

King Louis XVI of France and his Foreign Minister clandestinely agree to supply the United States with munitions during the American Revolution

William Austin Burt patents America's first type-writer, the typographer



Union Act passed by the British Parliament, uniting Upper and Lower Canada

Comet Hale-Bopp is discovered and becomes visible to the naked eye nearly a year later

Germany approves controversial French-Russian nuclear project

AFP | Berlin, Germany

German authorities said yesterday they were giving the green light to a controversial French-Russian nuclear project which critics fear will enable spying and sabotage by Moscow.

The planned joint venture by a subsidiary of French company Framatome and Russia's state-owned nuclear power agency Rosatom is aimed at producing fuel rods used in Russian-designed reactors.

It will be based at Framatome's fuel rod assembly facility in the town of Lingen in the state of Lower Saxony, near the Dutch border.

Framatome's subsidiary ANF (Advanced Nuclear Fuels) applied for permission for the project in March 2022, just weeks after Russia began its full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Happy birthday, George! UK prince becomes a teenager



London, United Kingdom

The UK's Prince George, second in line to the throne, turned 13 on Wednesday as he readied to follow in his father Prince William's footsteps and start at the prestigious Eton College.

Kensington Palace shared a picture of the prince, as his grandfather King Charles III and his wife Queen Camilla wished him "happy birthday".

As the eldest child of the heir to the British throne, Prince William, and Princess Catherine, George is set to succeed his father as king one day.

But first, he will face another daunting challenge: the terrible teens and starting at Eton boarding school in September.

According to royal commentator Richard Fitzwilliams, the young prince was being "inducted into things very gradually" and as he grows older, he would increase his public appearances.

The prince was born on July 22, 2013, at St Mary's Hospital in London to a global media frenzy and public celebrations. His full name is George Alexander Louis.

He was quickly whisked away on his first royal tour in April 2014, when his parents visited New Zealand and Australia, where the eight-month-old was seen excitedly interacting with the wildlife.



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We must transform the way natural resources are extracted, processed, brought to market, and put to use – guaranteeing that much more added value is retained by producing countries & affected communities. No more plundering.

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For more than six decades, the Cuban regime has been the leading sponsor of radical leftism and Third Worldism in the United States. The State Department is exposing the full history of Cuban espionage and subversion in our country. The American people deserve to know.

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President Trump departs for the dignified transfer honoring the 4 Americans killed in the Middle East: "They are indeed great heroes... We're going to honor them... For me, it's one of the hardest things to do as president."

@WhiteHouse

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Delighted to meet María Ángela Holguín. I welcome her active engagement, alongside @antonioguterres, to resolve the Cyprus issue within the @UN framework and in line with EU principles, values and legislation.

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Driving Excellence in AI Governance and Project Leadership

The Rising Importance of AI Governance

As artificial intelligence continues to reshape industries and redefine how organizations operate, the need for effective governance has become increasingly critical. Behind every successful AI initiative lies more than technical capability; there must be a clear structure of leadership, accountability, risk management, stakeholder coordination, and strategic oversight. In Bahrain, Shereen Faisal stands out as a governance and project management leader whose work reflects the growing importance of disciplined leadership in the age of artificial intelligence.

Building Governance into Technology Delivery

Shereen Faisal has demonstrated a strong commitment to governance excellence, project delivery, and organizational effectiveness. Her work focuses on ensuring that technology initiatives are not only technically sound but also strategically aligned, well-managed, and capable of delivering sustainable value. At a time when many organizations are accelerating AI adoption, her approach emphasizes that successful implementation depends on more than advanced algorithms or digital tools. It requires clear governance structures, defined responsibilities, active stakeholder engagement, risk controls, and performance measurement frameworks that guide projects from concept to deployment.

This perspective connects directly to internationally recognized project management and governance principles, particularly those reflected in ISO 21500. The standard highlights the importance of structured planning, stakeholder management, resource optimization, governance oversight, and continual monitoring throughout the project lifecycle. These principles are especially relevant in AI-driven transformation, where projects often involve technical uncertainty, evolving requirements, data-related risks, and cross-functional collaboration.

From Strategy to Execution

One of Shereen's key strengths is her ability to bridge the gap between strategy and execution. While technical teams focus on building solutions, governance leaders must ensure that projects remain aligned with organizational objectives, regulatory expectations, timelines, budgets, and stakeholder priorities. This ability to translate strategic intent into operational delivery has become a defining characteristic of modern project leadership.

To achieve this, a central part of Shereen Faisal's professional approach is her emphasis on governance maturity as a foundation for successful delivery. In fast-moving technology environments, organizations often prioritize development speed while underestimating the importance of governance mechanisms that support long-term sustainability. Shereen's approach focuses on embedding governance from the earliest stages of planning, ensuring that objectives, roles, risks, dependencies, decisions, and success criteria are clearly defined before implementation begins.

Managing Complexity in AI Projects

This early governance foundation is particularly important in artificial intelligence projects, where complexity extends beyond the technology itself. AI initiatives often involve large volumes

of data, multidisciplinary teams, changing business needs, ethical considerations, and regulatory implications. Without structured governance, such projects can face issues related to unclear ownership, weak accountability, poor documentation, unmanaged risks, or limited adoption. Effective governance provides the structure needed to manage these challenges while maintaining alignment with organizational goals.

In practice, Shereen has continued to implement disciplined project management practices that enhance visibility, accountability, and decision-making. Through regular performance monitoring, stakeholder engagement, risk reviews, governance checkpoints, and clear reporting mechanisms, projects can be managed proactively rather than reactively. These practices help identify challenges early, optimize resources, manage dependencies, and maintain momentum throughout the project lifecycle.

Governance as Organizational Capability

Her focus on governance extends beyond individual project execution. Strong governance frameworks help build organizational capability by creating consistency across initiatives, improving institutional knowledge, and enabling lessons learned to be carried forward. This becomes increasingly valuable as organizations scale their digital transformation efforts and manage multiple AI and technology projects simultaneously.

This wider view of governance also reflects Shereen's understanding that structure and innovation are not opposing forces. Governance is sometimes viewed as a control function, but her approach positions it as a strategic enabler. When accountability, risk management, quality assurance, and performance measurement are clearly established, organizations are better able to innovate with confidence. This balance allows ambitious AI initiatives to move forward while maintaining transparency, trust, and operational discipline.

Aligning with Emerging International Standards

As AI technologies continue to evolve, governance frameworks have also become more sophisticated. Standards such as ISO/IEC 42001 for Artificial Intelligence Management Systems and ISO/IEC 38507 for the governance implications of AI provide organizations with structured approaches for managing

ing AI-related opportunities and risks. Shereen's work reflects the importance of adopting governance-driven practices that support responsible innovation, transparency, and accountability.

However, successful governance is not achieved through frameworks alone. Beyond methodologies and standards, her ability to coordinate multidisciplinary teams, facilitate collaboration across stakeholders, and maintain focus on measurable outcomes is a vital part of her leadership value. In complex technology environments, projects often involve technical specialists, business leaders, compliance teams, procurement functions, external partners, and end users. Effective coordination among these groups is often the difference between a project that remains theoretical and one that delivers practical impact.

Supporting Bahrain's Digital Transformation

Her contribution also reflects a broader shift within Bahrain's technology ecosystem. As the Kingdom continues to strengthen its position as a regional hub for digital transformation and emerging technologies, the demand for governance-focused leadership is increasing. Organizations are recognizing that long-term success depends not only on adopting advanced technologies but also on managing change, overseeing risk, ensuring accountability, and creating structures that allow innovation to be implemented responsibly.

In this context, Shereen Faisal represents a leader who understands that governance is not a barrier to innovation; it is one of its strongest enablers. By promoting structured project management, clear accountability, responsible AI practices, and continuous improvement, she contributes to creating environments where technology can deliver meaningful and sustainable value.

A Leadership Model for the AI Era

In today's fast-changing landscape, governance leadership has become a strategic capability rather than an administrative function. As artificial intelligence becomes increasingly integrated into business operations, public services, and strategic decision-making, professionals who can combine governance discipline with innovation awareness will play an essential role in shaping successful outcomes.

Through her dedication to project excellence, governance maturity, and responsible technology implementation, Shereen Faisal continues to contribute to the development of a more resilient, accountable, and innovation-driven future in the Kingdom of Bahrain. In many ways, her journey reflects the future of AI leadership itself: a future where success is measured not only by technological advancement, but by the governance, discipline, and vision that transform innovation into lasting impact.

Shereen Faisal

