisory at MCA Management Consulting. Their thought-provoking perspectives

significantly enriched the discussions, providing attendees with valuable takeaways.

The HR Summit 2025 underscored a collective commit-

ment to promoting excellence in leadership, talent development, and innovation across the region's human resources landscape.

Al Dhaen backs fresh bilateral deals

● MP praises new agreements

● Says Bahrain's role growing

● Calls HRH CP's visit a key milestone

Mahir Hanef
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MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen has praised the UK-Bahrain defence and investment agreements signed during the official visit of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to London on Thursday, describing them as a clear signal of international trust in Bahrain's strategic direction.

Dr. Al Dhaen said the agreements underscore Bahrain's rising influence in global diplomacy and security, pointing to the Kingdom's leadership in forging partnerships that strengthen regional stability and long-term

economic growth.

She highlighted the potential of the new accords to advance cooperation in cybersecurity, defence training, and investment, particularly in sectors like artificial intelligence and digital infrastructure.

Growing Recognition
Al Dhaen added that the reception given to Bahrain in London, including support for its UN Security Council bid, reflects the growing confidence in the Kingdom's role as a constructive, stabilising force in the region.

She noted that the UK's engagement builds on Bahrain's earlier diplomatic initiatives under the Comprehensive Security and Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA), broadening the scope of cooperation across defence and development fronts.

Al Dhaen also expressed hope that the agreements would serve as a model for future collaborations, inspiring deeper integration among allied nations seeking to address global challenges through shared security frameworks and joint investment strategies.

ICRF Bahrain holds yoga session

The Indian Community Welfare Association - ICRF Bahrain conducted a yoga session for the housemaids yesterday. This is the second yoga session organised by ICRF Bahrain as part of the International Yoga Day 2025. Around 50 women houseworkers joined the programme held in association with KCA at the KCA Auditorium in Segaya. Dr Sajni Vaidya, Guest Speaker talked about the importance of practicing healthy activity on a daily basis. Ms Shilpa Abhyankar, Yoga Instructor led the yoga session and showed some tips of yoga to practice as a daily routine. ICRF Chairman Adv. V K Thomas and KCA President James John appreciated the team of organisers led by Yoga Day Coordinator Hemalata Singh, Kalpana Patil, Anu Jose, Shyamala, Sandra, Aarthi Sharma, Swapna and Brainy Tomar.

