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Shura Council Praises Arab Parliamentary Union's Role



H.E. Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Speaker of the Shura Council

Shura Council Speaker Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh praised the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union's efforts in strengthening joint Arab parliamentary work and enhancing its presence in regional and international forums.

The remarks came as the Union marked the 52nd anniversary of its establishment. Al Saleh sent congratulatory messages to Shaikh Dr. Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al Al-Shaikh, Speaker of the Saudi Shura Council and President of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union, praising his efforts in promoting cooperation and coordination among Arab parliaments.

Al Saleh highlighted the Union's role in addressing Arab issues and supporting parliamentary cooperation, stressing the importance of continued coordination to strengthen unified positions on matters of common interest.

Hormuz Blocked, US on Alert



A Lebanese woman weeps as she sits on the rubble at the site of an Israeli airstrike that targeted the southern Lebanese village of Qennarit on June 20, 2026.

The US military said Saturday it remained "present and vigilant" in the Strait of Hormuz, shortly after Iran announced it was closing the critical shipping lane.

"US forces remain present and vigilant to ensure all aspects of the agreement with Iran are adhered to, obeyed, and in full force and effect," US Central Com-

mand (CENTCOM) said in a statement.

CENTCOM, which oversees US forces in the Middle East, said 55 commercial vessels had transited the strait on Saturday and that "safe passage through the international waterway remained intact today."

Iran had announced moments earlier that it was closing the strait in response to Israeli strikes on Lebanon, deeming them a violation of its fragile deal with the United States.

The renewed tension came as US and Iranian negotiators were expected in Switzerland to continue talks on implementing the agreement.

Vice President JD Vance, speaking on Fox News before Iran's announcement, said he expected to travel to Switzerland in "the next couple of days" to take part in negotiations.

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Rubio to Visit Gulf States Next Week



U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio is planning a trip to the Middle East next week and is expected to visit Bahrain, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates according to Axios, citing sources.

During the visit, Rubio is expected to hold talks with regional officials, including a meeting with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) foreign ministers in Bahrain, the report said.

The visit comes as Washington continues diplomatic engagement with Gulf partners on regional issues.

MP Seeks Social Media Ban for Under-15s

Plan follows similar restrictions introduced in UAE and several European countries

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Mohammed Darwish

A proposal to bar children under 15 from social media has been put before Parliament as Bahrain weighs curbs on young users' access to online platforms.

MP Hamad Al Doy has called for under-15s to be blocked from using social media, saying children are being drawn too early into sites and apps that leave them open to harm.

The plan would force social media firms to check the age of users before letting them open or use accounts. It would also require tools for parents to follow and manage their children's use of such platforms.

Mr Al Doy said the spread of social media among children had raised their risk of seeing age-inapt content, being bullied online, facing digital abuse and becoming hooked on smart devices.

Early and unchecked use, he warned, could harm men-



Hamad Al Doy, MP

tal health, weaken school work and strain family ties.

The move follows steps taken in the UAE and a num-

ber of European states to curb children's access to social media and bring in stronger age checks.

Mr Al Doy said Bahrain needed to strengthen the legal shield around children in the digital space while keeping room for online tools used in learning.

The proposal seeks to place online safety within the aims of the child laws, while striking a balance between child welfare and the use of digital platforms in education.

Countries are tightening rules to improve child online safety

UAE: Bans under-15s from social media accounts; strict controls for ages 15-16.

UK: Plans ban for under-16s by 2027 on major platforms.

Denmark: Minimum age 15, with parental consent possible from 13.

Greece: Under-15 ban planned for 2027.

Portugal: No access under 13; parental consent required for ages 13-16.

Bahrain stresses women's role in peace and security at UN

Supreme Council for Women highlighted as key driver of national progress

The Kingdom of Bahrain emphasised the critical role of strong national institutions in turning international commitments on women, peace and security into practical, long-term policies and programmes that promote women's participation, empowerment, and leadership.

This position was outlined in a statement delivered by Ambassador Jamal Fares Al Ruwaih, Bahrain's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, during the United Nations Security Council open debate on "Women's Participation in International Peace and



Security Processes." The session was chaired by Colombian Foreign Minister Rosa Yolanda Villavicencio Mapy and featured participation from UN Women Executive Director Sima Bahous.

Ambassador Al Ruwaih noted that the debate comes at a pivotal moment, as ongoing conflicts around the world and their humanitarian impacts highlight the urgent need for greater and more meaningful involvement

of women in peacebuilding and political transition efforts.

He reaffirmed that Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the guidance of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, strongly prioritizes enabling national institutions to translate global commitments on women, peace and security into effective and sustainable action.

The Ambassador also commended the role of the Supreme Council for Women, chaired by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa,

"There is a growing need to ensure women's effective participation in peace processes amid ongoing global conflicts and political transitions."

since its establishment in 2001. He described it as Bahrain's key national mechanism for advancing women's development, promoting equal opportunities and gender balance, and integrating women's needs into national development planning and decision-making processes.

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\$2.4m Issa Town Market Project Nears Completion

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Minister of Municipalities and Agriculture, Engineer Waleed bin Nasser Al Mubarak, announced that the new commercial complex in Issa Town will open in the last quarter of this year, following the completion of construction works.

The announcement came during an on-site inspection visit to review project progress, attended by senior government officials and representatives from Ramez International Group, the project's investor and operator.

Al Mubarak said the project reflects the Ministry's efforts



to strengthen public-private partnerships and improve municipal services by leveraging private sector expertise. He added that ongoing plans aim to modernize markets and municipal facilities in line with international standards, while making optimal use of municipal assets and supporting sus-

tainable development.

The project, valued at BHD 2.4 million, covers 16,765 square metres and will feature dedicated sections for fresh food products including vegetables, fruits, meat, fish, and poultry, along with supporting facilities. It will also provide more than 500 parking spaces for visitors.

Ramez International Group will develop and operate the facility under a usufruct agreement, with total revenue to the Ministry during the contract period estimated at BHD 1.98 million. The complex will also include an integrated e-commerce and order fulfilment centre to support home delivery services.

Shahico Holdings and Its Subsidiaries Reaffirm Loyalty and Allegiance to Bahrain's Leadership



Shahico Holdings and its subsidiaries, represented by CEO Adil Waseem, executive management, and employees, reaffirmed their loyalty and allegiance to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and expressed their appreciation for the Kingdom's continued progress and prosperity under His Majesty's leadership.



During a special gathering, employees and management signed a Book of Loyalty and Allegiance as a symbolic expression of their commitment to the Kingdom, its leadership, and its ongoing development. The event reflected the values of loyalty, unity,

and national responsibility, while highlighting appreciation for the security, stability, and opportunities provided by Bahrain.

The participants also conveyed their sincere prayers for the continued well-being of His Majesty the King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and for the Kingdom's lasting peace, prosperity, and progress.

Animal Cruelty for Social Media Views Must End: Dr. Kanoo

Welfare leader urges public not to share or engage with abusive content

Dr. Hana Kanoo, President of The Cat Society of Bahrain and Per Animals, warned against the increasing trend of using animals in social media content that promotes engagement through cruelty, distress, or exploitation.

She said the practice of turning animal suffering into online entertainment is a serious moral violation that goes against basic humanitarian values and the principles of compassion toward animals.

Dr. Kanoo urged the public not to engage with, share, or promote videos showing animals being harmed, frightened, or exploited. She stressed that amplifying such content only encourages further abuse and irresponsible behavior. She also called on the community to report any suspected cases of animal abuse or exploitation to the relevant official authorities.



She added that this responsiveness reflects Bahrain's institutional commitment to enforcing the law and protecting humanitarian values. She also thanked the Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for its role in following up on cases and supporting awareness efforts.

Dr. Kanoo emphasized that coordinated efforts between the Public Prosecution, security authorities, Ministry of

"We extend our sincere appreciation to the Public Prosecution, the competent security authorities and the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture for their swift response and immediate action in addressing cases of animal mistreatment."



Dr. Hana Kanoo - President of The Cat Society of Bahrain and Per Animals

Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, civil society groups, and volunteers are essential to addressing animal exploitation and strengthening a culture of responsibility and compassion.

"It is unacceptable for animals to be turned into tools for entertainment or used to chase online trends," she said, adding that such actions are "morally and socially unacceptable" and must not be tolerated.

Medical Delegation Praised for Gaza Relief Efforts in Jordan

In the presence of H.E. Lieutenant General Dr. Shaikh Mohamed Bin Abdullah Al-Khalifa, Chairman of the Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS), the Society hosted a special gathering to recognize the delegation from RCSI Medical University of Bahrain that participated in an international humanitarian initiative providing medical care and surgical treatment to children from Gaza in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

The event was attended by Mr. Mubarak Al Hadi Secretary General of the Society together



with members of the Board of Directors senior officials and medical and academic professionals involved in the mission. The visiting delegation included Colonel Dr. Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Commander of King Hamad University Hospital, Dr. Khadija

Matrook, Lecturer in Nursing and N4 Year Director at RCSI Medical University of Bahrain, and Professor Martin Corbally, Professor and Head of the Department of Surgery and Chief of Staff at King Hamad University Hospital, alongside a team of physicians nurses and students

participating in the initiative. The mission was carried out in coordination with RCSI Medical University of Bahrain as part of broader efforts to ease the suffering of children affected by the severe humanitarian conditions in Gaza and provide them with urgent specialist treatment.

National Unity Reaffirmed



Rajasthanis in Bahrain (RIB) have joined the National Loyalty Campaign, signing a pledge to reaffirm their allegiance and support for the Kingdom's leadership. The initiative reflects the community's solidarity, unity, and respect for His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, while highlighting strong ties between the Indian diaspora and Bahrain's continued progress and national cohesion.

Blood Donation Drive



In a continuation of its deep commitment to social responsibility and community welfare, the Bengal Cultural Society (Bongo Sanskriti) Bahrain organized a blood donation camp at the Salmaniya Medical Complex Blood Bank. The initiative underscores the organization's ongoing dedication to supporting the local Bahraini society and contributing to vital healthcare resources.

MPs back pre-job checks on foreign workers' qualifications

Services Committee says proposal serves public interest and service quality



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Parliament's Services Committee has backed a proposal to establish a joint government mechanism to verify the academic and professional qualifications of foreign workers before they are employed in Bahrain, amid concerns over forged certificates.

The proposal, submitted by MPs Mohammed Janahi, Ahmed Qarata, Hisham Al Awadhi, Muneer Soroor, and Hanan Fardan, seeks to create an administrative committee involving the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Education, and the Labour Market Regulatory Authority.

The proposed body would be responsible for verifying credentials prior to employment, alongside the creation of a centralised database linking relevant government entities to improve record-keeping and verification efficiency.

Lawmakers said the initiative is aimed at strengthening confidence in the labour market and preventing unqualified individuals from taking up specialised

or regulated roles, citing recent cases involving falsified academic documents.

The Services Committee said the proposal serves the public interest, noting it would help improve service quality and ensure greater reliance on properly qualified workers. It also described the measure as part of wider efforts to safeguard regulated professions and enhance trust in submitted credentials.

However, government bodies noted that verification systems already exist in several sectors. The Ministry of Education said it currently operates an electronic system to verify qualifications for applicants to teaching and administrative roles in private education institutions, in coordination with local and international verification agencies.

The ministry added it is prepared to extend its support to other government entities when required.

The proposal will now proceed through the parliamentary process following the committee's endorsement, with supporters saying the aim is to close verification gaps before workers enter the job market.

New rules for Bahrain markets take effect

Traders must hold valid licences and operate sites directly under the new rules

● New rules regulate stalls, licences and public market spaces

● Market traders face compliance deadline under unified regulations

● Streamlines market governance across four governorates

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Traders operating in Bahrain's central and traditional markets have been granted a six-month grace period to bring their activities in line with newly introduced unified municipal regulations aimed at strengthening oversight of market operations and public spaces.

The new framework, issued separately but in nearly identical form across the Capital, Muharraq, Northern, and Southern Governorates, establishes a single set of rules governing market management throughout the Kingdom.

The regulations are designed to ensure that only licensed operators are permitted to conduct commercial or craft activities within designated market areas, while also tightening control over stalls, pavements, yards, and



shared passageways.

Licensing rules tightened

Under the updated system, only traders who hold valid licences and have been officially allocated market sites by municipal authorities will be allowed to operate within public and traditional markets.

The rules prohibit the subleasing, transfer, or informal exchange of allocated sites, and require that traders personally operate their stalls, though they may employ registered workers under their responsibility.

Public markets are defined as municipally managed spaces designated for the sale of specific goods and services.

Six-month compliance deadline

Existing traders and arrangements must be regularised within six months of the regulations coming into force. The new rules apply to both future applications and existing licences, covering site allocation, staffing, usage, and

occupation of shared areas.

Any conflicting previous regulations will be annulled once the new decisions take effect, which will be the day following their publication in the Official Gazette.

New municipal committees to oversee markets

Each governorate's municipal authority will establish a dedicated market committee headed by the director general. These committees will include officials responsible for markets, property, legal affairs, revenues, building permits, and procurement. They will oversee licensing decisions, site allocation, withdrawals, and reallocation processes in line with government procurement and financial regulations.

Enforcement and penalties

Municipal authorities will enforce a graduated penalty system for violations. Initial breaches will result in a written or electronic warning, giving

traders up to one week to rectify the issue.

Failure to comply may lead to a temporary suspension from market operations for up to one week, while repeated violations could result in bans of up to 15 days. Continued non-compliance may ultimately lead to licence withdrawal by the market committee.

Affected traders will have the right to file a grievance with the relevant municipal director general within 15 days of notification.

Regulation of public spaces

The new framework also governs the use of pavements, yards, and passageways within markets. Temporary permits may be granted for such use, provided they do not obstruct movement, compromise safety, or affect environmental and aesthetic standards.

A minimum pedestrian clearance of one metre must be maintained, with municipalities empowered to require wider access depending on pedestrian traffic.

Permit holders must remove all installations and waste once their permits expire.

The regulations form part of a broader effort to standardise market governance across Bahrain's governorates. Authorities say the move will reduce procedural differences, improve transparency, and provide clearer guidance for traders, inspectors, and consumers.

Batool Al Sharaf tops Bahrain's Arab Reading Challenge



Batool Al Sharaf

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Batool Al Sharaf of Saar Secondary Girls School has been named Bahrain's top winner in the "people of determination" category of the Arab Reading Challenge, outperforming thousands of participants across the Kingdom. She was recognised during a ceremony marking the tenth edition of the initiative, which senior education officials and school leaders attended.

The competition attracted more than 148,000 students from around 250 public and private schools in Bahrain, highlighting strong national participation in the reading initiative.

Education officials said the programme continues to promote reading culture, critical thinking, and confidence among students, while also celebrating the achievements of students of determination who demonstrate commitment and academic excellence.

Batool's recognition formed part of a wider awards programme honouring outstanding

students, schools, and supervisors across the country. The final stage of the Arab Reading Challenge is scheduled to be held in Dubai.

Her success follows a steady academic and personal journey marked by consistent involvement in school activities and competitions.

Before joining Saar Secondary Girls School, Batool studied at Diraz Intermediate Girls School, where she actively participated in workshops, school initiatives, and student programmes that helped develop her communication, leadership, and creative skills.

She also contributed to school media teams, led morning assemblies, and engaged in extracurricular activities that strengthened her confidence and public presence.

Writing has been a central passion for Batool, who began developing short stories with support from her teachers, including one titled "Thank You, God." She has also taken part in theatre programmes and training in public speaking, media, and digital storytelling.

Animal rescuers seek shelter site

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A call has been made for Bahrain's animal rescuers to be given a permit and a shelter site as dumped pets pile up in homes, pet hotels and on the streets.

Mariam Ali, Head of the BAPS volunteer group, said rescuers had reached breaking point after years of taking in sick, hurt and abandoned animals at their own cost.

The group, made up of women volunteers, rescues animals across Bahrain and relies on sponsors who pay vets directly.

'We are a group of women volunteers working in animal rescue in the Kingdom of Bahrain on purely humanitarian grounds and at our own expense,' Ms Ali told The Daily Tribune.

'Some sponsors help by paying treatment costs directly to veterinary clinics.

'We do not receive any cash donations directly, in order to ensure transparency and comply with the rules.'

Ms Ali said the number of animals left on the streets had risen in recent years, with house cats among the worst-hit.

Many, she said, are dumped after being adopted or when their owners' lives change.

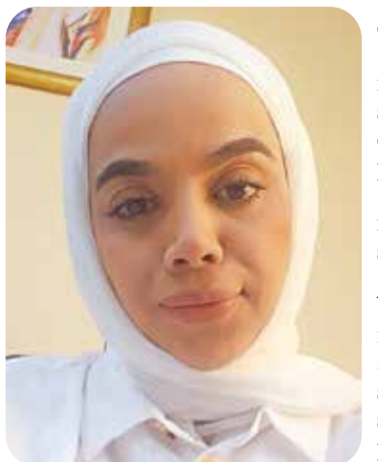
Suddenly left outside, they cannot cope.

They go hungry. They fall ill. Some are hit by cars. Others die.

'These animals suddenly find themselves in an environment they cannot adapt to, leaving them exposed to hunger, disease, injury and death,' she said.

Volunteers have been keeping rescued animals in their own homes while trying to find longer-term care.

But the homes are full.



'We are asking to be enabled to carry out this humanitarian role in an organised and sustainable way that serves the community and supports the state's efforts to promote kindness towards animals.'

MARIAM ALI, HEAD OF THE BAPS VOLUNTEER GROUP

Some animals have had to be placed in pet hotels, adding new costs on top of vet bills, food and care.

Ms Ali said BAPS had written to the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture and other bodies in the hope of gaining a permit.

She said the permit would let the group work in a lawful and orderly way, and would let it seek help and donations through the right legal channels.

The group also wants a suitable site that can be made ready to house rescued animals.

Ms Ali said volunteers were not asking for cash from the state, but for the chance to carry out their work in a proper way.

'We are not asking for direct financial support,' she said.

'We are asking to be enabled to carry out this humanitarian role in an organised and sustainable way that serves the community and supports the state's efforts to promote kindness towards animals.'

She said several letters and formal requests had been sent in recent months, but no workable answer had been given.

'We hope the relevant authorities will look into our request, grant us the needed permit and provide suitable premises, or help allocate a site that can be used as a temporary centre to shelter rescued animals,' she said.

'This would serve the public interest and spare these souls further suffering.'

"The Crate Maze"

Bahraini Artist Unveils Monumental Installation at Art Basel Switzerland



Crate Maze - White

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Renowned Bahraini artist Rashid Al Khalifa is presenting his large-scale installation The Crate Maze at Art Basel in Switzerland, one of the world's most prominent contemporary art fairs. The work is being exhibited in the fair's prestigious Unlimited sector, which features ambitious large-scale installations.

The Crate Maze is an immersive geometric structure inspired by shipping containers and cargo crates, symbolising global trade networks. The installation uses interconnected grid-like forms that shift visually through light, shadow, and perspective, creating a dynamic experience as visitors move through the space.

The artwork explores themes of trade and connectivity, reflecting how commerce has historically linked cultures, economies,



'The Crate Maze reflects Bahrain's enduring legacy as a crossroads of trade and cultural exchange, transforming our maritime heritage and the spirit of Dilmun into a contemporary artistic experience that resonates with global audiences.'

- RASHID AL KHALIFA

and societies. It also highlights trade as a catalyst for cultural exchange and shared human interaction.

At its core, the installation pays tribute to Bahrain's longstanding history as a key trading hub, drawing references to its maritime heritage and the ancient Dilmun civilisation, which played a central role in regional

and international trade routes.

Presented in collaboration with Sapar Contemporary of New York, The Crate Maze is part of Art Basel Unlimited, which runs until June 21. The installation reinforces Bahrain's cultural presence on the global art stage while connecting its heritage to contemporary artistic expression.

“Closer to You”: Subah Al Zayani on what retail banking means at NBB

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Retail banking is where a bank and its customers meet most often. It represents the most personal arc of the financial services lifecycle, and it is the dimension with which most people form perception of the institution they have chosen.

Subah Abdullatif Al Zayani is the person responsible for that dimension at the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB). As Chief Executive for Retail Banking, his remit covers everything from the digital platforms NBB's individual customers use daily to the physical branches that serve all five of the Kingdom's governorates.

Before banking, Al Zayani built his career across a range of sectors, including technology and infrastructure – experience that informs how he talks about digital development today. The guiding principle he keeps returning to is this: every update, every new feature, every change to how the Bank operates at the retail level starts and ends with what the customer actually needs.

Digital reach, human presence NBB's retail banking story is built on two strengths that reinforce each other. The Bank operates the largest branch

network in Bahrain, and more than 90% of its customers now open their accounts digitally. Al Zayani sees these two sides as a representation of the same commitment.

“Paying attention to and developing digital channels does not mean we lose contact with our valued customers,” he says. The Bank's investment in its digital app and the depth of its branch presence are, in his account, two sides of the same commitment: NBB should be reachable by every customer, however they choose to bank.

That choice varies more than people assume. Many customers manage everything on a phone and have no reason to visit a branch. Others, even for services that are available digitally, will come in for the conversation. The chance to ask questions, sit across from someone who knows the product, and leave with a clear answer. “Some societies prefer human interaction while providing services,” Al Zayani notes. The Bahraini market is one of them, and NBB's model is built with that in mind. The branch network exists because customers want it.

The inputs informing every decision

Behind every update to NBB's



digital offering sits a structured process. Al Zayani describes three inputs: the customer's voice gathered through surveys, focus groups, and direct feedback; data analytics used to identify behavioural patterns and anticipate what customers will need next, and then benchmarking against international standards, shaped to fit the local market.

That last step is the one he returns to with most emphasis. “Our society is different from Western societies,” he says. “We have characteristics that distinguish us and set us apart.” A product designed around assumptions drawn from European or American markets may work better in those contexts. The Bank's job here is to use global benchmarks as a reference, and optimise every solu-

tion based on the realities of its own local customer base.

The account opening figure is the most visible expression of that approach paying off. More than 90% of NBB customers now open accounts digitally, a process that takes roughly three minutes. For a product that once required a branch visit, documentation, and waiting, that number marks a genuine shift. The Bank's “Closer to You” brand promise is, hence, the embodiment of its ethos to be there wherever a customer needs it, whether on a device or across a counter.

The stress test

The payment deferment periods arising from recent crises were, in Al Zayani's description, “a bit challenging.” With regulators, customers, and condi-

tions nobody had anticipated all pressing simultaneously, NBB moved to offer payment deferrals through a digital channel.

“We were among the pioneers in offering the payment deferment option digitally,” he says, “and the first bank to announce and provide the digital solution where customers could easily log in and apply for payment deferment.” More than 30% of customers applied across two separate periods. The customer feedback was strongly positive, a reflection of the considerable efforts of the retail banking team.

“We worked day and night,” Al Zayani says, “and the employees did not fall short.” The Bank identified a need, built a solution quickly, and the team delivered. That, in his telling, is what a national bank is there to do: stay close to the customer and make essential services as seamless as possible.

A family account for a cashless generation

Innovation from Al Zayani's perspective comes from one of two sources: a need the customer already has, or an opportunity the Bank has spotted to offer something they had not thought to ask for. The Yalla Family Banking proposition belongs to the second kind.

The product was designed for

children and teenagers, built for a Bahrain moving steadily toward a cashless society. NBB built, what Al Zayani calls, an “ecosystem” around this shift: parents can monitor transactions, transfer money, and access saving features designed to establish financial habits early. The aim was for the youth to feel the Bank is there to make their life easier. That relationship, which began with a pocket money transfer, is one the Bank intends to grow as the young customers grow older.

The transformation continues

NBB's recent transformation has been visible. “Many bear witness to the transformation they have recently seen at NBB, and this transformation is ongoing as we continue to invest heavily in our digital services and innovative products,” Al Zayani emphasises.

Whether a customer visits a branch or opens the app, the intention remains the same: be with the customers “for the long haul” with every interaction. For the National Bank of Bahrain, that is both a description of what it has already delivered for decades, and a commitment to continue fulfilling its responsibility through whatever it builds next.

Gulf Air Celebrates the Launch of Inaugural Flight to El Alamein



Gulf Air, the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrated its seasonal flights to El Alamein, Egypt, further strengthening air connectivity

between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Arab Republic of Egypt.

To commemorate the occasion, Gulf Air CEO Mr. Martin Gauss received H.E. Riham

Khalil, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Kingdom of Bahrain and senior industry leaders at Bahrain International Airport prior to the departure of the inaugural flight.

Upon arrival at El Alamein International Airport, the inaugural flight was welcomed with a water cannon salute. A reception was subsequently held, attended by a senior delegation

from Gulf Air, airport officials, and invited guests.

Gulf Air's seasonal service to El Alamein reinforces its role as a key regional connector, enhancing travel options while

supporting ties between Bahrain and Egypt. El Alamein is one of Gulf Air's summer 2026 seasonal destinations which also include Geneva, Malaga, and Nice.

Palavra Resort Hosts Ceremony Celebrating Renewed Loyalty and Support to His Majesty King Hamad

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Palavra Resort proudly hosted a distinguished gathering to mark the signing ceremony of the Document of Renewed Loyalty and Support presented to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain. The event brought together prominent dignitaries, business leaders, community representatives, and esteemed guests in a celebration of national unity, loyalty, and pride.

The ceremony reflected the deep commitment of Bahrain's people and institutions to the Kingdom's continued progress and prosperity under the wise leadership of His Majesty the King.

The event was attended by several distinguished personalities, including Mr. Mohammed Shahid, Chairman of KHK Group, whose vision and



leadership continue to support excellence across the hospitality and business sectors. Also present was Mr. Hisham Saleh, General Manager of Palavra Resort, who welcomed guests and highlighted the resort's commitment to hosting meaningful national and community events.

Among the notable attendees were Mr. Mohammed M. Al Arayedh, Ms. Mariyam Al Fahad, Mr. Ibrahim Al Fahad, Mrs. Al Fahad, along with respected community members,

business leaders, and the dedicated Heads of Departments of Palavra Resort.

Speaking on the occasion, representatives expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to participate in this important national event, reaffirming their loyalty and support for the Kingdom of Bahrain and its leadership.

Palavra Resort extends its gratitude to all guests, partners, and attendees who contributed to the success of this memorable occasion.

Bahrain FDI rises 81pc in decade

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Foreign direct investment in Bahrain rose by 81 pc over the past decade, from BD9.797 billion at the end of 2016 to BD17.733bn by the end of 2025, the latest figures show.

The increase was worth BD7.936bn and took the foreign direct investment balance to its highest point in the 2016–25 period.

Bahrain moved from less than BD10bn in foreign direct investment in 2016 to nearly BD17.8bn by the end of 2025. The increase was spread across several phases: gains before the pandemic, further growth during the Covid years, a large rise in 2023 and smaller increases in 2024 and 2025.

The compound annual growth rate for the full period was about 6.8 pc.

Foreign direct investment stood at BD9.797bn at the end of



2016, before rising to BD10.333bn in 2017, BD10.972bn in 2018 and BD11.537bn in 2019.

That added BD1.740bn over three years, a rise of about 17.8 pc.

The balance continued to rise during the pandemic years. It reached BD11.921bn at the end of 2020, BD12.590bn in 2021 and BD13.628bn in 2022.

That meant an increase of BD1.707bn between 2020 and 2022, or about 14.3 pc.

The sharpest annual rise came in 2023. Foreign direct investment grew from BD13.628bn at the end of 2022 to BD16.345bn at the end of 2023. The gain, worth BD2.717bn, amounted to about 19.9 pc in one year.

The total then rose to BD17.424bn at the end of 2024 and

BD17.733bn by the end of 2025.

From the end of 2023 to the end of 2025, Bahrain added a further BD1.388bn to its foreign direct investment balance.

The later years accounted for much of the decade's increase. From the end of 2019 to the end of 2025, foreign direct investment rose by BD6.195bn, or about 53.7 pc. Foreign direct investment is often seen as a gauge of longer-term foreign investor confidence, as it usually involves stakes in companies, projects or assets rather than short-term capital flows.

The figures show Bahrain ending 2025 with a foreign direct investment balance close to BD18bn, after starting the ten-year period at just under BD9.8bn.

Suppliers may get VAT relief on unpaid government invoices

Parliament committee reviews change to VAT rules for government contracts

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Parliament's Financial and Economic Affairs Committee is studying a proposal that could spare suppliers working with government bodies from paying value-added tax (VAT) on invoices before they receive payment.

The proposal seeks to address a cash flow problem faced by companies required to pay VAT upon invoice issuance, even when payment from a government entity is delayed for months.

Submitted by MP Hassan Ebrahim and four other MPs, the proposal would amend Article 13 of the Value Added Tax Law, which was issued by Decree-Law No. 48 of 2018 and amended by Law No. 33 of 2021.

It would add a provision stating that, for goods and services supplied to government bodies, the date of supply would be treated as the date the supplier actually receives the amount due.

According to the proposal, the current system can leave suppliers paying tax on money that has not yet reached their bank accounts.

MP Hassan Ebrahim said the problem is particularly clear in dealings with government bodies, where invoice payments may take different and sometimes lengthy periods.

He said some payments may be delayed for three to six months,

Current Situation

- VAT is currently linked to the date of supply/invoice issuance
- Suppliers may have to pay VAT before receiving payment
- Delayed government payments can create cash flow challenges

Proposed Change

- VAT liability would begin when the supplier receives payment
- Applies to supplies provided to government bodies
- Seeks to reduce financial pressure on businesses

while others may take more than a year in certain cases.

That leaves companies carrying a tax obligation before receiving the cash needed to cover it.

MP Ebrahim said requiring a supplier or service provider to pay VAT before receiving the actual payment negatively affects cash flow.

He said this can limit a company's ability to meet financial

and tax commitments on time, especially when the delay involves large invoices or repeated government contracts.

Under the proposed amendment, the actual date of payment, rather than the invoice issue date, would determine when VAT becomes due on supplies made to government entities.

The MPs behind the proposal said the change would better



HASSAN EBRAHIM, MP

Requiring suppliers to pay VAT before receiving payment creates financial pressure and affects companies' ability to manage their cash flow.

ready delivered.

The explanatory memorandum attached to the proposal said the amendment seeks to solve a practical problem facing suppliers and service providers dealing with government bodies.

It said linking VAT liability to actual payment would better reflect the financial reality of businesses waiting to be paid.

Salman City Residents to Access Event Halls at Symbolic Fees

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Residents of Salman City will access community event halls at symbolic fees as part of a new housing model designed to create integrated residential communities.

Balsam Al Salman, Assistant Undersecretary for Engineering Affairs at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning, said the project goes beyond traditional apartment buildings by introducing shared facilities, services and spaces focused on improving residents' quality of life.

The upgraded housing model includes suspended gardens, children's play areas, seating spaces, exercise areas, event halls and commercial facilities designed to meet residents' daily needs.

Al Salman said the event halls will be managed in cooperation with the Housing Bank, which



operates the project, symbolic fees will help support the maintenance and operation of the facilities.

She added that commercial outlets within the residential complex will provide additional services for residents, and their revenues will contribute towards covering maintenance costs.

The project reflects the ministry's approach of developing housing communities based on residents' needs, including feedback gathered through surveys, community studies and public

We are creating communities, not just buildings, with spaces designed around residents' daily lives.

BALSAM AL SALMAN, ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY FOR ENGINEERING AFFAIRS AT THE MINISTRY

communication channels.

Al Salman said the aim is to create residential environments that provide not only housing, but also spaces that support family life and community interaction.



From
The Court

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Defendant Sent for Psychiatric Evaluation After Housemaid's Injury

The First High Criminal Court of Appeal ordered that a defendant, previously sentenced to three years in prison by the lower court, be referred to a psychiatrist to determine his mental responsibility for his actions at the time of the incident. The case was adjourned to July 5.

The case involves the defendant being accused of causing a permanent 7% disability to his

housemaid after she suffered a partial amputation of her left ear following an altercation over his mobile phone's location.

During the court hearing, the defendant claimed the housemaid initiated the assault, prompting him to retaliate. He also alleged that she had stolen his mobile phone.

The Public Prosecution charged the defendant with assaulting the victim and causing

injuries described in the forensic medical report, resulting in a 7% permanent disability to the outer part of her left ear, without intent to cause such a severe injury.

According to the victim's testimony, the incident began while she was cleaning the living room when the defendant asked about his phone. She told him he was holding it in his hand, but he looked at her with intense anger, causing her to feel frightened.

Court Acquits Woman in BD350 Recruitment Case

The Lower Criminal Court acquitted an Asian woman accused of misappropriating BD350 paid for the recruitment of a domestic worker, ruling there was insufficient evidence and reasonable doubt regarding the alleged offence.

The court found that the case did not clearly establish the nature of the agreement between the two parties or whether the money was transferred as entrusted funds or as payment for a service.

Defence lawyer Abdulaziz Al Mousa argued that the elements of the alleged breach of trust were not proven, stating that the payment represented full possession of the amount rather than temporary custody. He also argued that the dispute was civil in nature and related to a service agreement.

The complainant claimed he paid the defendant BD350 through BenefitPay to arrange the recruitment of a domestic worker but alleged she failed to provide the worker or return

the amount.

However, the court noted that the complaint was based on unclear statements and did not specify whether the payment was a service fee or an amount held for a specific purpose.

The court stated that no written agreement or documents were presented to prove an agency arrangement. It concluded that the evidence was insufficient to establish a criminal offence and ruled to acquit the defendant of all charges.



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BAHRAIN FAMILY LEISURE COMPANY B.S.C.

Invitation to the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company's Shareholders of Bahrain Family Leisure Company B.S.C., CR 32196 (the Company)

The Board of Directors of Bahrain Family Leisure Company B.S.C., CR 32196-1, cordially invites the shareholders to attend the Ordinary General Assembly Meeting to be held on **Sunday, 12 July 2026 at 11:00 AM** at the Gulf Hotel (Awal-2), Kingdom of Bahrain.

If the quorum for the meeting is not met, the second meeting will be held on **Sunday, 19 July 2026** at the same venue and time. If the quorum is still not met, a third meeting will be held on **Sunday, 26 July 2026** at the same time and venue.

The agenda below will be discussed to take appropriate decisions:

Agenda of Ordinary General Meeting

1. To read out and approve the minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held on 30 March 2026.
2. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Directors for a three-year term (2026-2029) commencing from the date of their appointment, while noting that the remaining five (5) members shall be appointed by the Company's major shareholders, so that the total number of Board members remains **seven (7)**.
3. To authorize **Abdul Haseeb Muhammad Daud**, a Pakistani national holding ID Card No. 831401729, to act on behalf of the Company in completing all necessary procedures and register the above resolution with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and any other relevant authorities in the Kingdom of Bahrain, including submitting applications, obtaining approvals and following up with the concerned authorities.
4. Any other matters that may arise as per Article 207 of the Commercial Companies' Law.

AbdulLateef Khalid Alaujan
Chairman of the Board

Important Notes to Shareholders:

- You can obtain a copy of the proxy card on the Group's website (www.bflc.com.bh).
- Any shareholder whose name is registered in the company's shareholders' register as of the meeting date has the right to attend the meeting in person or appoint a proxy in writing to attend and vote on their behalf, provided that the proxy is not the Chairman of the Board, a Board member or an employee of the Company.
- The proxy shall be in accordance with the provisions of Article (203) of the Commercial Companies Law, which states: "Every shareholder, regardless of the number of shares they hold, has the right to attend the General Assembly and shall have a number of votes equal to the number of shares they own. Any condition or resolution that contradicts this shall be considered null and void. A shareholder may appoint another person, whether a shareholder or not, to attend on their behalf, provided that the proxy is neither the Chairman, a member of the Board of Directors, nor an employee of the company. However, this does not affect the right to appoint first-degree relatives as proxies, provided that the proxy is granted through a special written authorization prepared by the company for this purpose. Minors and persons lacking legal capacity shall be represented by their legal guardians. The company must prepare special cards indicating the number of shares owned by the shareholder and the shares they represent on behalf of other shareholders. Proxy authorizations and proof of representation must be submitted to the company at least 24 hours before the General Assembly meeting. No member may participate in voting for themselves or on behalf of another in matters where they have a direct personal interest or in cases of an existing dispute between them and the company."
- In the case the shareholder is a company, the proxy attending the meeting must present an authorization letter from the shareholder granting them the authority to act as a proxy of that shareholder. Such authorization must be in writing, issued by the authorized signatory of the company, stamped with the company's seal, and submitted before the deadline for depositing the proxy.
- The proxy form must be deposited at least 24 hours prior to the date of the meeting at Zamil Tower, Office No. 74, 7th Floor, PO Box 514, Manama - Kingdom of Bahrain - Tel: 17215080 - Fax 17212055 or **e-mail: muralikrishnan.k@kfintech.com** and/or **hani.alshaikh@kfintech.com** with confirmation of receipt before the deadline. Proxies submitted after the deadline will not be valid for the meeting.
- For inquiries, please contact the Public Relations and Investor Relations Department at 17215050.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

WHEN A MAN IS DENIED THE RIGHT TO LIVE THE LIFE HE BELIEVES IN, HE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO BECOME AN OUTLAW.
NELSON MANDELA

Court bans Spanish PM's wife from leaving country



Spain's prime minister Pedro Sanchez (L) holds hands with his wife Begona Gomez

AFP | Madrid, Spain

A Spanish court has ordered the wife of Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, Begona Gomez, to stand trial by jury for corruption and banned her from leaving the country, according to a court order released yesterday.

Judge Juan Carlos Peinado ordered Gomez to hand in her passport and to appear before the court twice a month until a verdict is reached in the case, the ruling said.

The court said "instructions shall be issued to all border posts and civilian and military airports" to ensure Gomez complies with the ban on leaving the country.

No date for the politically explosive trial has been set.

Peinado in April formally charged Gomez with embezzlement, influence peddling, corruption in business dealings and misappropriation of funds.

He opened the investigation

in April 2024 to determine whether Gomez had exploited her position as Sanchez's wife for private gain, which she and the prime minister deny.

The case centres on the creation and management of a chair at Madrid's Complutense University that was co-directed by Gomez, as well as the alleged use of public resources and personal connections to advance private interests.

Gomez has consistently denied any wrongdoing.

Sanchez has dismissed the allegations against his wife as an attempt by the right wing to undermine his government. Opposition parties have called for his resignation.

The case originated from a complaint filed by an anti-corruption group with far-right ties.

The case is one of several corruption affairs that have embroiled the Socialist leader's family and former allies, putting pressure on his minority coalition government.



Civilians and first responders gather at the site of an Israeli airstrike that targeted the southern Lebanese village of Qennarit

Hormuz closed again after Israel strikes Lebanon

● The ongoing hostilities had already strained the deal signed

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Iran said it was once again closing the vital Strait of Hormuz shipping lane yesterday over Israel's attacks in Lebanon.

Israeli troops battled Hezbollah fighters while its warplanes conducted deadly strikes in Lebanon's south on Saturday, hours after the United States announced a renewed ceasefire in the fighting there.

The ongoing hostilities had already strained the deal signed by US President Donald Trump and his Iranian counterpart Masoud Pezeshkian this week to halt the wider regional war on all fronts, including Lebanon -- a key demand of Tehran's.

US military remains 'vigilant'

Washington, United States

The US military said yesterday it remained "present and vigilant" in the Strait of Hormuz, shortly after Iran announced it was closing the critical shipping lane.

"US forces remain present and vigilant to ensure all aspects of the agreement with Iran are adhered to, obeyed, and in full force and effect," US Central Command said in a statement.

Iran negotiators leave for Switzerland to discuss US deal: state media

Tehran, Iran

An Iranian negotiating team left Iran for Switzerland on Saturday for discussions on the implementation of the agreement signed between it and the United States to halt the Mideast war, state media reported.

"Iranian negotiators have left for Switzerland," state news agency IRNA reported, after quoting foreign ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei as warning that the deal was "in trouble".

Citing a US "breach of contract" and "the Zionist regime's

continuous and relentless violation of the ceasefire in south-

ern Lebanon", Iran's central military command announced Saturday "that the Strait of Hormuz will be closed to vessel traffic".

On Friday afternoon, a US official announced a new ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah brokered by US and Qatari mediators, with Israel's ambassador to Washington saying it would respect the truce if Hezbollah did.

But yesterday an Israeli military official said it was conducting fresh attacks against the Iran-backed movement, which it accused of having "launched more than 50 projectiles at Israeli forces in southern Lebanon" overnight.

Lebanese state media reported Israeli air raids on around 20 locations, with the country's civil defence agency saying 16 people were killed in the Nabatieh area, where an AFP photographer saw smoke rising over the city after strikes.

When Roads End



Residents affected by Hurricane Melissa on October 29, 2025 receiving humanitarian aid from Caritas volunteers, sent from the United States, in the rural community of Hongolosongo, a village in El Cobre, Santiago de Cuba municipality, eastern Cuba. Even as it maintains a crippling fuel blockade and slew of sanctions that pile misery on Cubans, Washington continues to send relief to Melissa victims through the Catholic NGO Caritas.

Driver killed, 28 in hospital as UK train collision probed

AFP | Bedford, United Kingdom

UK accident investigators were yesterday probing the cause of a train collision north of London which killed a driver and injured scores of passengers, nine critically.

The crash Friday afternoon near Bedford, a town around 90 kilometres (55 miles) north of the British capital, involved two London-bound trains on the same track, according to East Midlands Railway (EMR), which operates both services.



British Transport Police officers, Rail Accident Investigation Branch officers, and Network Rail work at the site

Transport Secretary Heidi Alexander said it was "too early to speculate" on the cause of the crash while vowing "a thorough investigation ... to ensure that lessons are learnt".

British Transport Police Chief Constable Lucy D'Orsi said in an update Saturday near the scene that more than 80 people had been treated for injuries in hospital and 28 remained there.

"Nine are in a critical condition," she added.

Police had earlier confirmed that the driver of one of the trains

had died at the scene.

D'Orsi said that "specialist investigators from British Transport Police are working with colleagues at the Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) to gather the facts and determine what has happened".

"Suddenly" hit

Buckingham Palace issued a statement saying King Charles was "greatly saddened" by the crash and sent "his thoughts and sympathies" to the dead man's family and to those injured.

A passenger on one of the

trains, Paul Cavin, told the BBC: "We had stopped and suddenly we were hit from behind pretty bad."

"There were people injured on my carriage," he said, adding he could see many wounded people walking away from the trains, some with "smashed up noses".

The East of England Ambulance Service said Saturday 11 people sustained "very serious" injuries, while a further 32 suffered serious wounds and 56 others had minor impacts.

1788

US Constitution comes into effect when New Hampshire is the 9th state to ratify it

1854

First Victoria Cross won during the bombardment of Bomarsund in the Åland Islands during the Crimean War



1948

Lord Mountbatten resigns as Governor General of India (formerly the last Viceroy)

1993

English mathematician Andrew Wiles proves the last theorem of French mathematician Pierre de Fermat after 356 years, solving the world's most difficult math problem

Air Force One replacement unveiled

AFP | Joint Base Andrews, United States

US President Donald Trump unveiled on Friday a replacement Air Force One aircraft gifted by Qatar, which he dubbed a "flying White House." "This is considered the world's most luxurious plane," Trump said at a speech inside the plane's hangar, praising the gulf emirate for being "so nice and providing" it.

Trump has previously said it would be "stupid" to reject the gift, while also stoking further concern by saying the plane would eventually be donated to his presidential library.

At the unveiling Friday at Joint Base Andrews, just outside Washington, Trump praised the workmanship that went into modifying the jet, saying "with the extraordinary devotion of many of you here today, this plane was transformed into a flying White House at a level of luxury that nobody's ever seen before."

"When you see it, you won't believe it, actually, the quality of woods, the quality of the materials, the quality of the engines," he added. "And I want to thank the emir of Qatar."

A framed print of a duck swimming in the Reflecting Pool -- a Washington landmark that Trump has sought to beautify with mixed results -- is among patriotic-themed



US President Donald Trump speaks in front of the new Air Force One, gifted to him by Qatar, in a hangar at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland

pictures to adorn the walls.

Repeatedly praising the size of the aircraft and its engines, Trump said, "it flies further and faster than any Air Force One."

Trump said the new aircraft would likely participate in a flyover as part of 250th US Independence Day celebrations on July 4.

The US president has fixated on replacing the aircraft, which have been in service since the 1990s, since his first term.

On Thursday, White House officials bade farewell to one of the two heavily modified Boeing 747s that have transport-

ed US presidents for decades, which fueled speculation that the new jet would be unveiled imminently.

While the now-replaced aircraft sported a blue and white exterior, the new aircraft has a navy blue underbelly, red stripe and white upper body.

Whenever a US president is on the jet, it officially takes the call sign Air Force One.

The US government has contracted Boeing to deliver two new 747-8 aircraft to serve as part of the presidential fleet, but the program has been plagued by delays and cost-overruns.

Trump escalates spat with Italy's Meloni over G7 photo claim

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump escalated a diplomatic row with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni on Saturday, accusing her of repeatedly seeking a photograph with him and linking the dispute to tensions over Iran and NATO.

The clash has opened an unusually personal rift between Trump and one of Europe's most prominent right-wing leaders, who had sought to cast herself as a bridge between Washington and the continent during Trump's return to power.

Trump had initially told Italian broadcaster La7 that Meloni "begged" him for a picture at this week's G7 summit in France, saying he agreed only because he "felt sorry for her."

Meloni angrily denied the claim, calling it "made up," but Trump doubled down in a post on Truth Social, saying Meloni had asked "over and over" for a photograph during the summit.

He also accused her of trying to repair relations with Washington for domestic political reasons after Italy failed to support US action against Iran.

"Now, after the United States defeated Iran militarily, she wants to be friends again in order to get her 'numbers up.' No thanks!!!" Trump wrote.

He said Meloni was doing "poorly in Italy" and suggest-



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ed this was linked to her refusal to let the United States use Italian "landing strips or runways" during the conflict with Iran.

Trump also revived his long-running complaint that the United States spends heavily to protect "so-called" NATO allies, saying Washington contributes hundreds of billions of dollars to defend Italy and others.

The remarks were a sharp escalation of a dispute that had already triggered anger in Rome.

Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani canceled a planned visit to the United States, saying on Friday that Trump's "grave and offensive" words toward Meloni "offend the whole of Italy."

'Stunned'

Meloni, who leads Italy's far-right Brothers of Italy party, said she was "frankly stunned" by Trump's original comments.

"I don't know why the president of the United States behaves this way with his own allies," she said in a video posted on X.

She also accused Trump of showing more deference to the West's adversaries than to its partners.

"It's a pity he doesn't show the same determination with enemies of the West, with enemies of the United States, with leaders with whom, instead, he is far more accommodating," she said.



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Amid deepening divisions, new and protracted conflicts are compelling millions of people to seek safety far from home. On #WorldRefugeeDay, we call for renewed solidarity and stronger support for all those forced to flee, and the countries and communities hosting them.

@antonio gutierrez

02



40% more people are living with sickle cell disease today than in 2000. It is a growing health challenge, affecting around 7.7 million people in the world today. This means more health workers - incl. maternity providers - need to know how to manage the disease. WHO consolidated guidelines for the management of common childhood illness: management of sickle-cell disease in children and adolescents <https://bit.ly/4elkv6p6>

@DrTedros

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On the 21st, the Yoga Day program will be organized in Kolkata. I am extremely delighted to see this event being held in Kolkata. After the Yoga Day program, I will join another program where three warships built in indigenous design will be launched into the water. These are INS Durgam, INS Samshodhaka, and INS Agrya. These will further strengthen our security. At the same time, they also reflect our resolve towards the goal of self-reliance in the defense sector.

@narendramodi

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Turning Peace into Prosperity



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

The recently signed Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding between the United States of America and the Islamic Republic of Iran has injected a fragile yet historic sense of optimism into the Middle East. While significant challenges remain, the agreement offers Bahrain a valuable opportunity to redefine its regional and economic position. With the immediate threat of cross-Gulf escalation substantially reduced, the Kingdom can begin shifting from a posture of reactive defense to one of proactive economic, diplomatic, and strategic leadership.

The most immediate priority should be the acceleration of economic diversification. For decades, regional security concerns have heavily influenced fiscal policies, requiring substantial investments in defense and risk mitigation. Bahrain should seize this moment of relative stability and transform it into a competitive advantage by accelerating the objectives of its Economic Vision. By strengthening its position as a secure, highly connected hub for logistics, financial services, and financial technology, Manama can attract foreign direct investment that may previously have been deterred by regional uncertainty. Capitalizing on the opportunities created by the Islamabad Memorandum will require demonstrating to global investors that the Gulf is open for long-term, uninterrupted business and sustainable growth.

At the same time, Bahrain should champion a diplomacy-first regional framework. De-escalation between major powers does not automatically eliminate local tensions or ideological differences. As a nation characterized by a diverse social fabric and a long history of navigating complex regional dynamics, Bahrain is uniquely positioned to promote peaceful coexistence and constructive engagement. The Kingdom can use this diplomatic breathing space to strengthen national cohesion, encourage dialogue, and ensure that external stability is translated into internal resilience.

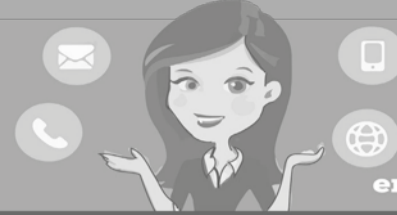
Nevertheless, complacency remains the greatest danger. The Islamabad Memorandum represents an important diplomatic breakthrough, but it is not yet a permanent peace settlement. Bahrain must remain realistic about the vulnerabilities inherent in any fragile peace while fully leveraging the opportunities it creates. This requires maintaining strong strategic partnerships, including its longstanding security alliance with the United States, while simultaneously expanding economic cooperation, trade relations, and confidence-building measures across the region.

The silence of drones and the moderation of hostile rhetoric offer more than temporary relief; they provide a rare opportunity for a fresh start. Bahrain's path forward lies in transforming this geopolitical reprieve into a lasting era of economic renewal and regional influence. By focusing on financial innovation, diplomatic engagement, and national unity, the Kingdom can help convert a fragile understanding into a durable foundation for peace, stability, and Bahraini prosperity.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

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NMS Bahrain Felicitates Scholars and Achievers at Annual Award Ceremony



The New Millennium School, Bahrain, in all its glory and grandeur, held the Scholar Badge and Achievement Award Ceremony on 18th June, 2026.

The ceremony was organised to felicitate a multitude of meritorious students from KG II to Grade XII who demonstrated outstanding academic achievement during the academic year 2025-26.

The solemn occasion commenced with the Head Boy and Head Girl welcoming the Chief Guest, Mr Ganesh Pillai, Mr Peter Linford, members of the School Executive Committee, parents, and other distinguished guests.

The event celebrated the achievements of students across all sections of the school. A total of 459 students from KG II to Grade V were honoured with Achievement Awards for their commendable academic performance, while 666 students from Grades VI to XII received Scholar Badges and other prestigious academic honours in recognition of their exceptional accomplishments.

The meritorious students were awarded Badges, Certificates, Medals for 100% Attendance, Scholar Blazers, Scholar Ties, Gold Medals, and Honour Badges, acknowledging their dedication, perseverance, and pursuit of excellence.

An atmosphere of excitement and anticipation enveloped the school auditorium as the award ceremony began by felicitating Sheema Tazeen, the CBSE Grade XII School Topper, and Helina Shaju and Ayan Sahay, the CBSE Grade

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Abdulwahed inspires Bahrain comeback to open title defence

Bahrain men's volleyball team celebrate opening win over Chinese Taipei

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Bahrain began their 2026 AVC Men's Cup title defence with a 3-1 victory over Chinese Taipei in their Pool A opener in Ahmedabad, India, yesterday.

The defending champions were forced to come from behind after dropping the first set 25-22, before responding to take the next three 25-23, 25-22, 25-20 in a competitive match decided by fine margins.

Chinese Taipei started more sharply, using sustained pressure through Wen Yi-Kai and

Huang Jeng-Liang to edge the opening set. Bahrain struggled to find early fluency in attack but improved in the second set as Mahmood Abdulwahed became more involved and Ali Ebrahim helped steady the side, allowing them to level the match.

Bahrain took control in the third set after tightening their work at the net and improving their transition play. Abdulwahed remained the main attacking outlet as they moved ahead in the contest.

In the fourth set, Bahrain

were more composed in the closing stages, limiting Chinese Taipei's scoring runs and managing key rallies to close out the win.

Head coach Ivan Joksimovic, who guided Bahrain to gold at last month's GCC Games, began his second tournament in charge with a victory.

Abdulwahed finished as Bahrain's top scorer with 21 points from 61, including 19 attacks, one block and one ace. Mahmood AlAfyah added 13 points and Hasan Al Warqaa contributed nine.

Wen Yi-Kai led Chinese Taipei with 21 points, while Huang Jeng-Liang added 19, but Bahrain's stronger finishing across the final three sets proved decisive.

Bahrain now face New Zealand today at 9:30am Bahrain time as they continue their push for a semi-final place.

The AVC Men's Cup 2026 runs until June 28, with the semi-finals on June 27 and the medal matches the following day.

Mahmood Abdulwahed celebrates after winning a point

Omrzel shines on home roads



Bahrain Victorious' Jakob Omrzel in action at the Tour of Slovenia

● Jakob Omrzel aims to defend jersey

● Moves into overall top three

Bahrain Victorious Development Team rider Jakob Omrzel delivered another impressive performance on home roads, finishing third on Stage 4 of the Tour of Slovenia and moving onto the overall podium with one stage remaining.

The Slovenian National Champion excelled on the race's queen stage, a demanding 184.7-kilometre route from Kranj to Kranjska Gora featuring three categorised climbs and soaring temperatures.

The action came on the iconic Vrši climb, where the day's breakaway was caught before Florian Lipowitz of Red Bull-BORHansgrohe launched a race-winning attack. His teammate Giulio Pellizzari later joined him at the front, and the pair maintained their advantage to the finish, crossing the line together with Lipowitz taking the stage victory and the overall race lead.

Behind the leading duo, Omrzel showcased his climbing abilities on the steep gradients of Vrši. The 20-year-old rode strongly to secure third place on the stage, finishing 1 minute and 26 seconds behind the leaders.

The result lifted Omrzel to third in the general classification and saw him take over the white jersey as the race's best young rider.

"I feel a bit exhausted, which is normal after a day like this," Omrzel said. "I had really good sensations throughout the stage. I was hoping to get back to Lipowitz and Pellizzari, but they were stronger today. Overall, I'm very happy with my performance and I'm looking forward to the final stage."

Sports Director Borut Boži praised the young Slovenian's ride.

"Jakob did a great job on the final climb," Boži said. "When he realised their pace was too much for him, he wisely settled into his own rhythm. He rode within his limits and fully deserved to hold on to third place."

The Tour of Slovenia concludes today with Stage 5 in Novo Mesto, where Omrzel will look to defend both his white jersey and his place on the overall podium.

Seef qualify for Lion City Challenger quarter-finals

● A win would send the Bahraini side into the semi-finals, also scheduled for today at 1:30pm

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Bahrain's 3x3 team Seef will enter the knockout stage of the Lion City Challenger 2026 today, taking on unbeaten Japanese side Shibuya in the quarter-finals at 12:50pm Bahrain time, after a demanding group campaign in Singapore.

The Bahraini quartet of Bogdan Dragovic, Kelechi Austin Ajukwa, Uroš Ilić, and Isa Jasim secured their place in the last



Uros Ilic dunks during Seef's second match against hosts Singapore

eight after finishing Pool A with one win and a narrow defeat in the FIBA 3x3 World Tour event.

Their opening game ended

in a heartbreaking 21-20 loss to Antwerp, a tightly contested encounter that swung both ways before Jonas Foerts sealed victory at the free-throw line in the

closing seconds. Ajukwa led Seef with 8 points, while Dragovic added 7 points and 5 rebounds. Ilić contributed 5 points and 10 rebounds, anchoring the paint and keeping the team competitive throughout.

Seef responded with a more composed performance against hosts Singapore, winning 20-14. Ilić was the standout performer with 12 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, and 2 blocks, setting the tone at both ends of the floor. Ajukwa also added 5 points for Bahrain's representatives in a controlled team display.

Those results were enough for Seef to advance to the knockout rounds, where the level of competition now rises sharply. Their next challenge, however, is a formidable one.

Shibuya arrive in strong form, unbeaten across four games on day one, including both qualifying and Pool C fixtures. Their perfect record positions them among the tournament favourites and sets up a demanding test of Seef's defensive discipline and composure under pressure.

A win would send the Bahraini side into the semi-finals, also scheduled for today at 1:30pm, with the final set for 3pm. The tournament is the first-ever edition of the Lion City Challenger and also serves as a qualifier for the FIBA 3x3 World Tour Lausanne Masters in Switzerland on August 14 and 15, where the top three teams will secure qualification for the premier event.

Neymar? He is working remotely at the World Cup, jokes Lula

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

Brazilian star Neymar is "the first player in the world to be called up to the national side and be working remotely", Brazil President Luiz Inacio Lula de Silva joked on Friday.

Neymar, Brazil's record goalscorer with 79 goals, only returned to training with the squad at the World Cup in the United States this week after recovering from a calf injury.

The 34-year-old missed the opening 1-1 draw with Morocco and has also been omitted

by coach Carlo Ancelotti from the squad for their second group game against Haiti later on Friday.

"Neymar? He is not even playing!" Lula replied to a young boy when he mentioned Neymar's name.

"Neymar is the first player to be called up (to the national team) who is working remotely," added the 80-year-old, who was speaking during a ceremony at a hospital in the southeast city of Belo Horizonte.

Lula has been in fine form since the Morocco match, joking on Wednesday that

he was thinking of signing Argentinian superstar Lionel Messi to play for Brazil.

The former Barcelona and Paris Saint Germain striker was diagnosed in late May with an injury to his right calf, and has featured in just half of the games for his club Santos this year due to various fitness issues.

Ancelotti and his coaching staff are reluctant to rush the return of Brazil's all-time record goalscorer and com-

promise his availability for matches later in the tournament, according to Brazilian media.

Neymar, who has not played for his country since October 2023, did train with his teammates for the first time on Wednesday.

He has been an integral part of Brazil's last three World Cup campaigns but there was some surprise at his inclusion this time owing to his series of injuries.

Brazil's final group stage game is against Scotland in Miami on June 24.





Lightning start sends Morocco past Scotland

Hussain Almaskati
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Morocco defeated Scotland 1-0 in Group C of the FIFA World Cup 2026 at Boston Stadium, with Ismael Saibari's early strike proving enough. The striker scored after just 71 seconds, a lead the North Africans held for the rest of the match to move closer to a place in the round of 32.

The breakthrough came almost immediately after kickoff. Saibari latched onto a pass from Brahim Diaz, slipped in behind the Scottish defence, and struck into the far top corner beyond goalkeeper Angus Gunn. His effort was not only the fastest goal of the tournament so far, but also his second of the campaign.

From there, Morocco took control of the first half, playing with confidence and fluency. Their quick combinations in tight spaces, built on one-touch passing, flicks, and backheels, made it difficult for Scotland to settle or disrupt their rhythm. The Atlas Lions looked sharper and more composed in possession throughout the opening period.

After the break, Steve Clarke's



Morocco coach Mohamed Ouahbi addresses his players after the final whistle

Ismael Saibari celebrates after netting the winner

Scotland appealed for a penalty in the 82nd minute after Scott McTominay went down under pressure from Neil El Aynaoui. There looked

side raised their intensity and pushed higher up the pitch, but Morocco still carried a greater attacking threat. The closest they came to extending their

lead was shortly after halftime, when Saibari's effort was deflected onto the crossbar.

to be contact on McTominay's lower leg inside the box, but referee Ilgiz Tantashev waved away the appeals, with VAR also deciding not to intervene.

Despite late pressure, Morocco remained organised and saw out the result to secure a valuable victory.

The win leaves Morocco on four points following their 1-1 draw with Brazil in their opening match, with a final group game against Haiti still to come. Scotland stay on three points after their 1-0 win over Haiti and will face Brazil in their last fixture, with qualification for the knockout stage still in play.

Morocco continue to look like serious contenders on the world stage, building on the momentum of their 2022 semi-final run under Regragui, when they became the first Arab and African nation to reach the last four. Now led by Mohamed Ouahbi, who guided Morocco's U-20 side to the 2025 FIFA U-20 World Cup title, expectations remain high that they can go even further this time.

Almirón Red Card as Paraguay Shock Turkey in World Cup Clash

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Paraguay boosted their hopes of reaching the knockout stage with a 1-0 win over Turkey in a fiery World Cup clash that ended in controversy and elimination for the Europeans.

Paraguay struck just 64 seconds in when Matias Galarza fired home from outside the box, scoring the fastest goal of the tournament and what proved to be the winner.

The match turned dramatic in first-half stoppage time when Miguel Almirón was shown a red card after a VAR review for covering his mouth during an on-field confrontation with Turkey defender Mert Müldür.

Turkey are out of the World Cup after failing to score in two games

Referee Ivan Barton dismissed the former Newcastle United midfielder under a newly introduced tournament rule, forcing Paraguay to play the entire second half with



men. Despite overwhelming control, Turkey could not break through Paraguay's defence. They created numerous chances, hit the woodwork once, and registered only one shot on target from 12 attempts in the match.

Substitute Deniz Gül and Can Uzun both came close late on, while Merih Demiral also tested the goalkeeper after the break, but the equaliser never arrived.

Australia's earlier results combined with this defeat mean Turkey are eliminated after two group-stage losses without scoring a goal.

Paraguay, meanwhile, remain in contention and will qualify for the last 32 if they beat Australia in their final Group D match.

Pogacar pips Van der Poel to Swiss Tour TT win

Aarburg, Switzerland

Tadej Pogacar extended his Tour of Switzerland lead after sensationally pipping his one-day classics rival Mathieu van der Poel by just three tenths of a second in Saturday's individual time-trial.

Starting last as the race leader, world champion Pogacar drilled his effort over the 23.7km route around Aarburg as hard as he could, right to the line, and it proved enough to deny Van der Poel a morale-boosting

victory. "I felt great. I didn't know I was fighting for the win. I knew it was close," said Pogacar, who has won two of the first four stages and is the overwhelming favourite for Sunday's finale in the high mountains.

"I was just trying to go all out to the finish and I'm really happy with the win.

"It's a great race and I'm happy to take a second win and I'll go out for another one tomorrow."

Pogacar now has 11 wins this season in just 15 race days.



Brazil cruise past Haiti to re-ignite World Cup campaign

AFP

Matheus Cunha scored twice as Brazil eased past Haiti 3-0 on Friday to breathe life into their World Cup campaign and close in on a spot in the last 32.

After a much-criticised display in their opening 1-1 draw with Morocco, the five-time world champions underlined the gulf in class with outsiders Haiti, who became the first country to exit this World Cup.

Cunha's scruffy goal in Philadelphia gave Brazil the lead midway through the first half, and he struck again as Carlo Ancelotti's side asserted their dominance. Vinicius Junior added a third before the break.

Brazil play Scotland in their final Group C

game in Miami on June 24. Haiti's first World Cup appearance since 1974 will end after they play Morocco in Atlanta.

The Seleccion currently have the edge over Morocco for top spot on goal difference. If they finish first, they would face

the Group F runners-up -- likely to be the Netherlands, Japan or Sweden -- in the next round.

Neymar did not travel with the squad as he continues his recovery from a calf injury, prompting Brazil President Luiz Inacio Lula de Silva to joke he was "working remotely".

As promised Ancelotti made changes after the insipid showing against Morocco, bringing United forward Cunha in for Brentford's Igor Thiago and replacing Roger Ibanez with Danilo at right-back.

Despite a US government ban which has prevented fans travelling from Haiti, the Caribbean nation received loud support from the sizeable Haitian diaspora, which filled roughly half of the 68,324 crowd.

Aggrieved at not coming away with a point from their 1-0 loss to Scotland last week, Haiti coach Sebastien Migne urged his

players to embrace the opportunity to play Brazil at a World Cup. With 77 places separating the nations in the FIFA rankings, Brazil quickly took control and thought they had scored when Raphinha fired home, only for the Barcelona winger to be flagged offside.

It was a sign of what was to come though and Brazil broke the deadlock on 23 minutes.

Cunha sparked the move by winning possession in midfield and, after Vinicius's shot was parried, he reacted quickest to block Hannes Delcroix's clearance to send the ball trickling into the net.

Vinicius and Cunha combined again to double the lead, the former slipping his team-mate in behind the Haiti defence to blast in a powerful left-footed shot as he fell to the ground.

Brazil lost Raphinha to injury but scored a third before half-time as Vinicius ran onto Lucas Paqueta's floated pass and steered through the legs of Johny Placide.

Haiti almost bagged their first World Cup goal in 52 years when Ricardo Ade's glancing header at a corner forced Alisson Becker into a sharp stop, but it was a rare moment of hope.

The introduction of 19-year-old Endrick as Ancelotti turned to his bench triggered huge cheers from Brazil supporters, who nearly had another goal to celebrate when substitute Gabriel Martinelli rattled the crossbar.

Haiti refused to go down without a fight as Alisson made two late saves to preserve Brazil's first clean sheet in seven outings, turning the page on an underwhelming start to the competition.



Brazil's forward #09 Matheus Cunha (C) celebrates with Brazil's forward #07 Vinicius Junior (L) and Brazil's midfielder #20 Lucas Paqueta after scoring his team's second goal



Netherlands dismantle Sweden

5-1 to move top of Group F

Hussain Almaskati

The Netherlands produced a dominant attacking display at Houston Stadium yesterday, sweeping aside Sweden 5-1 in their FIFA World Cup 2026 Group F Matchday 2 clash.

Ronald Koeman's side arrived under pressure after a chaotic 2-2 draw with Japan in their opening game, but responded in emphatic fashion to take control of the group. Sweden, coached by Graham Potter, came into the match off a 5-1 win over Tunisia, yet were undone by a relentless Dutch performance that underlined their attacking depth.

The breakthrough arrived in the 5th minute, when Brian Brobbey opened the scoring after winning an aerial duel and combining in a slick move with Tijjani Reijnders and Cody Gakpo.



Sweden became the first nation in World Cup history to win their opening match by a four-goal margin, only to lose their next game by the same margin



Brobbey is swarmed by Dutch teammates after scoring the opening goal

back delivered a first-time ball into the box, allowing Brobbey to finish clinically and make it 2-0.

Sweden briefly thought they had a route back just before half-time when Gustaf Lagerbielke headed in from a set-piece, but the goal was ruled out for off-

side, leaving the Dutch firmly in control at the break.

The second half began in the same manner. Within minutes of the restart, Dumfries provided his second assist of the match, setting up Cody Gakpo for a simple finish at the back post to

make it 3-0.

Seven minutes later, Gakpo completed his brace. Substitute Cryencio Summerville drove forward and slipped a pass into the forward, who took a touch inside before drilling a low effort into the bottom corner to extend

the lead to 4-0.

Sweden did manage a consolation in the 59th minute through Anthony Elanga, who finished neatly after Alexander Isak split the Dutch defence with a precise through ball from midfield.

However, Oranje had the final say. In the 89th minute, Summerville capped a standout performance by driving through the Swedish defence and firing into the bottom corner to complete the 5-1 scoreline.

The result sends the Netherlands top of Group F heading into the final round of fixtures. Koeman's side will face Tunisia in Kansas City on Friday at 2am (Bahrain time), knowing that even a point will secure qualification for the Round of 32.

Meanwhile, the Swedes face a tougher path as they prepare to meet Japan in their final group match.

Belgium look to rediscover form against resilient Iran



Lukaku carries the ball back to the centre circle after Belgium's equaliser in their Group G opener
Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

Belgium continue their 2026 FIFA World Cup campaign tonight when they face Iran in Group G at the Los Angeles Stadium, with kick-off scheduled for 10pm Bahrain time.

With all four teams level on one point after the opening round of fixtures, victory could prove crucial in the race for a

place in the knockout stages, while defeat would leave either side facing an uphill task.

Belgium began their tournament with a disappointing 1-1 draw against Egypt. After falling behind to a stunning strike from Emam Ashour, the Red Devils were forced to rely on substitute Romelu Lukaku, whose presence helped force an own goal from Mohamed Hany and salvage a point. The result

World Cup Schedule

Today

Time	Match	Group	Venue
7:00 PM	Spain vs Saudi Arabia	H	Atlanta Stadium
10:00 PM	Belgium vs Iran	G	Los Angeles Stadium

Tomorrow

8:00 PM	Argentina vs Austria	J	Dallas Stadium
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(All games in Bahrain time)



Iranian players celebrate after a spirited comeback in their opening match

extended Belgium's winless run at the World Cup to three matches, a stark contrast to the side that won 11 of its previous 13 games in the competition. Despite their status as one of Europe's leading nations, they suffered a group-stage exit at Qatar 2022 before falling in the last 16 at Euro 2024.

Now under head coach Rudi Garcia, Belgium remain a formidable side. Ranked ninth in the world by FIFA, they topped their

qualifying group with 18 points from a possible 24, scoring 29 goals and conceding just seven.

Iran, meanwhile, arrive in Los Angeles after a spirited 2-2 draw with New Zealand. Amir Ghalenoei's side twice came from behind through goals from Ramin Rezaeian and Mohammad Mohebi to earn a valuable point in their opening match.

While Iran have qualified for six World Cups, they have yet to progress beyond the group

stage. Their tournament record stands at three wins from 19 matches, while they have lost seven of their 10 previous World Cup meetings with European opposition.

The build-up to the tournament has also presented challenges. Due to ongoing geopolitical tensions, Iran are required to return to their base in Tijuana after matches played in

the United States, creating an unusual travel schedule during the competition. This will be the first senior international meeting between Belgium and Iran, with the Europeans entering as favourites on paper. Iran, however, showed plenty of character in their opening draw with New Zealand and will believe they can cause problems once again.

Spain under pressure ahead of Saudi Arabia clash

Hussain Almaskati
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Spain continue their 2026 FIFA World Cup campaign tonight when they take on Saudi Arabia in Group H at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, with kick-off scheduled for 7pm Bahrain time.

After being held to a frustrating goalless draw by Cape Verde on Matchday 1, La Roja know they cannot afford another slip-up if they are to take control of their qualification hopes. Despite dominating possession and creating chances, Luis de la Fuente's side were repeatedly denied by an inspired Josimar Dias in the Cape Verde goal.



Saud Al Amri celebrates after putting Saudi Arabia ahead in their opening World Cup match

The result left Group H delicately poised, with all four teams level on one point after the opening round of fixtures.

Spain will still draw confidence from the quality at their disposal. Rodri anchors a midfield that also features the crea-



Lamine Yamal during Spain's Group H opener

tivity of Pedri and Fabián Ruiz, while exciting wingers Lamine Yamal and Nico Williams offer the pace and direct running capable of unsettling even the most

organised defences. Saudi Arabia, meanwhile, arrive buoyed by a disciplined 1-1 draw against Uruguay that briefly lifted them to the top

of the group standings. Under Georgios Donis, who succeeded Hervé Renard earlier this year, the Green Falcons have shown encouraging resilience and organisation.

Much of their attacking threat continues to come through captain Salem Al-Dawsari, whose influence will be vital if the Gulf side are to trouble one of the tournament favourites. However, containing Spain's relentless possession game for long periods presents a very different challenge. History also favours the two-time world champions. Spain have won all three previous meetings between the sides, including a 1-0 victory at the 2006 World Cup.