

## China pushes for global cooperation



H.E. Mr. Ni Ruchi, Chinese Ambassador

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Continuing the series on how 2026 is reshaping the global order, China argues that a multipolar world is taking shape and calls for greater openness, multilateralism, and stronger cooperation with partners including Bahrain. Read the perspective of His Excellency Mr. Ni Ruchi, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Bahrain, on Page 2.

## Five left dead in Tunisia flooding

AFP | Tunis Tunisia

Flooding in Tunisia has killed five people, authorities said, as media reported four others missing yesterday after the country experienced its heaviest rainfall in over 70 years.

Four deaths occurred in the town of Moknine in the Monastir governorate, while a fifth death was reported in Nabeul town, civil defence spokesman Khalil Mechri said.

The National Institute of Meteorology has told AFP that some Tunisian regions had not seen so much rain since 1950.

Tunisia's civil defence said some of the hardest hit regions were Monastir, Nabeul and greater Tunis.

Heavy rain began Monday night and continued until Tuesday night, with showers on Wednesday.

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## Bahrain highlights innovation as economic hub

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Bahrain is showcasing its potential as a competitive and innovative investment hub at the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting 2026 in Davos, Switzerland.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, is leading the Kingdom's high-level delegation on behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The delegation includes His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy and Chairman of Bahrain



The Kingdom's strategic priorities also focus on economic diversification, sustainable growth, and talent development.

Mumtalakat Holding Company, along with senior government officials.



HH Shaikh Isa and H.E. Shaikh Salman at the event

During the forum, held from January 19 to 23 under the theme "A Spirit of Dialogue," Bahrain's delegation is participating in meetings, roundtables and high-level sessions with

global leaders, investors and industry figures.

Discussions will focus on the Kingdom's strategic priorities, including economic diversification, sustainable growth, talent development, innovation and strengthening Bahrain's position as a forward-looking investment destination.

The WEF brings together more than 3,000 leaders from over 130 countries, representing governments, international organisations, multinational companies, emerging innovators, academia and civil society, to address global challenges amid shifting geopolitical, economic and social conditions.

# Driving growth

Nearly 795,000 licensed vehicles were on Bahrain's roads by end of December 2025

● Improper parking makes up between 13% and 14% of recorded violations

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Bahrain had 794,677 licensed vehicles in use on its roads by the end of December last year, according to figures issued by the Ministry of Interior's Police Media Centre.

The data also show heavy travel through the Kingdom's entry points in the final quarter of the year, with about 9.8 million travellers passing through land, air and sea ports between October and December 2025.

Speeding was the most common traffic offence recorded over the same three months, accounting for 23 per cent of violations.

Running a red light followed at between 14 and 15 per cent.

Improper parking made up between 13 and 14 per cent of recorded violations.

Emergency patrol figures indicate that traffic-related cases formed a large share of incidents handled in late 2025.



In October, traffic cases accounted for 30 per cent of total cases dealt with by patrols, compared with 5 per cent recorded as security cases.

### Traffic

In November, the share of traffic cases rose to 36 per cent, while security cases stood at 4

per cent. In December, patrols dealt with 34 per cent traffic cases and 4 per cent security cases.

Injury data from road accidents varied month by month,

with serious injuries forming the largest share throughout.

In October, serious injuries accounted for 63 per cent of all injuries linked to road accidents,

with minor injuries at 30 per cent and deaths at 7 per cent.

In November, serious injuries stood at 49 per cent, minor injuries at 42 per cent and deaths at 9 per cent.

In December, serious injuries accounted for 54 per cent, minor injuries for 38 per cent, and deaths for 8 per cent.

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