

HM King orders RBAF aircraft named 'Mohammed bin Zayed Squadron'

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, has ordered that a Royal Bahraini Air Force (RBAF) squadron be named "Mohammed bin Zayed Squadron" in recognition of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, for his role in supporting the longstanding relations and cooperation between the two nations.

This announcement came as HM the King and HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed attended the joint Bahrain-UAE military exercise "Rabdan Shuwaiman"

yesterday.

The exercise featured the participation of the Hamad bin Isa Airborne Brigade from the UAE Presidential Guard and their counterparts from the Royal Guard of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF).

It was held in Bahrain as part of the countries' longstanding military cooperation.

Gratitude

HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed expressed gratitude to HM King Hamad for the gesture, emphasising that it reflects the strong historical ties between Bahrain and the UAE.

He also commended the high level of skill and performance displayed during the joint exercise, wishing both nations con-



HM the King with HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed

tinued prosperity and success.

During the exercise, HM the King and HH the UAE President were briefed on its objectives and proceedings.

Salute

The event concluded with a commemorative photo session as aircraft from the "Mohammed bin Zayed Squadron" of the RBAF flew past in salute.

His Majesty hosted a luncheon at Sakhir Palace in honour of HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed and the accompanying delegation before their departure.

The luncheon was attended by the sons of His Majesty the King and senior officials from both countries.

Bahrain greets Lebanon president

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to Lebanese President General Joseph Aoun, on the occasion of Lebanon's Independence Day.

HRH Prince Salman sent a similar cable to His Excellency Nawaf Salam, Prime Minister of Lebanon.

Royal Court mourns HH Shaikh Ibrahim

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The Royal Court announced the passing of HH Shaikh Ibrahim bin Hamad bin Abdulla Al Khalifa.

A statement issued by the Royal Court included prayer that Allah the Almighty would rest the soul of the deceased in eternal peace, and bless his relatives with patience and fortitude.

Public safety

Shura to vote on tougher traffic penalties, penal code changes and criminal procedure

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Three major decree-laws on traffic offences, the Penal Code and criminal procedure will go before the Shura Council today, with a committee recommending approval of all three.

Members will discuss reports from the Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee on Decree-Law No. 30 of 2025 amending the Traf-

fic Law, Decree-Law No. 31 of 2025 amending the Penal Code, and Decree-Law No. 32 of 2025 amending the Code of Criminal Procedure.

The committee says the set is meant to improve road safety, tighten discipline on the roads, cut repeat violations and deter reckless driving.

Rules

The Traffic Law decree-law updates rules in line with urban, economic and population

growth, as road networks expand and the number of vehicles and drivers rises.

The committee says the changes increase jail terms and fines to strengthen deterrence.

It points to a rise in dangerous acts in recent years, including excessive speeding, overtaking where banned, driving against traffic, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, using a phone at the wheel, and not wearing a seat belt.

The Penal Code decree-law

is framed as reinforcing protection of life and bodily safety, and applying the same penalties to similar acts.

The committee says this will aid clearer legal treatment of wrongful, non-intentional killing and injury cases and support consistency in court rulings.

Provisions

The criminal procedure decree-law updates case-handling rules so they match the revised provisions in the Traffic Law and Penal Code.

The committee says this keeps criminal orders working as a route to settle straightforward cases early, easing the load on courts while keeping fair-trial guarantees in place.

The Council will also be notified of a question sent to the Minister of Health by member Nancy Eili Khadouri about the right of a non-Bahraini widow of a Bahraini citizen to keep access to health insurance services after her husband's death, along with the minister's reply.

Bahrain's record-breaking athletes receive hero's welcome



Bahrain's athletics delegation received a hero's welcome on their return to the Kingdom yesterday, following a historic showing at the sixth Islamic Solidarity Games in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The team recorded the Kingdom's best-ever performance at the multi-sport event after winning a record 34 medals. The achievement surpasses Bahrain's previous best total of 23 medals from the 2021 Games in Kenya, marking a new era of success for the kingdom on the international stage. Among the standout stars were Edidiong Odiong and Nelly Jepkosgei, who each struck double gold. Odiong capped a brilliant campaign with victory in the women's 200 metres, her second gold and third medal overall, while Jepkosgei completed her own golden double by adding the 1,500m crown to her earlier win in the 800m.

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