

## BDF personnel a 'source of pride' for Bahrain

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, expressed appreciation for the dedication of all members of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), commending their courage, loyalty, and commitment to their national duties.

He underlined that the BDF personnel are held in the highest esteem and are a source of pride for Bahrain and its people.

HM the King was speaking as he met yesterday at Safriya Palace with Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander in Chief of the BDF.

His Highness Lieutenant General Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander; Colonel His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Commander of the Royal



HM the King with the BDF Commander in Chief and senior officers

Guard Special Operations; Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, Chief of Staff of the BDF, and a number of senior BDF officers attended the meeting.

HM King Hamad extended thanks to the BDF for their efforts in safeguarding the Kingdom's achievements and protecting its comprehensive



progress, reiterating Bahrain's keenness to further strengthen defence relations with other countries.

The Supreme Commander directed senior officers to convey his greetings and appreciation to all BDF officers, non-commissioned officers, and personnel across all fields of duty, wishing them continued success.

### New Intensive Care Unit at SMC inaugurated

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His Excellency Lieutenant General Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council of Health, inaugurated a new intensive care unit (ICU) at Salmaniya Medical Complex, marking a significant expansion of the Kingdom's largest public hospital.

The new unit, which builds on the existing main ICU, is designed to increase capacity in terms of rooms and beds while ensuring patients receive care that meets the highest international standards.

#### Expansion

Officials said the expansion is part of a broader national plan to enhance critical care services and upgrade the hospital's infrastructure to meet growing patient needs.

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# Pressing call

Arab and Islamic leaders push for urgent end to Gaza war in talks with Trump

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Eight leaders and ministers from Arab and Islamic states issued a unified call to end the war in Gaza during talks with US President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the 80th UN General Assembly session yesterday.

The leaders of Qatar, Jordan, Turkiye, Indonesia and Pakistan, along with Egypt's prime minister and the foreign ministers of the UAE and Saudi Arabia, stressed the urgent need for a ceasefire and immediate humanitarian access to the besieged enclave.

They warned of the "humanitarian catastrophe and high human toll" in Gaza, where more than 65,000 Palestinians have been killed since October 2023.

#### Serious consequences

The leaders also rejected any forced displacement of Palestinians, describing the war as a conflict with "serious consequences



Displaced Palestinians move with their belongings southwards on a road in the Nuseirat refugee camp area in the central Gaza Strip. (AFP)

for the region and impact on the Muslim world."

In their joint appeal, they called for the release of Israeli hostages held by Hamas, alongside the entry of sufficient hu-

manitarian aid, as the first step toward achieving a just and lasting peace.

They also underscored their commitment to rebuilding Gaza, urging the creation of a com-

prehensive reconstruction plan with security arrangements and international support for the Palestinian Authority in its reform efforts.

The leaders further empha-

Israeli forces killed dozens of people across the Palestinian territory yesterday, as the military pressed its assault on Gaza City.

sised the importance of protecting Jerusalem's holy sites and preserving stability in the occupied West Bank, where violence by Israeli settlers has escalated since late 2023.

The high-level meeting was co-hosted by Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, Jordan's King Abdullah II, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto, Pakistani Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Egyptian Prime Minister Moustafa Kamal Madbouly, UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan.

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