

**Edict on labour safety, health**



HRH Prince Salman  
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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday issued Edict No. (5) of 2026 amending certain provisions of Edict No. (2) of 2015 concerning the Occupational Safety and Health Council, following a proposal submitted by the Minister of Labour.

The edict replaces Articles (2) and (3) of the 2015 legislation and sets out a revised structure for the council.

Under the amendments, the council will be chaired by the Minister of Labour, with the Assistant Under-secretary for Labour Relations at the Ministry of Labour serving as vice-chairman.

Council membership will include senior representatives from the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Oil and Environment, the Ministry of Health, the Civil Service Bureau, and the General Organisation for Social Insurance, in addition to representatives from occupational health and safety bodies and trade union federations.

Two additional members, Abdulwahab Yousif Al Hawaj and Samra Abdurrahim Al Qassir, were also appointed.

**Change on marine survey work area**

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The Coast Guard Command at the Ministry of Interior announced a change to the work area of the 3D marine survey project being carried out by Bapco Energies within Bahrain's territorial waters, effective from yesterday until Sunday, February 15.

The Coast Guard called on all sea users, vessel masters and boat operators to follow the instructions.



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# Bahrain reaffirms support for peace

HH Shaikh Isa takes part in Board of Peace charter signing at World Economic Forum

**Trump efforts praised**

**Davos**

Bahrain continues to support international initiatives that promote peace, strengthen sustainable development, and help build a prosperous future for all.

This was emphasised by His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, as he participated in the signing ceremony of the Board of Peace charter, held at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

HH Shaikh Isa is leading the Kingdom's high-level delegation at the event on behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

**Cooperation**

He affirmed that under the leadership of HM the King and in line with the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Bahrain is committed to cooperating with the international community to achieve regional and global peace, stability and progress.

**Ratification**

The Charter was signed by the US President Donald J. Trump, and His Excellency Nasser Bourita, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates of the Kingdom of Morocco, formally



HH Shaikh Isa with participants in the signing of the Board of Peace charter

**“Bahrain appreciates President Trump’s efforts to maintain peace regionally and globally, and the Kingdom hopes the Board of Peace will foster cooperation, support stability, and advance development.”**

- HH SHAIKH ISA BIN SALMAN AL KHALIFA, MINISTER OF THE PRIME MINISTER’S COURT

ratifying the Board of Peace as an international organisation.

Following the signing, representatives of several other countries proceeded to sign the Charter.



His Highness shakes hands with US President Trump

**Efforts**

HH Shaikh Isa highlighted Bahrain's appreciation for President Trump's efforts to maintain peace regionally and globally,

noting the Kingdom's hopes for

the Board of Peace to foster cooperation, support stability and advance development.

His Highness noted Bahrain's commitment to advancing the full implementation of the

peace plan proposed by President Trump regarding the Gaza Strip, which comprises 20 points and underscores the importance of safeguarding the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

**Role**

He commended the role played by the US, alongside its allies, in strengthening security, stability, and peace in the region and the world, thereby supporting development across various sectors.

HH the Minister of the Prime Minister's Court also affirmed the importance of continuing to strengthen the historic bilateral and strategic relationship between Bahrain and the US, noting that the continued growth of this partnership is to the benefit of both nations and their people.

**Over 50 government employees**

## Annual leave extension for senior staff set for debate

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

A plan to give government staff aged 50 and above shorter days and longer annual leave will be debated by the Shura Council on Sunday, after its Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee recommended refusing the draft changes in principle.

The draft law, based on a proposal from Parliament, would amend the Civil Service Law issued under Decree-Law No.

48 of 2010.

It would cut daily working hours in steps linked to age and add extra annual leave.

**Proposal**

Under the proposal, employees who have reached 50 would work one hour less a day and receive 35 working days of annual leave a year.

For those aged 55, the working day would be cut by two hours and annual leave would rise to 40 working days.

For those aged 60, the daily



Dalal Al Zayed, Head of Shura Council's Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee

cut would be three hours, with annual leave rising to 45 working days.

The committee said the changes do not sit with the way Bahrain's civil service rules are built, and raised concerns about equal treatment between employees, the day-to-day running of public services, and the cost to the state.

**Report**

In its report, the committee pointed to constitutional language that treats public employ-

ment as a national service, with duties linked to timekeeping, accuracy and trust.

It also cited the Civil Service Law's approach of setting the main rules in the law, while leaving attendance times, leaving times and leave detail to the executive rules and the decisions and instructions that follow them.

A key objection is that the draft law would split employees by age even where they hold the same grade and do the same job.

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# Autumn Fair marks milestone

36th edition highlights Bahrain's growing stature on global exhibitions and tourism map

● H.E. Al Sairafi opens global event in style

● 600 exhibitors from 24 countries display products

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The Autumn Fair is one of the most prominent events hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain.

This was affirmed by Her Excellency Ms Fatima bint Jaafer Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism.

She notes that its continuity reflects the Kingdom's well-established position on the regional and international exhibitions and conventions tourism map.

## Support

H.E. Al Sairafi praised the significant support extended to the tourism sector by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives and close attention of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, towards developing and advancing the sector.

She noted that this support has contributed to creating an attractive environment for investment and tourism, while strengthening the role of major events as key economic drivers across various sectors.

This came during the Minis-



H.E. Ms Fatima bint Jaafer Al Sairafi presides over the ribbon-cutting ceremony before touring stalls at the venue



ter's inauguration of the 36th edition of the Autumn Fair 2026, which is being held at the Exhibition World Bahrain from January 22-31, 2026, with wide international participation comprising nearly 600 exhibitors from more than 24 countries around the world.

## Platform

Her Excellency explained that

the exhibition represents one of the vital platforms that reflect the spirit of innovation and diversity, by attracting a broad spectrum of exhibitors and visitors from different countries, contributing to the stimulation of commercial activity, the retail and transport sectors, the support of SMEs, and increased occupancy rates at tourism facilities, thereby positively impact-

ing the national economy. She underlined that supporting such events comes within the framework of enhancing cultural and commercial exchange objectives, and providing an ideal environment that helps showcase local products.

H.E. Al Sairafi reaffirmed the commitment to continuing co-operation with all partners to achieve further successes in this year's edition, in a manner that

reflects the Kingdom's leading position as a vibrant economic and tourism hub.

## Journey

For his part, Mr Mohammed Ebrahim, General Manager of Informa Bahrain, the organiser of the exhibition, stated that the organisation of this edition represents an extension of a successful journey spanning more than three decades, dur-



The Autumn Fair is open daily from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm in Halls 2, 3, 5 and 6 at Exhibition World Bahrain. Entry is free of charge, subject to prior registration via the dedicated website: [www.theautumnfair.com](http://www.theautumnfair.com).

ing which the Autumn Fair has cemented its position as one of the oldest and most prominent marketing events in Bahrain, maintaining its annual presence and the trust of its audience.

He noted that the 36th edition marks an important milestone in the fair's history and reflects ongoing development efforts to deliver an integrated event that meets the expectations of both visitors and exhibitors, adding that the scale of international participation and the diversity of activities further reinforce the fair's status as a platform that brings together shopping, entertainment and commercial exchange under one roof.

## Buyer wins court ruling over BD55,500 property deal

Mohammed Darwish  
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A buyer who says he paid BD55,500 in full for two residential flats has secured a High Civil Court ruling ordering the transfer of title after a property investment firm declined to notarise the sale contracts, leaving the units at risk of being swept into enforcement steps against the company.

The court ruled the two contracts valid and enforceable, and ordered the Survey and Land Registration Bureau to register the transactions, issue separate title deeds in the buyer's name for each flat, and hand them over to him.

The firm was ordered to pay court costs and a contribution towards legal fees.

Lawyer Sanad Buccheeri said his client brought urgent proceedings against the company and the Survey and Land Registration Bureau after the firm failed to complete the paperwork needed to document the contracts and transfer ownership, despite repeated requests and full payment.

The buyer said he later discovered enforcement files against the company that included requests to place notes against its properties.

## From Bahrain to Global Stages: Manasa's Journey of Dreams and Resilience

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For the past decade, Manasa Bangalore Ramakrishnaiah has called Bahrain home, but her aspirations have always reached far beyond borders.

Hailing from Bangalore, India, Manasa has spent the last year proving that motherhood and a career are not finish lines, but platforms for growth.

In a whirlwind 2025, she competed in three major international pageants, securing prestigious titles and inspiring women across the region.

Supported by her husband Avik, son Avin, and parents Ramakrishnaiah and Suma, Manasa's achievements include being the 1st Runner-Up for Mrs. India Worldwide 2025 Bahrain, winning the Passion Driven Excellence Award, and earning the

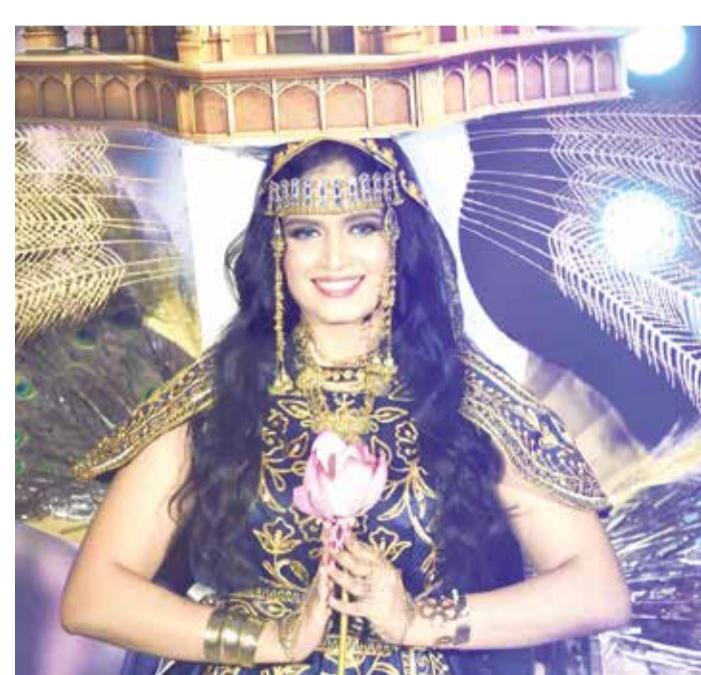
titles of Mrs. India Astral and Mrs. India Earth International.

Her most recent crowning achievement was being named the Mrs. Earth International Fire Winner.

The Daily Tribune sat down with the diva to discuss her journey, her secrets to success, and her plans for the future.

**Q: You manage a full-time job, a home, and motherhood, yet you still found time to win international pageants. How do you manage it all, and what is your secret for other women?**

Manasa: This is the question I am asked most often, and my response is simple: time is always with us to either do something or do nothing. Time management is the ultimate secret to achieving your goals. If your passion requires work beyond a standard 12-hour day, then you have to make that time apart from your regular career or routine. It is about prioritizing what truly matters to you and making those hours count.



Manasa Bangalore Ramakrishnaiah makes India and Bahrain proud

**Q: Competing in three major international pageants in a single year is a massive feat. What was the hardest part about competing globally, and how did this experience change you?**

Manasa: Exploring and challenging myself led me to aim for international dreams while grabbing opportunities to show my ability to compete among talented participants across the globe. The hardest part is the mental battle; when you start comparing yourself with other contestants, you can feel less skilled. At that point, you must

hold on strongly and tell yourself that you are good in your own ways. Each experience made me more confident and stronger as my sincere efforts were validated and acknowledged.

**Q: You won awards for talent, creativity, and interview skills. Which one are you most proud of, and how did you stand out?**

Manasa: I am so proud to be acknowledged in my interests by the judge panel. The most rewarding moment was winning the best in the Interview round while competing against differ-

ent countries. This round was purely on individual skill and verbal strength, which I believe is a very important quality for any individual to have in their life.

**Q: What is your message to girls and women who feel they are "too busy" or that it's "too late" to chase their dreams?**

Manasa: The mind is the only organ which can make you feel busy or old. It is our mind that must be instructed to say that you are free and you are young enough to do anything at any stage of life. Women are a non-stop mechanism with the strength to multitask and fulfill dreams alongside a regular routine. So, never stop dreaming and fulfilling those aspirations.

**Q: After a successful 2025, what are your big plans for 2026?**

Manasa: Inspiration comes when you start experiencing it yourself. For me, it is not about fame but a goal to fulfill with hard work resulting in self-growth. 2025 was a big deal, registering back-to-back competitions and living with challenges every minute. In 2026, I want to reach out to as many people as possible as a motivational speaker. I want to say to everyone: "When I can do it, then everyone can definitely do it." We can give excuses for not doing things, but once you start, you tend to do more.

# Seniors 'priority'

A haven for elderly citizens where dignity, care, and community meet

**Ghadeer Alkumaish**  
TDT | Manama

The Al Alali Day Care Center for Parents, established by the A'ali Social Charity Society on government-granted land in Al Alali, will provide seniors with daily care, social activities, and healthcare services, aiming to preserve their dignity and support local families upon its opening.

Amid Bahrain's demographic changes and the growing number of seniors, the center addresses the urgent need for specialized day care that allows elderly citizens to live actively while easing the burden on their families.

Valued at BD550,000, the project reflects a combination of humanitarian care and sustainable planning led by the society.

#### Experience

Unlike conventional shelters, the center will offer a comprehensive daily experience, including cultural and social activities, light fitness sessions, primary healthcare, and spaces for relaxation, conversation, and shared hobbies.



A group of community leaders and social workers from the Al Alali area during the event



Construction is still underway at The Al Alali Day Care Center for Parents

**The project reflects a combination of humanitarian care and sustainable planning led by the society.**

According to the Ministry of Social Development, day care centers in Bahrain serve hundreds daily.

In the Southern Governorate, around 856 seniors benefit from similar services, highlighting the growing importance of such

support.

#### Model

The A'ali Social Charity Society describes the Al Alali Day Care Center as a model of corporate social responsibility, delivering a tangible and lasting

impact, linking supporting entities to meaningful programs, and serving a socially respected demographic.

More than a building, the center will be a haven where seniors can enjoy their days with dignity, companionship, and joy, returning home enriched, happy, and cared for a concrete example of how community initiatives can positively transform the lives of seniors in Bahrain.

## Shura debate on stricter rules for external auditors

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

Fines of up to BD100,000, licence limits and compulsory retraining could be added to the penalties available against external auditors under amendments due before the Shura Council on Sunday, as Bahrain moves to update the rules that govern the profession.

It will debate a report by its Financial and Economic Affairs Committee recommending approval, in principle, of changes to Decree-Law No. 15 of 2021 on external auditors, issued alongside Decree No. 76 of 2025.

The Shura Council's Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee has said the draft is sound in constitutional and legal terms, and lower chamber has already issued a decision on the bill.

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce said the



Khalid Al Maskati

amendments rest on Article 87 of the Constitution, arguing the case meets the test of urgent necessity because delays in updating audit oversight could affect Bahrain's international obligations.

It linked the bill to work aimed at strengthening corporate governance transparency and efforts against money laundering and terrorist financing, saying the changes seek to lift audit quality and improve how financial reporting is governed, in line with global best practice.

His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, received Abdullah Ali Al Yahya, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait, and the accompanying delegation, on the occasion of the convening of the Bahraini-Kuwaiti Joint Supreme Committee. The meeting was attended by H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs; H.E. Salah Ali Al Malki, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to Kuwait; H.E. Shaikh Nasser bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior; and H.E. Major General Dr. Shaikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Deputy Chief of Police. H.E. General Shaikh Rashid expressed his aspiration for further cooperation and joint coordination.

## Bahrain-Kuwait cooperation



## Focus on sports professionalism

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

Federations would get clear control over professionalism rules, contracts and player transfers under amendments the Shura Council debates on Sunday, shifting the system's top rule-making to the President of the General Sports Authority.

The Youth Committee has recommended approval of Decree-Law No. 40 of 2025, which amends Law No. 8 of 2021 on sports professionalism. It says the changes recognise federations' technical independence while keeping one overall framework for the sport.



A vibrant cultural performance

**Hala Bira Festival in the Philippines celebrates culture, music, food, and vibrant traditions.**

lo, one of the Philippines' most iconic cultural events. The event will further feature over 30 food and retail bazaar stalls, showcasing Filipino cuisine, products, and businesses, alongside live performances by talented

## Institute owner faces detention

● For issuing fake academic certificates

**Rehab Mohammad**  
TDT | Manama

The Public Prosecution has ordered the detention of the owner of a private institute pending investigation after he was accused of issuing forged academic certificates and operating an unlicensed educational institution.

The Head of the Cyber-crime Prosecution said the case began after the Ministry of Education reported the discovery of fake academic certificates issued to employees of several educational institutions.

Investigations revealed that the institute did not have a license to carry out educational activities or issue academic qualifications.

The prosecution ordered the arrest of the institute's owner, an Asian national who was managing the facility, and carried out an inspection of the premises in coordination with officers from the General Directorate for Anti-Corruption, Economic and Electronic Security, as well as the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

## Stage set for Hala Bira Festival 2026

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The Filipino community in Bahrain is set to welcome the Hala Bira Festival 2026, with its Opening Ceremonies scheduled on January 29, 2026, at 4:00 PM at the Oasis Mall, Juffair Outdoor Area.

The event marks the official opening of a three-day celebration honoring Filipino culture, heritage, creativity, and community spirit.

An annual cultural highlight, the Hala Bira Festival brings together thousands of attendees through vibrant cultural performances, live entertainment, food and retail bazaars, and community-centered activities.

The festival promotes unity, entrepreneurship, creativity, and Filipino pride among overseas Filipinos in Bahrain.

This year's festival celebrates the Dinagyang Festival of Ilo-

Filipino artists based in Bahrain. The Hala Bira Festival 2026 is organized by BrandME Events, a women-led events and marketing collective in Bahrain known for creating meaningful, culture-driven experiences.

# BCCI recognises Sectoral Committees' contributions to private sector

Created a supportive business environment



## Praised the national competencies and expertise within the committees

Manama

Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Sameer Nass, expressed his appreciation to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for his continued support of economic development and the strengthening of partnership with the private sector. He also commended the support of the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain, along with the cooperation of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and relevant authorities, which contributed to creating a supportive business environment and enabled the sectoral committees to perform their roles efficiently. This came during a ceremony recognizing the efforts of the ten sectoral committees on the occasion of concluding their work for the 30th administrative cycle (2022–2026) and the achievements realized during this period.



Nass affirmed that the 30th cycle marked a pivotal milestone for the Chamber, marking a mid-global economic challenges, highlighting how the sectoral committees turned obstacles into opportunities that strengthened the business environment and private sector competitiveness. He credited this success to the support of the Board of Directors, institutional integration, and teamwork, which reinforced the Chamber's role as a strategic partner in economic development.

He praised the national competencies and expertise within the committees, noting their role in developing initiatives and economic proposals that drive growth and sustainability. These committees act as the Chamber's advisory and specialized arm, addressing sectoral challenges and opportunities in line with its strategic vision and Bahrain's development priorities.

Nass added that the Chamber restructured the committees according to international best practices, reducing their number from 28 to 10 to unify efforts and enhance efficiency. This allowed them to better monitor challenges and propose practical solutions, including key economic issues such as commercial fees.

**High-quality recommendations**

Vice Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Khalid Najibi stated that the sectoral committees have consolidated their role as an advisory body supporting economic decision-making through insights and recommendations that reflect sector realities and anticipate future trends. He noted that the annual sectoral committees conference represents a continuation of the Chamber's efforts to provide government entities with high-quality recommendations that promote market stability, growth, and sustainability. He also expressed his appreciation to the chairpersons and members of the committees for their voluntary efforts and strong

sense of national responsibility, which positively reflected on performance and outcomes during this cycle.

Second Vice Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Mohammed AlKooheji, emphasized that the sectoral committees serve as an effective link between private sector aspirations and government programs through well-considered recommendations that support development. He stressed the importance of strengthening public-private partnerships to transform these recommendations into implementable policies and initiatives, enhancing their tangible impact. He also commended the dedication of committee members, whose voluntary contributions were reflected in the quality of results achieved during the 30th cycle.

## Strategic investment

Meanwhile, Vice Treasurer and Head of the Steering Committee of the Bahrain Chamber,

Waleed Kanoo, noted that the committees have achieved tangible results since launching their action plans in July 2022. These efforts included submitting numerous recommendations to government entities and holding coordination meetings with relevant stakeholders, contributing to addressing challenges faced by small traders and small and medium-sized enterprises.

Kanoo concluded that empowering the sectoral committees represents a strategic investment in the future of the national economy, as it enhances sector competitiveness and productivity. He expressed his aspiration to continue this approach in the coming phase to expand achievements and maximize developmental impact, supporting sustainable economic growth in the Kingdom of Bahrain through partnership and integration among all stakeholders.

# US touts 'New Gaza' filled with luxury real estate

## Within 10 years, the territory's GDP would be \$10 billion

## Kushner promised a Mediterranean utopia rising from the scarred Gaza landscape

## Kushner said the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza (NCAG) had enlisted help from Israeli real estate developer Yakir Gabay

AFP | Davos, Switzerland

US officials yesterday presented their vision for a "New Gaza" that would turn the shattered

territory into a glitzy resort of skyscrapers by the sea, saying the transformation could emerge in three years.

The war in Gaza, sparked by Hamas's October 2023 attack on Israel, left much of the Palestinian territory damaged or destroyed and forced most of its residents to flee their homes.

"We're going to be very successful in Gaza. It's going to be a great thing to watch," President Donald Trump said while presenting his controversial "Board of Peace" conflict-resolution body in Davos.

"I'm a real estate person at heart... and I

said, look at this location on the sea. Look at this beautiful piece of property. What it could be for so many people," he said at the World Economic Forum.

His son-in-law Jared Kushner, who has no official title but is one of Trump's envoys for the Gaza ceasefire, said his "master plan" aimed for "catastrophic success".

With a slide showing dozens of shiny terraced apartment towers overlooking a tree-lined promenade, he promised a Mediterranean utopia rising from the scarred Gaza landscape.

"In the Middle East they build cities like this, you know for two or three million people, they build this in three years," Kushner said.

"And so stuff like this is very doable if we make it happen."

He touted investments of at least \$25 billion to rebuild destroyed infrastructure and public services.

Within 10 years, the territory's GDP would be \$10 billion, and households would enjoy average

income of \$13,000 a year thanks to "100-percent full employment and opportunity for everybody there", he said.

"It could be a hope. It could be a destination, have a lot of industry and really be a place that the people there can thrive."

## 'Amazing' opportunities

Kushner said the so-called National Committee for the Administration of Gaza (NCAG) had enlisted help from Israeli real estate developer Yakir Gabay.

"He's volunteered to do this not for profit, really because of his heart he wants to do this," Kushner said.

"So the next 100 days, we're going to continue to just be heads down and focused on making sure this is implemented."

Trump had earlier in the conflict floated his vision of turning Gaza into a "Riviera of the Middle East", sparking outrage around the world.

Notably absent from Kushner's presentation was Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, whose country had spearheaded in 2025 a reconstruction plan for Gaza supported by Arab nations and welcomed by the European Union.

According to a brief statement from his office, Sisi flew home at dawn on Thursday, hours after he and Trump exchanged praise in a tête-à-tête, with the US president calling him "a great leader, a great guy".

Ali Shaath, Gaza's recently appointed administrator under Trump's "Board of Peace", has said the Egyptian plan was the "foundation" of his committee's reconstruction project.

A top UN official warned this month that Gazans were living in "inhumane" conditions even as the US-backed truce entered its second phase.

Entire neighbourhoods, hospitals and schools have been heavily damaged or destroyed, forcing hundreds of thousands of people to live in makeshift shelters.

Kushner said 85% of Gaza's economic output had been aid

for a long time.

"That's not sustainable. It doesn't give these people dignity. It doesn't give them hope," he said.

"We'll announce a lot of the contributions that will be made in a couple of weeks in Washington," he said.

"There'll be amazing investment opportunities."



As of 2023, the population of the Gaza Strip was estimated at about 2.23 million people—a figure commonly cited by demographic sources like Britannica and UN-linked estimates

## News in brief

◆ **The death toll from** mall fire in Pakistan's biggest city rose to at least 55 people on Thursday, with rescuers in Karachi still searching for more missing in the devastating inferno. Investigators are yet to announce what caused the fire, five days after the blaze gutted the three-storey Gul Plaza. "A total of 55 bodies have been recovered since Saturday night," said Javed Nabi Khoso, deputy commissioner of Karachi's southern district. Families have criticised the slow pace of the recovery operation, with more than 50 giving DNA samples in the hope of finding their missing relatives. "We will hand over the bodies to the family, once DNA samples are matched," health official Summaiya Syed told journalists on Wednesday. Faraz Ali, whose father and 26-year-old brother were inside the mall, told AFP he wants "the bodies to be recovered and handed over to their rightful families".



**Death toll in  
Pakistan mall fire  
rises to at least 55**

◆ **Japan suspends restart of world's biggest nuclear plant**

Japan's largest nuclear power plant was suspended in Japan yesterday, with the operator saying it does not know when the problem would be solved. The Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant in Niigata province had been closed since the 2011 Fukushima disaster, but operations to relaunch it had begun on Wednesday after it received the final green light from the nuclear regulator. However, its operator the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) said Thursday that "an alarm from the monitoring system... sounded during the reactor startup procedures", causing it to suspend operations. "We don't expect this to be solved within a day or two. There is no telling at the moment how long it will take," site superintendent Takeyuki Inagaki told a news conference. "We will now fully focus on trying to identify the cause of what happened," he said.

◆ **Talks to end the war in Ukraine** have made "a lot of progress" and are "down to one issue" between Kyiv and Moscow, US special envoy Steve Witkoff said on Thursday ahead of a trip to Russia. "I think we've got it down to one issue, and we have discussed iterations of that issue, and that means it's solvable. So if both sides want to solve this, we're going to get it solved," Witkoff said at a Ukrainian event on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Davos. Asked by AFP for details about the remaining issue, Witkoff declined to comment, saying he would talk after his trip. President Donald Trump's envoy will travel to the Russian capital later on Thursday with the US leader's son-in-law Jared Kushner. Witkoff said the pair would not stay in the Russian capital overnight and would fly straight to Abu Dhabi, where talks would continue in "military to military" working groups. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in December there were two main sticking points in a draft plan being negotiated with the United States.

**Trump envoy  
says Ukraine-  
Russia talks 'down  
to one issue'**



## SPOTLIGHT

### 'Sinners' breaks all-time Oscars record with 16 nominations



(L/R) US actors Lewis Pullman, Danielle Brooks, British producer Lynette Howell Taylor and Bill Kramer, CEO of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences pose for pictures during the 98th Academy Awards nominations announcement at the Samuel Goldwyn Theatre in Beverly Hills, California.

**Los Angeles, United States**

Vampire period horror film "Sinners" smashed the all-time Oscars record with 16 nominations, the Academy announced yesterday.

The blues-inflected drama set in the 1930s segregated US South from director Ryan Coogler scored nominations in nearly every category possible, including best picture.

It blasted past the previous record of 14, jointly held by "All About Eve," "Titanic" and "La La Land."

The tally included a best actor nomination for Michael B. Jordan, who plays twins battling supernatural forces and racists, as well as nods for

everything from screenplay to score.

"Sinners" also picked up a nomination for best casting, the first new category to be added to Hollywood's most prestigious awards in more than two decades.

"One Battle After Another" came second with 13 nods including best actor for Leonardo DiCaprio.

The top two films both came from Warner Bros, the movie studio that is currently the target of a bidding war between Netflix and Paramount.

"Frankenstein," "Marty Supreme," and "Sentimental Value" each bagged nine nominations, while "Hamnet" secured eight.

# Trump unveils Board of Peace, 'New Gaza' plans at Davos

Countries have been asked to pay \$1 billion for permanent membership

● Key US allies including France and Britain have expressed doubts

● A large part of the ceremony was devoted to talking about its plans for shattered Gaza

● Trump said he expected around 50 countries to join

● Gaza's newly appointed administrator said in a video message that the Rafah border crossing between Egypt and the Gaza Strip will reopen in both directions next week.

**AFP | Davos, Switzerland**

US President Donald Trump unveiled his new Board of Peace at Davos yesterday, casting himself again as a global peacemaker despite widespread scepticism over a plan that aims to rewrite the global order.

Trump officials also unveiled ambitious plans for a "New Gaza" during the ceremony at the World Economic Forum, with the US leader describing the devastated Palestinian territory as "great real estate."

The board was created after Trump expressed frustration at failing to win the Nobel Peace Prize and ramped up his accusations that the United Nations had failed to resolve a host of international conflicts.

"Well this is exciting," Trump said as he was joined on stage by leaders and officials from 19 countries to sign the Board of Peace's founding charter in the Swiss ski resort.

"This board has the chance to be one of the most consequential bodies ever created," he said.

The Board of Peace, of which Trump is the chairman, was initially designed to oversee the Gaza truce and the reconstruc-



US President Donald Trump holds a signed founding charter at the "Board of Peace" meeting during the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting in Davos

tion of the strip after the war between Hamas and Israel.

But its purpose has since morphed into resolving all sorts of international conflicts, sparking concerns that the US president wants to create a rival to the UN.

However, countries have been asked to pay \$1 billion for permanent membership of the board.

And the invitation for Russia's Vladimir Putin, whose country invaded Ukraine in 2022, has sparked controversy.

#### Gaza 'master plan'

Key US allies including France and Britain have expressed doubts, with London saying Thursday it would not attend the ceremony.

Trump however told the gathering of the global elite in the Swiss mountain resorts that the organisation would work "in conjunction" with the United Nations.

A large part of the ceremony was devoted to talking about its plans for shattered Gaza.

Gaza's newly appointed administrator said in a video message that the Rafah border crossing between Egypt and the Gaza Strip will reopen in both directions next week.

"The 1951 agreement will get renegotiated," the source said.

The defence agreement, updated in 2004, already gives Washington freedom to ramp up its troop deployments, pro-

vided it informs the authorities

the full extent of its membership remains unclear.

Egypt said President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi had accepted Trump's invitation to join but he was not on stage.

Trump meanwhile said Putin had agreed to join, though the Russian leader said he was still studying the invite.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who met Trump at Davos on Thursday, has also been invited but has said that he could not envisage working alongside arch-foe Putin.

Trump said yesterday he was hopeful of a deal soon to end Russia's invasion of Ukraine -- which he admits he thought would be the easiest conflict to resolve but has proved the hardest.



**Donald Trump was the first United States president to take office without having previously held elected public office or served in the military.**

# US, Denmark to renegotiate 1951 Greenland defence pact: source

**AFP | Davos, Switzerland**

The United States and Denmark will renegotiate a 1951 defence pact on Greenland, a source familiar with talks between President Donald Trump and NATO chief Mark Rutte told AFP Thursday.

The source said that European allies would also step up Arctic

security, but insisted that placing American bases on Greenland under US sovereignty had not been discussed.

"The 1951 agreement will get renegotiated," the source said.

The defence agreement, updated in 2004, already gives Washington freedom to ramp up its troop deployments, pro-

vided it informs the authorities

in Denmark and Greenland in advance.

The US currently has one base on Greenland -- the Pituffik Space Base on the northwest of the island that constitutes a crucial link in the US missile defence system.

Trump on Wednesday announced a framework deal after talks with Rutte at the

World Economic Forum in Davos, but the details of the purported agreement remained vague.

Rutte said on Thursday one "work stream" to emerge from the meeting was "that we ensure that the Chinese and the Russians will not gain access to the Greenland economy" or militarily.

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In a coronation ceremony, Zhu Yuanzhang, aged 40, ascends to the throne of China as the Hongwu Emperor, initiating Ming Dynasty rule over China that lasts for three centuries

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Shaanxi Earthquake, the deadliest ever recorded, kills 830,000 in Shaanxi Province, China



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Delighted to announce the extension of the @WHO-@ Novartis memorandum of understanding, continuing the provision of free multidrug therapy for #leprosy treatment and expanding support to include funding for single-dose rifampicin for post-exposure prophylaxis.

@DrTedros

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Deeply anguished by the mishap in Doda, in which we have lost our brave army personnel. Their service to the nation will be remembered forever. May the injured recover at the earliest. All possible support is being provided to those affected.

@narendramodi

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We will not tolerate any violation. This morning, the French Navy boarded an oil tanker coming from Russia, subject to international sanctions and suspected of flying a false flag. The operation was conducted on the high seas in the Mediterranean, with the support of several of our allies. It was carried out in strict compliance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. A judicial investigation has been opened. The vessel has been diverted.

@EmmanuelMacron

# Iran Guards chief says 'finger on trigger'

Warns US against 'miscalculations'

● Trump has repeatedly left open the option of new military action

● Iranian authorities on Wednesday said 3,117 people were killed

● Rights groups say the heavy toll was caused by security forces firing directly on protesters

● Actual number of those killed could be far higher and even extend to over 20,000

AFP | Paris, France



Media representatives walking past the parked buses that were burnt at a depot during recent public protests, in Tehran

The commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guards yesterday warned Israel and the US against "miscalculations" in the wake of mass protests, saying the force had its "finger on the trigger".

US President Donald Trump has repeatedly left open the option of new military action against the Islamic republic after Washington backed and joined Israel's 12-day war in June.

A fortnight of protests starting in late December shook the clerical leadership under supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, but the movement has petered out in the face of a crackdown that activists say has left thousands dead.

Guards commander General Mohammad Pakpour warned Israel and the United States "to avoid any miscalculations, by learning from historical experiences and what they learned in the 12-day imposed war, so that they do not face a more painful and regrettable fate".

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and dear Iran have their finger on the trigger, more prepared than ever, ready to carry out the orders and measures of the supreme commander-in-chief -- a leader dearer than their own lives," he said, referring to Khamenei.

His comments came in a written statement quoted by state television marking the national day in Iran to celebrate the

Guards, a force whose mission is to protect the 1979 Islamic revolution from internal and external threats.

Pakpour took over as Guards commander last year after his predecessor Hossein Salami was one of several key military figures killed in an Israeli strike during the 12-day war, losses which revealed Israel's deep intelligence penetration of the Islamic republic.

Giving their first official toll from the protests, Iranian authorities on Wednesday said 3,117 people were killed.

The statement from the Islamic republic's foundation for martyrs and veterans sought to draw a distinction between

"martyrs", who it said were members of security forces and innocent bystanders, and what it described as "rioters" backed by the US.

Of its toll of 3,117, it said 2,427 people were martyrs.

However, rights groups say the heavy toll was caused by security forces firing directly on protesters and that the actual number of those killed could be far higher and even extend to over 20,000.

Speaking at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Israeli President Isaac Herzog said "the future for the Iranian people can only be in a regime change", adding that "the Ayatollah regime is in quite a fragile situation".

## YouTuber IShowSpeed hits 50 million subscribers in Nigeria on Africa tour

AFP | Lagos, Nigeria

US YouTuber IShowSpeed visited Nigeria's cultural and economic capital Lagos as part of his African tour on Wednesday, where he celebrated his 21st birthday by hitting 50 million subscribers.

The YouTube and Twitch star kicked off on December 29, travelling through some 15 countries across Africa and drawing crowds at every stop.

Rolling Stone magazine named him the Most Influential Creator of 2025 while Forbes estimates his net worth at \$20 million.

IShowSpeed began his Lagos visit at the bustling Balogun Market in the Lagos Island district, where crowds heckled him and asked for money.

"What are they saying? It's



US YouTuber and online streamer Darren Jason Watkins Jr, better known as IShowSpeed (C) broadcasts to his followers during an event at the Admiralty Mall in Lagos

like they're speaking English, but a different kind of English," the influencer, surrounded by

bodyguards, remarked as he quickly left the market.

At Freedom Park, located on

the site of a former prison, he jumped at the spicy kick of his first bite of jollof rice before heading to the Nike Art Gallery -- a must-see for every celebrity and high-ranking political figure who comes to Lagos.

"IShowSpeed is showcasing the culture, relationships, cultural differences and food," Stephen Oluwafisayomi, a 24-year-old YouTuber known as Stevosky, told AFP at Freedom Park.

"He wants Americans to see Africa as a place they can also come to," he added.

At around 6:00 pm (1700 GMT) IShowSpeed, who was celebrating his birthday, stopped his security convoy at the side of the road to watch his YouTube channel hit 50 million subscribers and proceeded to shove his face into a cake for the occasion.

### Oscar best picture nominees

Los Angeles, United States

The following are the nominees for the best picture Oscar, which will be handed out on March 15 in Hollywood:

- "Bugonia"
- "Fl"
- "Frankenstein"
- "Hamnet"
- "Marty Supreme"
- "One Battle After Another"

- "The Secret Agent"
- "Sentimental Value"
- "Sinners"
- "Train Dreams"

### Oscar best director nominees

Paul Thomas Anderson, "One Battle After Another"

Ryan Coogler, "Sinners" Josh Safdie, "Marty Supreme" Joachim Trier, "Sentimental Value" Chloe Zhao, "Hamnet"

### Oscar best actor nominees

Timothee Chalamet, "Marty Supreme" Leonardo DiCaprio, "One Battle After Another"

Ethan Hawke, "Blue Moon" Michael B. Jordan, "Sinners" Wagner Moura, "The Secret Agent"

### Oscar best actress nominees

Jessie Buckley, "Hamnet"

Rose Byrne, "If I Had Legs I'd Kick You" Kate Hudson, "Song Sung Blue"

Renate Reinsve, "Sentimental Value" Emma Stone, "Bugonia"

### Oscar best international film nominees

- "The Secret Agent" (Brazil)
- "It Was Just an Accident" (France)
- "Sentimental Value" (Norway)
- "Sirat" (Spain)
- "The Voice of Hind Rabab" (Tunisia)

### Oscar best supporting actor nominees

Benicio Del Toro, "One Battle After Another" Jacob Elordi, "Frankenstein" Delroy Lindo, "Sinners" Sean Penn, "One Battle After Another" Stellan Skarsgård, "Sentimental Value"

**Bahrain Civil Defense Launches Interactive Platform at Seef Mall**

To mark World Civil Defense Day 2026, Brigadier General Pilot Ali Mohammed Al-Kubaisi inaugurated an interactive information platform at Seef Mall. Held under the theme "Managing Environmental Risks for a Resilient and Sustainable Future," the event runs till tomorrow from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM. The platform features diverse programs, including an awareness exhibition by the Administrative Affairs Department that utilizes artificial intelligence for interactive children's games. Visitors can meet the character "Ghaith," view specialized vehicles, and explore a dedicated coloring section. Additionally, the Protection and Safety Department is showcasing new electronic services to simplify public access to civil defense procedures. The Civil Defense School is also providing live demonstrations on first aid and safety equipment.

**Lebanese Interior Minister Praises Bahrain's Security and Rehabilitation Initiatives**

Lebanon's Minister of Interior and Municipalities, H.E. Ahmed Al-Hajjar, visited Bahrain's Open Prisons Complex and the Royal Police Academy as part of an official visit. Accompanied by Chief of Police Lieutenant General Tariq bin Hassan Al-Hassan, the Minister was briefed on the Kingdom's alternative sentencing project and its success in rehabilitating inmates through education and modern training programs. During his tour of the Open Prisons Complex, Al-Hajjar inspected state-of-the-art residential and educational facilities designed for the gradual reintegration of beneficiaries into society. At the Royal Police Academy, he explored academic programs and scientific research aimed at qualifying security personnel to the highest international standards. The Minister also reviewed the global achievements of the Ministry of Interior's Military Step Measurement Stick Team.

**Her Highness Sheikha Noura Opens +973 Pop-up Exhibition at The Avenues**

Under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Noura, daughter of HH Sheikh Abdullah bin Isa Al Khalifa, the third edition of the +973 pop-up exhibition launched Wednesday at The Avenues - Bahrain. Organized by the Artizana 973+ project and supported by the National Bank of Kuwait, the event runs until January 27, showcasing Bahraini talent in fashion, accessories, and perfumes. Her Highness Sheikha Noura praised the leadership's vision for a diversified economy and commended Tamkeen for its role in fostering an ideal investment environment. She highlighted +973 as the Kingdom's first non-profit incubator for young innovators. Chairperson Sheikha Dr. Mai bint Sulaiman Al-Otaibi and NBK-Bahrain CEO Ali Fardan emphasized that the partnership aims to empower youth with the tools to excel in the national market.

**Indian School Bahrain Secures Seven Prestigious CBSE Gulf Sahodaya Awards**

Sreya Manoj



Joel Sabu



Aradhya Kanodathil



Ishika Pradeep



Devavrath Jeevan

The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) has reinforced its academic excellence by winning seven prestigious awards from CBSE Gulf Sahodaya for the 2024-2025 examinations. The honors were announced during the 38th Annual Principals' Conference in Kochi, where ISB Principal VR Palaniswamy received the awards on behalf of the institution. Sreya Manoj emerged as the Overall Gulf Topper in Class XII with an outstanding 98.8% (494/500). Other top performers included Joel Sabu, who became the First Bahrain Topper in Science, and Aradhya Kanodathil and Ishika Pradeep, who secured top Bahrain rankings in Commerce and Humanities respectively. In Class X, Devavrath Jeevan led the school as the Third Bahrain Topper. The ISB Executive Committee, including Hon. Chairman Adv. Binu Mannil Varughese and Hon. Secretary V. Rajapandian, congratulated the students, teachers, and parents for their collective dedication in maintaining the school's legacy of academic distinction.



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# CAMPUS

## Kuwait Ministry of Higher Education and RCSI Medical University of Bahrain Discuss Expanding Academic Collaboration

Manama

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) - Medical University of Bahrain welcomed His Excellency Dr Bader H. Albusairi, Undersecretary of the Kuwait Ministry of Higher Education, and His Excellency Professor Mohamed D. Aldughaim, Kuwaiti Cultural Attaché, Embassy of the State of Kuwait to the Kingdom of Bahrain, to explore avenues for expanding the existing academic collaboration between both institutions.

The delegation was received by Professor Sameer Otoom, President of RCSI Medical University of Bahrain, together with



members of the University's senior leadership and academic team. Discussions focused on future opportunities to further develop this collaboration, in support of strengthening healthcare systems and advancing national and regional health priorities.

Commenting on the visit, His Excellency Dr Bader H. Albu-

sairi said: "The relationship between the Kuwait Ministry of Higher Education and RCSI Medical University of Bahrain is founded on a strong and enduring academic partnership. We value the outcomes achieved through this collaboration and look forward to expanding it to include other programmes, in

line with our shared objective of supporting high-quality healthcare education and workforce development."

His Excellency Professor Mohamed D. Aldughaim, Kuwaiti Cultural Attaché, shared: "We value the constructive and longstanding relationship with the leadership and staff of RCSI

Medical University of Bahrain. The professionalism, openness and responsiveness demonstrated by the University contribute positively to the development of Kuwaiti students and reinforce the strength of this partnership."

Professor Otoom highlighted: "RCSI Medical University of Bahrain extends its thanks to the Kuwait Ministry of Higher Education and the Kuwait Cultural Office for their continued engagement and support. This partnership reflects a shared vision to develop skilled healthcare professionals who contribute to sustainable progress and improved patient care in Kuwait and beyond."

## American University of Bahrain Launches Doctor of Business Administration Programme

Manama

The American University of Bahrain hosted a special event to announce the launch of its Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) program, attended by a distinguished group of senior executives, company leaders, professionals, and individuals seeking to pursue advanced studies in business administration.

The event formed part of the University's broader initiative to introduce the program, outline its academic structure and objectives, and engage experienced professionals interested in advancing their leadership and strategic capabilities through doctoral-level study.

The event commenced with an address by Prof. Hanan Nasar, Associate Provost at AUBH, who welcomed attendees and



highlighted the significance of the program within the University's academic portfolio. The address emphasized that the DBA program aligns with AUBH's strategic direction to deliver high-quality academic offerings that respond to the aspirations of professionals and the evolving demands of the labor market, while reinforcing the University's role in developing leaders

capable of creating sustainable impact in the fields of business and management.

"The DBA program represents a strategic addition to the University's postgraduate offerings and reflects our focus on providing advanced academic pathways tailored to senior professionals and decision-makers. Designed in line with global business developments, the pro-

gram equips graduates with the insight and capability required to address complex organizational challenges across local, regional, and international environments." Said Prof. Hanan Nasar.

Furthermore, Dr. Fatema Alaali, Dean of the College of Business and Management, delivered a presentation outlining the structure of the DBA

program. The presentation highlighted that the program is designed for experienced professionals and is grounded in applied research that addresses real-world business challenges. This approach enables participants to develop leadership and strategic expertise, enhance analytical capabilities, and create meaningful impact within their organizations and wider communities, while preparing thought leaders capable of delivering measurable outcomes in professional environments.

The event featured an interactive panel discussion followed by a structured Q&A session, providing attendees with the opportunity to engage in academic dialogue with faculty members and representatives from the admissions and registration teams, exchange perspectives, and foster professional connections.

## Kites of Hope and Knowledge: BIS Celebrates Basant Panchami

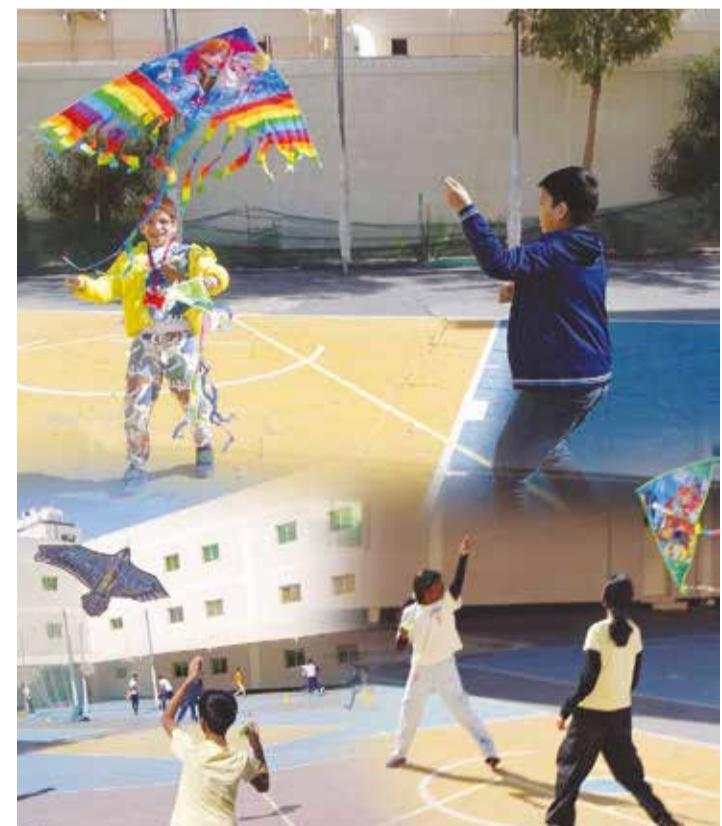
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Bhavans- Bahrain Indian School (BIS) marked the auspicious festival of Basant Panchami, a celebration symbolizing education, knowledge, wisdom, and new beginnings, with vibrant enthusiasm and cultural pride. Observed under the inspiring theme "Dream Big, Fly High," the event beautifully blended tradition with creativity, reflecting the institution's commitment to holistic education. Basant Panchami, heralds the arrival of spring and inspires learners to pursue excellence with curiosity and confidence. The highlight of the celebration was kite flying, symbolizing freedom of thought, ambition, and the limitless potential of young minds. As colorful kites soared high in the sky, they mirrored the aspirations of students encouraged to dream boldly and reach beyond boundaries.

Adding to the festive charm, students and staff donned yellow attire, a colour traditionally associated with prosperity, energy, and enlightenment. The vibrant hues created a visually captivating atmosphere while reinforcing the cultural significance of the occasion.



Speaking on the occasion, Principal Mr. Saji Jacob remarked, "Basant Panchami reminds us that education is not merely the acquisition of knowledge, but the awakening



of imagination and purpose." Echoing this sentiment, the Directors of BIS, Mr. Himanshu Verma and Mrs. Ritu Verma, stated, "Through this celebration, we encourage our students

to believe in their dreams and pursue them with confidence and integrity."

The celebration fostered a sense of unity, cultural appreciation, and joyful learning, leaving

students inspired and energized. Through events such as these, BIS continues to nurture values, creativity, and global outlooks, preparing learners to soar high in both academics and life.

# Bahrain run riot in Asian Championship

Fourth consecutive win in the tournament

● Second half belonged entirely to Bahrain

Hussain Maskati  
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Bahrain kicked off their main round campaign at the 22nd Asian Men's Handball Championship in style, cruising to a 32-20 victory over the United Arab Emirates at the Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salim Al Sabah Hall in Kuwait City. The win marked the nationals' fourth consecutive win in the tournament, building on the confidence from their flawless preliminary rounds and last year's Islamic Solidarity Games gold. Their performance yesterday reflected the promise of the squad that claimed bronze on home soil at the 2024 Asian Championship. "We're far from done. We still have more in store for the remaining teams," Bahrain head coach Robert Hedin said, underlining the team's intent to push further this time around.

The first half was closely contested, with Bahrain holding a 12-10 advantage at the break. Both teams traded fast-paced goals, but the nationals' struc-

**Bahrain** 32 - 20 **UAE**

tured defence and measured attack kept them just ahead. UAE looked lively at times, yet Robert Hedin's men were always a step ahead, controlling the tempo and capitalising on every opening.

The second half belonged entirely to Bahrain, as the Emiratis looked woeful after the break, managing just ten goals. Jassim Khamis opened with a seven-metre strike, followed by a fast-break finish from Mohammed Habib Nasser. Skipper Hussain Al Sayyad then set up Habib for 19-13, while well-timed tactical fouls disrupted UAE's momentum. Khamis struck again to

make it 20-13, followed by Salman Alshowaikh's precise seven-metre goal between the legs of UAE goalkeeper Mohammed Altaher – a moment that perfectly captured Bahrain's attacking flair.

Bahrain continued to dominate through the final 15 minutes, with goals from Qassim Qambar, Khamis, Alshowaikh, Abdulla Abdulkarim, Jaffar Farasan, and Ali Alasheeri. Mohammed Habib

Nasser led the scoring with seven goals and earned man of the match honors for his outstanding display. Khamis also netted seven, while Salman Alshowaikh, Qambar, and skipper Hussain Al Sayyad added three apiece. For the UAE, Waleed Rashed was their key player with five goals.

Today presents a sterner test, as the nationals take on defending champions Qatar at 2 pm, before concluding the main round against Saudi Arabia on Sunday at 4 pm. Semi-final spots and qualification for the 30th IHF Men's Handball World Championship in Germany, scheduled for January 13-29 next year, are at stake, and all four top-ranked sides will secure their tickets to the worlds. The stage will then be set for the gold and bronze medal games, scheduled for January 29.

Yesterday's performance not only extends Bahrain's unbeaten run but also reinforces their reputation as a continental powerhouse. Since 2010, the team has consistently finished in the top four at the Asian Championships, showing that this squad is on track to go all the way.

**Man of the match Mohammed Habib Nasser looks for a way past UAE's Ibrahim Ali**



## AFM brings two generations of Fittipaldi to Bahrain for GCC Single-Seater Test Programme

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AFM operates as part of ASPIRE, an Advanced Technology Research Council company, which also runs A2RL, Abu Dhabi's Autonomous Racing League. Together, these initiatives reflect a shared focus on performance, innovation, and the advancement of motorsport and mobility technologies in the region.

AFM hosted a landmark test at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), welcoming two-time Formula One World Champion Emerson Fittipaldi and his son Emilio Fittipaldi as part of its expanding single-seater testing programme in the Gulf region.

The test underlined AFM's role in delivering professional, structured single seater running across the GCC, utilising current Formula One venues to support driver development with meaningful track time outside of the competitive season.

Running on the Bahrain Grand Prix layout, the programme brought together two generations of elite driving talent on



one of the world's most technically demanding circuits. For Emerson Fittipaldi, the test offered an opportunity to experience first-hand the evolution of single-seater performance and motorsport engineering.

Emilio Fittipaldi focused on preparation ahead of his 2026 campaign in Formula 2 with AIX Racing. AFM's Bahrain test also formed part of a wider programme supporting drivers competing across the international single-seater ladder. The circuit is designed to support high-level testing and development, and initiatives like this reinforce

who is backed by the Red Bull Junior Team. The programme provides valuable preparation time on Formula One circuits that feature prominently on the global calendar, reinforcing the importance of structured testing in modern driver development.

BIC Chief Executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa said: "We are pleased to host AFM's single seater testing programme and welcome drivers from across the international racing ladder to Bahrain. The circuit is designed to support high-level testing and development, and initiatives like this reinforce

Bahrain's position as a key motorsport hub in the region."

Josh Roles, AFM Team Manager, said: "Our focus is on delivering high-quality single-seater testing at the most relevant circuits in the region. By operating across Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Jeddah and Qatar, we're able to offer drivers valuable preparation on tracks that play a major role in modern motorsport. Combined with our team of highly experienced former Formula One engineers and mechanics, it creates a professional environment for genuine driver development."

Emerson Fittipaldi said: "Testing

ing on a modern Formula One circuit like Bahrain really highlights how far the cars and the sport have developed. The performance, the systems, and the overall approach are very different, and it's fascinating to experience that evolution on track." Emilio Fittipaldi said: "This kind of out-of-season testing is extremely important. Being able to run at circuits like Bahrain with a professional team gives you a strong foundation going into the season, especially when these tracks are part of the championship calendar."

Mattia Colnago said: "Testing



in Bahrain with AFM is a great opportunity. These are circuits you race on at the highest level, so being able to learn the layout, conditions and work closely with engineers outside of a race weekend in a well-structured environment is incredibly valuable for development."

AFM continues to strengthen the GCC's position as a premier destination for single-seater testing, combining world-class facilities with experienced personnel to support drivers at every stage of their careers.



The Bahrain International Circuit, opened in 2004 in Sakhir, was the first Formula One-grade circuit in the Middle East and has hosted the Bahrain Grand Prix almost every year since its debut.