

**Alert: Brace for  
unstable weather  
until Friday**

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Bahrain is expected to experience unstable weather conditions through Friday, according to the Meteorological Directorate at the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

The forecast includes scattered to thundery rain affecting various parts of the Kingdom.

Early yesterday, most areas were affected by thunderstorms accompanied by strong to very high wind gusts.

Authorities have urged residents and motorists to exercise caution.

Drivers are advised to follow traffic rules, while citizens should secure loose objects, avoid flooded roads, stay clear of trees and billboards, and call 999 for emergency assistance.

**Palestine backs  
Bahrain security  
and stability**



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Bahrain and the State of Palestine discussed regional developments, including the ongoing Iranian attacks targeting the Kingdom and other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states.

They also examined the implications of these developments for regional security, stability, and Arab national security.

The Palestinian side reaffirmed its solidarity with Bahrain and expressed support for measures undertaken to safeguard the Kingdom's sovereignty, security, and stability.

This discussion took place during a phone call between His Excellency Dr. Abdulatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Hussein Al Sheikh, Vice President of Palestine.



# Frontline heroes

Cabinet commends security forces for safeguarding Kingdom against Iranian aggression

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The Cabinet has praised Bahrain's "frontliners" for their crucial role in safeguarding the Kingdom and preserving its security and stability amid ongoing Iranian aggression.

An extraordinary Cabinet meeting was chaired yesterday by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Cabinet extended its appreciation to the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), the National Guard, the Ministry of Interior, and other military, security, and civil authorities for their efficiency, high level of readiness, and decisive actions.

It also reiterated its condemnation of hostile Iranian acts, emphasising adherence to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2817, which calls for an immediate end to attacks on Arabian Gulf states and Jordan, and affirms their inherent right to defend their territories.

In addition to recognising the armed and civil forces, the Cabinet also commended the national workforce within Team Bahrain across various sectors, and their dedicated efforts in serving the Kingdom and addressing diverse challenges with professionalism and efficiency.

The Cabinet also highlighted the unity and solidarity of citizens and residents under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

It commended the outcomes of HM King Hamad's meeting with His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, highlighting the importance of the Jordanian Monarch's visit in further advancing the long-standing relations and joint efforts between the two countries.

The Cabinet also welcomed the outcomes of HM the King's meeting with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi, underscoring the significance of his visit in strengthening the deep-rooted ties, as well as enhancing cooperation and joint efforts between the two countries.

The Cabinet also expressed its sincere appreciation to GCC states and allied countries for their cooperation during this time, underscoring the importance of these relations in light of current developments.

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UN weighs resolution

## Protecting navigation in Hormuz

AFP | United Nations

The UN Security Council is negotiating on a draft resolution to authorise states to use "all necessary means" to ensure freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The draft text, seen by AFP, also demands that Iran "immediately cease all attacks against merchant and commercial vessels and any attempt to impede lawful transit passage or freedom of navigation" in and around the Strait.

Just a trickle of cargo ships and tankers, most of them Iranian, have made it through the

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Strait since Iran effectively blocked it in response to US-Israeli attacks on the country that began three weeks ago. Normally, about a fifth of global crude oil and liquefied natural gas pass through the Strait.

The draft resolution proposes allowing member states "to use all necessary means" - including within the territorial waters of littoral states within or

bordering the Strait - "to secure transit passage and to repress, neutralize and deter attempts to close, obstruct or otherwise interfere with international navigation" there.

The draft also threatens targeted sanctions against those who "undermine navigational rights and freedoms" in the Strait.

The resolution text could be modified during the negotiations among member states in the 15-member council, the UN's highest decision-making body.

Its chances of approval by the council, where the five permanent members have veto power, remain unclear.

## Kingdom advancing weather services for public safety

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On World Meteorological Day, observed annually on March 23, His Excellency Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, said that the Kingdom of Bahrain continues to enhance meteorological services and strengthen monitoring capabilities to support public safety and preparedness.

He noted that Bahrain is developing early warning systems and advancing monitoring capabilities in line with Bahrain Economic Vision 2030, adding that investment in observation systems sup-



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ports long term safety and sustainability.

He said meteorological services support key sectors, including aviation and maritime navigation, by providing data to support decision making under different weather conditions.

