

Bahrain Take Silver After Five-Set Arab Junior Final Thriller
Resilient U18 side push Egypt to the limit in Amman | **P16**



10-year-old girl dies in Saar house fire

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Civil Defense teams extinguished a fire that broke out in a house in the Saar area, which tragically claimed the life of a 10-year-old girl who died from smoke inhalation.

The National Ambulance Service responded promptly to the incident, while authorities confirmed that investigations are underway to determine the cause of the blaze.

Russia claims another village in Ukraine region

AFP | Moscow

The Russian army yesterday claimed to have captured another village in Ukraine’s Dnipropetrovsk region, moving deeper into Ukrainian territory as peace efforts stall.

Russian forces are slowly but steadily gaining ground in costly battles for largely devastated areas in eastern and central Ukraine, normally with few inhabitants or intact buildings left.

Russia’s defence ministry said its forces had seized the settlement of Zaporizke in the region, which Russian troops recently advanced into for the first time in the three-and-a-half-year offensive.

Kyiv denies that Russian troops have gained a foothold in the Dnipropetrovsk region, an important industrial hub.

Climber killed in Mont Blanc

AFP | Lyon

An Italian mountaineer has been killed by a falling block of ice near Mont Blanc in the French Alps, while his climbing partner was rescued, officials said yesterday.

The 38-year-old man climbing Mont Blanc du Tacul, one of the routes to the summit of Mont Blanc, on Sunday when a serac - a large block of ice - broke loose and “swept away” the two climbers, a member of the Chamonix mountain police told AFP.

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HRH Deputy King drives Cabinet focus on Oman ties, SCW, Youth City and schools



HRH the Deputy King chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

● Oman visit commended

● Women, youth spotlighted

● Schools, identity reinforced

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Bahrain’s weekly Cabinet meeting yesterday captured both regional diplomacy and domestic empowerment, as His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Deputy King, chaired a session that stretched from Oman relations to the role of women, youth and schools in shaping the Kingdom’s future.

The Cabinet began by emphasising the importance of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa’s visit to the Sultanate of Oman and his meeting with His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq Al-Said. Ministers com-



mended the depth of ties linking the two countries.

Women recognised

Marking the 24th anniversary of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), the Cabinet praised the Council’s contributions to national achievements and comprehensive development. It highlighted the pivotal role of Bahraini women, sup-

ported by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeqa bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Consort of His Majesty the King and President of the SCW, in advancing the Kingdom across various sectors.

Youth spotlight

The success of the 14th edition of Youth City 2030 was also commended, with ministers noting strong participation by

young Bahrainis. The Cabinet stressed the significance of initiatives led by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, in fostering innovation and excellence among youth.

Education focus

HRH the Deputy King directed the introduction of a Parent Induction Day across public schools to brief families on the new academic year. He tasked the Ministry of Education with putting in place the necessary measures to provide a supportive educational environment that nurtures excellence.

The Cabinet further affirmed the importance of the newly inaugurated Abdullah bin Khalid College of Islamic Studies building in preparing future leaders capable of strengthening Arab and Islamic identity, while promoting coexistence in line with the principles of Islamic law.

Broader governance

The meeting also extended

condolences to Pakistan over the victims of recent floods and landslides, wishing a speedy recovery to the injured.

Ministers reviewed and approved a wide set of memorandums - government website procedures; the classification of certain organisations and individuals as terrorist entities; amendments to the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development agreement; supervision of halal products in partnership with the GCC Accreditation Center; a Ministry of Education memorandum with the British Council; the expropriation of two properties for urban development; and responses to legislative proposals from the Council of Representatives.

They also reviewed preparations for the upcoming GCC Ministerial Council session, a report showing improved performance in the “Sijilat”, “Tawasul” and “Benayat” systems between January and July 2025 compared with 2024, and the outcomes of the World Health Organisation Regional Director’s visit to Bahrain.

Fueling the Future

Inspiring Bahraini Innovation from Gudaibiya Palace

● Innovation fuels economic vision

● Entrepreneurs empowered for growth

● Challenges turned into success

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At Gudaibiya Palace yesterday, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Deputy King, reaffirmed Bahrain’s resolve to transform creativity into a national growth engine, underscoring innovation and entrepreneurship as cornerstones of economic diversification.



HRH Prince Salman receives Ahmed Abdulla Bin Hindi

Vision at the Core

HRH stressed that under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Bahrain continues to cultivate an en-

vironment where creative ideas can be converted into projects that drive sustainability and economic resilience.

The Deputy King highlighted how this approach aligns direct-

ly with the goals of Bahrain’s Economic Vision 2030, which charts the Kingdom’s path to comprehensive national development.

His Royal Highness further

emphasised the importance of launching innovative initiatives that enable Bahraini entrepreneurs to succeed, ensuring their contributions strengthen the Kingdom’s economic fabric.

HRH noted that Bahrain’s economic achievements reflect the determination of its people, who have consistently transformed challenges into success stories that inspire future generations.

Creativity, HRH affirmed, is Bahrain’s path forward where vision becomes action and challenges become success.

Business Leaders Respond

For his part, Ahmed Abdulla Bin Hindi, Chairman of the Bahrain Businessmen’s Association, expressed gratitude for HRH’s support of entrepreneurs, describing it as an incentive to continue contributing to national development.