

Youth Handballers Beat Jordan for Second Win

A 22-goal win over hosts Jordan sent Bahrain top of Group A on Friday as the national youth side made it two wins from two at the Asian Men's Youth Handball Championship. | P12

Body of missing man found off Salman City coast

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The body of one of two people reported missing at sea was found near the Noorana coast in Salman City following a search operation by the Coast Guard in cooperation with the Police Aviation.

The deceased was identified as Isa Ahmed Mohammed, 41.

Search operations are continuing for the second missing person.

Police arrest suspects in BHD39,000 electronic fraud cases

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The Economic Crimes Directorate has arrested several African and Asian nationals in two separate electronic fraud cases involving about BHD39,000 in allegedly stolen funds, the Ministry of Interior said.

The directorate launched investigations after receiving reports and identified the suspects, who were found to be linked to fraud networks operating outside Bahrain.

Evidence and seized items related to the cases have been secured, with legal procedures under way before the suspects are referred to the Public Prosecution. Suspected fraud should be reported through the Tawasul (My Government) app or 992 hotline.

Turkey issues 'genocide' warrant for Israel's Netanyahu

Ankara, Turkey

Turkey has sought an international arrest warrant for Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accusing him of "genocide" linked to Israel's interception of an aid flotilla for Gaza, the justice minister announced Friday.

Turkey's Justice Minister Akin Gurlek said on X that his ministry had asked the interior ministry to issue interpol red notice alerts for Netanyahu and Afek Moskovitch.



25 years of women rising

Kingdom marks Supreme Council for Women's Silver Jubilee



The Shura Council's Women and Child Affairs Committee

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The Supreme Council for Women (SCW) marks its 25th anniversary today, celebrating a quarter-century of advancing Bahraini women's role in national development and public life.

Established in 2001 under the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the council has helped build the legislative and institutional framework supporting women's participation. This year's Silver Jubilee carries the theme "25 Years at the Heart of the Reform Project" and coincides with the



Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh

Year of Isa the Great.

Women now hold 10 of the 40 seats in the current legislative term, or 25%, a milestone high-



Muharrag Governor Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai

lighted by the Shura Council's Women and Child Affairs Committee as evidence of continued political and institutional empowerment.

Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh and Muharrag Governor Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai praised the SCW's achievements under HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa and its contribution to Bahrain's reform project.

The anniversary also looks ahead, with the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women 2025-2026 focusing on family stability, economic participation, decision-making and quality of life.

Officials said the next phase would focus on sustaining the gains of the past 25 years while strengthening women's impact and leadership.

Bahrain mourns four Al Ramli fire victims

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Funeral prayers were held yesterday at Manama Cemetery for the four victims of the Al Ramli housing fire — 27-year-old mother Ihsan Sharifi and her three children, Nasser Hassan Al Otaifi, 4; Ahmed Hassan Al Otaifi, 3; and eight-month-old Maryam Hassan Al Otaifi.

Family members and mourners gathered to bid a final farewell to the young mother and her children, three days after the fire that shocked Bahrain.

The children's father, Hassan AbdulAl Al Otaifi, was away from the family's apartment when the blaze broke out on Tuesday afternoon.

The fire erupted on the first floor of a multi-storey residential building in Al Ramli Housing. A preliminary examination found that all four victims died from suffocation.

The Public Prosecution has launched an investigation and ordered the apartment to be sealed, while Civil Defence has been tasked with preparing a technical report to establish the cause of the fire and the circumstances surrounding the tragedy.

The deaths have drawn widespread public sympathy and high-level official attention, with condolences offered to Mr Al Otaifi and the Al Otaifi family over the loss of his wife and three children.



Quranic excellence

Bahrain secures second, third places at international Quran competition

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Bahrain secured second and third places at the 46th King Abdulaziz International Quran Competition in Makkah, which brought together 334 contestants from 133 countries.

Amatelrahman Badiea Kolaib took second place in the female category, while Bader Saed Hamed won third place in the male category. Both competed in the competition's second branch, covering memorisa-



tion of the entire Holy Quran, recitation and Tajweed, and

interpretation of Quranic vocabulary.

Judge Shaikh Omar bin Duaij Al Khalifa, Assistant Undersecretary for Islamic Affairs at the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, said the results reflected the high standard of Bahrain's participants in international Quran competitions.

He praised the Quran Affairs Directorate for preparing and supporting contestants and said

continued investment in Quran memorisers would help develop their skills and strengthen Bahrain's performance in international competitions.

The achievement adds to Kolaib's record, following her second-place finish at the Sheikhha Fatima bint Mubarak International Holy Quran Competition in 2023 and first place in the full Quran memorisation category at the 25th Bahrain Grand Quran Award.