

Bahrain-UK agreement: What Happens Next?

- Maritime security prioritised
- Expanded joint military training
- UK joins trilateral pact

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A day after the landmark Bahrain-UK defense agreement was signed, key strategic details are now emerging, outlining plans for deeper military coordination, stronger maritime security, and the United Kingdom's significant move into the Bahrain-US-led Comprehensive Security and Prosperity Agreement.

The agreement, formalized during the official UK visit of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince Deputy, Supreme Commander and Prime Minister, signals a further strengthening of the Kingdom's longstanding strategic relationship with Britain. It specifically highlights critical areas of future cooperation and mutual benefit.



The deal signing

Maritime partnership
His Excellency Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, Minister of Defense Affairs, emphasized that maritime security has emerged as a central component of the agreement. Plans are in place for intensified naval exercises, coordinated joint patrol operations, and enhanced maritime surveillance involving Bahrain Defense Force and British armed

forces personnel. "The signing of this defense cooperation agreement is rooted in our distinguished partnership, continuously strengthened under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister," stated Al Nuaimi. He noted that expanding maritime cooperation is essential to maintaining regional stability

and addressing evolving security challenges in Gulf waters.

Trilateral expansion

Another critical dimension unveiled in the agreement is the UK's access to the Comprehensive Security and Prosperity Agreement, previously a bilateral arrangement between Bahrain and the United States. This significant strategic step positions the UK firmly within a trilateral

security framework, broadening collaborative defense and security operations in the region.

"The United Kingdom's inclusion, based on invitations extended by Bahrain and the United States, will elevate our joint security coordination and open broader avenues of cooperation, enhancing the mutual security interests of our nations," Al Nuaimi explained.

Deep-rooted alliance

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Bahrain hosts the UK's largest naval base in the Middle East, HMS Jufair, underscoring decades of strategic defense ties.

The Defense Minister also underscored the historic depth of the Bahrain-UK relationship, recognizing Britain as one of Bahrain's most vital strategic allies. He credited the ongoing strength of this bilateral partnership to decades of effective military and strategic cooperation between the two countries.

As Bahrain and the UK now transition from signing agreements to executing strategic plans, expectations are high for tangible results, particularly in maritime security, joint military training, and broader defense coordination.

AUB returns with MyHassad Cash Drive

- Instant wins on site
- BHD 500,000 Grand Prize
- Grand Prize winner to be revealed next month

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Ahli United Bank has brought back its MyHassad stand to City Centre Bahrain, offering visitors a chance to win instant cash prizes while engaging with one of the Kingdom's most rewarding savings accounts.

Running from Thursday to Saturday, the activation allows customers to open or top up their MyHassad Savings Account at the stand and walk away with cash prizes of up to BHD 500 on the spot. The initiative is aimed at deepening customer engagement while highlighting the benefits of disciplined saving through MyHassad.

Bank-first experience
AUB's team will be stationed at



the Main Galleria to assist new and existing customers with account services, while also answering queries about eligibility for the MyHassad programme's regular draws. Every BHD 50 deposited and maintained in the account till July 1st qualifies customers for the upcoming BHD 500,000 Grand Prize draw, with the winner to be announced lat-

er that month.

Mohamed Zakout, Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer – Retail Banking at AUB, said the event marks a continued effort to reward savings with real, immediate value. "Our previous event at City Centre Bahrain saw remarkable turnout and great success. We are excited to welcome visitors once again to



an event, where we continue to demonstrate our commitment to offering the best opportunities for our customers to achieve their dreams and financial goals," he said.

Push before draw

With the grand prize draw less than two weeks away, AUB's stand is expected to see a surge in new deposits as customers try their luck while boosting their savings potential. The MyHassad product remains one of the few in the region to combine savings with large-scale draws and surprise rewards, enhancing customer loyalty and retention.

AUB's stand at City Centre Bahrain is open until Saturday evening, with customers encouraged to visit and experience banking that pays back instantly.