

Bahrain-US strategic partnership



His Highness Lieutenant-General Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Commander of the Royal Guard, underscored the significance of the longstanding strategic partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the US, which is founded on mutual respect and shared interests. He emphasised that the partnership continues to support efforts to enhance regional security, stability, and peace. HH Shaikh Nasser was speaking as he received a delegation from the Washington Institute for Near East Policy (WINEP), led by Dana Stroul, Director of Research. The delegation is currently visiting the Kingdom of Bahrain, in the presence of Deputy National Security Adviser Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa.

Bahrain-Thailand relations



His Excellency Dr. Ramzan bin Abdulla Al Noaimi, Minister of Information, highlighted the longstanding relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Thailand, noting their continued growth and the shared commitment to further developing cooperation. Dr. Al Noaimi yesterday received H.E. Sumate Chulajata, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand to Bahrain. He wished the Thai ambassador success in his diplomatic duties. Ambassador Chulajata underscored his country's interest in expanding cooperation with the Kingdom, and commended Bahrain's comprehensive development across various sectors, wishing the Kingdom continued progress and prosperity.

Bahraini woman acquitted of failing to disclose assets

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The Third Minor Criminal Court has acquitted a Bahraini woman of charges that she failed to disclose her financial assets, after finding that she had never been properly notified of the legal procedures against her. The verdict was confirmed by her defense lawyer, Sayed Ali Mahfood. According to court documents, the Public Prosecution had accused the defendant of refusing to declare her assets in 2023 within the Kingdom of Bahrain. In its detailed judgment, the court stated that after carefully

reviewing the case, its circumstances, and the evidence presented, it found the prosecution's case unconvincing. The court said it was not satisfied with the proof relied upon by the Public Prosecution to establish the charge. The court explained that under Law No. 22 of 2021 concerning the issuance of the Civil and Commercial Execution Law, Article 24 clearly outlines the disclosure obligations: "The person subject to enforcement shall, within seven days from the date of being notified or becoming aware of any enforcement procedures, disclose his or her assets to the extent necessary to cover the debt." However, upon reviewing the case file, the court found no evidence that the defendant had been officially notified of any enforcement procedures or had any knowledge of them. It added that a letter from the Enforcement Directorate claiming that the defendant had been notified at the address stated in the execution order was insufficient since it did not specify a date or proof that the notice was actually received. The court concluded that there was reasonable doubt regarding whether the defendant had ever been aware of the enforcement actions, and therefore, it could not be said that she had deliberately failed to disclose her assets.

# Search intensifies

Man missing after fishing boat collision with Coast Guard patrol

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A man is missing after a fishing boat struck a Coast Guard patrol during an attempted stop off Bahrain's coast, the Public Prosecution said. Two suspects have been remanded in custody, a child who was on board has been released, and the seized boat remains impounded while searches continue. The patrol drew alongside the vessel to address suspected breaches when the crew tried

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to flee. Their boat veered towards the Coast Guard craft and hit it after the suspects cut the ropes to their bottom-trawl nets known locally as 'Karaf'. Chase One man fell into the sea and was helped back on board. The chase carried on until the boat

was intercepted. It later emerged a second person had fallen into the water during the pursuit and could not be found. Police searched the area but did not locate him. According to the Prosecution, the suspects reported this only after they were detained, about an hour into the chase.

Investigators said the crew had not switched on navigation lights, had concealed the boat's plate and had failed to activate the Automatic Identification System. On questioning, the suspects admitted they had not complied with the Coast Guard during monitoring and inspection and that they had been fishing with bottom-trawl gear. The Prosecution has ordered the search for the missing person to continue and confirmed that inquiries are still in progress.

## BD86,000 school fund embezzlement case set for review

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The Fifth High Criminal Appeals Court has ordered the formation of a three-member expert committee to prepare a detailed report in the appeal case of three employees from an industrial secondary school convicted of embezzling more than BD86,000 from school funds. The court also suspended the execution of the first appellant's sentence until the final ruling, setting the next hearing for November 12. The First High Criminal Court had earlier sentenced the



first defendant to 10 years in prison, fined him BD75,204.345, and ordered him to repay the same amount to the school. The second defendant was sentenced to three years in prison, fined BD10,897.550, and ordered to return the same sum, while the third defendant received a one-year jail term, a BD790 fine, and was also ordered to return the embezzled amount. During the previous hear-

ing, the Head of the Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecution urged the court to impose the maximum penalties, emphasizing the seriousness of the crimes. He stated that the case was supported by strong evidence, including witness testimonies from the investigation committee, the defendants' confessions, and forensic findings from the first defendant's device and financial analysis reports. Investigations by the Anti-Corruption Directorate revealed that the first and third defendants handled the school's financial dealings with suppliers and traders.

## Dialysis unit for Shaikh Jaber Health Centre sent to committee

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The Northern Municipal Council has sent a plan to add a dialysis unit at the Sheikh Jaber AlAhmad AlSabah Health Center to the Services and Public Facilities Committee for study, before referral to the relevant authorities. Council member Mohammed Al Doseri, who put the plan forward, said the move answers residents' needs as the Northern Governorate's population grows.

Distance

He added that the distance to current dialysis centres places a strain on patients, especially older people who travel long stretches for treatment. Al Doseri said the unit would ease load on other hospitals and bring specialist care within the governorate. He called for delivery without delay after a wait dating back to the fifth legislative term. Council member Abdullah Al Qubaisi said the idea was raised in the previous term, before the Riffa dialysis centre opened, yet patients in the Northern Governorate still move between governorates for sessions.



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Hope

He added: "The planned health centre in Salman City is supposed to include a dialysis unit, and we hope the Ministry of Health will set out its plan in this regard." Council chairman Shubber Al Wedaei said the proposal warrants a full study with figures on patient numbers and local needs, to present a complete case before any formal recommendation is sent to the relevant bodies.