

Long queues formed at petrol stations in Tehran after the US announced new sanctions aimed at intensifying economic pressure on Iran | **P6-7**

Bahrain Welcomes Syria Delisting

Bahrain welcomed the United States' decision to remove Syria from its list of state sponsors of terrorism, describing the move as an important step towards supporting Syria's security, stability and reconstruction.

The Foreign Ministry said the decision could help create opportunities for development and investment and facilitate Syria's reintegration into the global financial and economic system.

Peace Message



Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa praised His Majesty King Hamad's message marking the Prophet Mohammed's birth, highlighting its call for peace, tolerance and co-existence.

He said Bahrain remains committed to promoting mutual respect, rejecting hate speech and strengthening understanding among religions and cultures.

He highlighted the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence's programmes and Bahrain's UN-backed initiative establishing the International Day of Peaceful Coexistence.

Former UK Ambassador Returns to Bahrain



Former British Ambassador to Bahrain Simon Martin has returned to Manama to lead the UK Embassy during the transition to a new ambassador, seven years after leaving the Kingdom.

Describing Bahrain-UK ties as "close, warm and historic", Martin said security, trade and investment will remain key priorities, alongside preparations for the UK-GCC free trade agreement before the arrival of incoming ambassador Thomas Allan in early 2027.

A Message of Tolerance and Mercy

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued an address marking the birth of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), calling for reflection on his life and its lessons in guidance, justice and good character.

His Majesty said the Prophet's life reflected Islam's values of tolerance, mercy, peace and coexistence, urging the nation to uphold these principles in daily conduct rather than mere commemoration. He noted the Prophet's message emphasised justice, compassion and human unity.

Amid growing global challenges, His Majesty said the Prophet's life remains a source of guidance in overcoming division through unity and rejecting hatred through mercy, urging these values to guide



national service and Bahrain's progress.

Shura Chief Praises Message

Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh said the royal message reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to peace and Islamic unity, describing the Kingdom as a model of harmony among communities.



Al Saleh praised His Majesty's initiatives promoting global tolerance, including international centres and awards, and said Bahrain's history as a meeting place of civilisations reflects an authentic national approach to protecting societies from division.

Legislative Commitment Affirmed

Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, Speaker of the Council



of Representatives, commended the address's emphasis on tolerance and Islamic unity, stressing the importance of confronting hate speech and extremism.

Al Musallam highlighted the King's call to strengthen social solidarity and support youth, and affirmed the Council's commitment to reflecting these values through legislation protecting the family and preserving Bahrain's social fabric.

33 Horses for Bahrain Stables



His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa directed the distribution of 33 horses to private stables to support preparations for the 2026/2027 endurance season.

The initiative aims to strengthen riders' and horses' readiness and raise competition levels.

Stable owners welcomed the support, saying it will help strengthen Bahrain's performance in local and international endurance events.

Arab Finance Meeting



MP Ahmed Abdulwahid Qarata chaired a meeting of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union's Interim Financial Committee, held remotely.

The meeting reviewed financial audit procedures, internal and external oversight and the appointment of auditors.

Members also discussed the union's draft 2027 budget and proposals to improve financial management.

Unity at Heart of Message



Shura Council Services Committee Chairwoman Dr. Jamila Mohammed Redha Al Salman praised His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's message marking the Prophet Mohammed's birthday, highlighting its emphasis on moderation, compassion, unity and social cohesion.

Al Salman said the message reflected Bahrain's approach to promoting dialogue, tolerance and peace while rejecting division, extremism and hatred. She stressed the importance of drawing on the Prophet's values of justice and good character to build strong and cohesive communities.

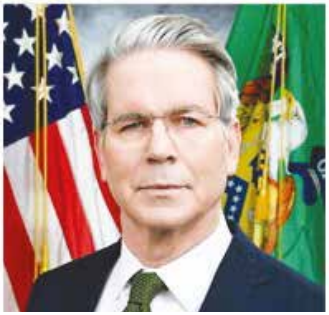
No Room for Economic Blackmail

Manama, Washington Align on Economic Outcast Push

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Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, held a telephone call with US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent to discuss Washington's newly announced Operation Economic Outcast.

The two officials reviewed the close cooperation between Bahrain and the United States in confronting threats to regional security and international trade, including joint efforts to counter illicit finance and



disrupt funding for destabilizing activity. Bessent expressed appreciation for Bahrain's expected role in these efforts.

Shaikh Salman reaffirmed Bahrain's position that peace, stability, and the security of



maritime trade routes are of paramount importance, stressing that the Strait of Hormuz must not be used as a tool of economic pressure. He warned that attacks on commercial shipping raise costs for produc-

ers and consumers and threaten global market stability.

The Minister emphasized the need to deny resources to actors attacking the region's people and infrastructure, citing sanctions-evasion networks and militia financing. He also reaffirmed support for international efforts against Iran's nuclear and missile programs.

Shaikh Salman reiterated Bahrain's commitment to working with the GCC, the US, and international partners on anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing standards.

Women's Role Expands

Legislators point to 25 years of reforms that have strengthened Bahraini women's role across society.

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Members of Bahrain's Shura Council and Council of Representatives highlighted the significant legislative and rights-based gains achieved by Bahraini women over the past 25 years, as the Kingdom marks the Silver Jubilee of the establishment of the Supreme Council for Women.

The legislators said the anniversary, held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, represents an important milestone in Bahrain's efforts to empower women and reflects their growing role as key partners in national development and decision-making.

They praised the efforts of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for



Women, in advancing women's achievements and expanding their contributions to Bahrain's development and prosperity.

Over the past 25 years, the Supreme Council for Women has become one of Bahrain's leading national institutions supporting women's advancement through policies promoting equal opportunities, integrating women's needs into development programmes and contributing to the development of legislation and legal frameworks protecting

women's rights.

At the legislative level, Bahrain introduced a series of laws and amendments that strengthened women's rights, promoted equal opportunities, and expanded women's participation in political life and decision-making.

The legislators also highlighted developments in legislation concerning family and child protection, labour-market regulation and the rights of working women, alongside government policies aimed at helping women balance

their professional and family responsibilities.

Bahraini women have also expanded their presence in the Kingdom's legislative and executive branches, holding prominent positions in the ministerial, judicial, diplomatic and leadership fields.

Their representation has also grown on the boards of government and private institutions and across sectors including finance, education, healthcare, engineering, technology and entrepreneurship.



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Limit Foreign Work Permits, Says MP

Seroor says Bahrainisation can curb remittance outflows and keep wages in the local economy

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Mohammed Darwish

Limiting work permits for foreign workers and hiring more Bahrainis are the best ways to cut the flow of remittances abroad and keep wages spent inside the Kingdom, MP Dr Muneer Seroor has said.

Dr Seroor said Bahrainisation would keep money circulating in the local economy and raise cash levels in the market.

He made the call during a visit to the Labour Ministry,

where he met staff from the employment, unemployment compensation and support, and labour relations departments.

The MP said Bahrainisation must be measured in jobs, not quotas.

Employers' needs should be matched with Bahraini jobseekers, while skills gaps should be tackled through job-focused training, he said. Bahrainis should be given priority for jobs when they have the skills needed, or can be trained for the role.

Talks also covered ways to speed up hiring, improve work



“Bahrainisation should focus on creating real jobs, not just meeting quotas. Bahrainis must be given priority where they have the skills or can be trained. Job creation and stability should remain a shared national responsibility.”

Dr Muneer Seroor, MP

inside the ministry, keep job-seeker records up to date and tackle social barriers that put some people off certain kinds

of work.

Unemployment payments, court rulings in favour of job-seekers, job security and giving Bahrainis greater priority in the labour market were also discussed.

Dr Seroor called for closer work between Parliament and the ministry on laws that help create jobs, along with training schemes that lead jobseekers into well-paid work.

He also urged checks on any hiring practices that deny Bahrainis a fair chance at work or leave them without job security.

During the visit, he congratulated the ministry's new leaders and said its work should be judged by the results citizens get.

That includes the process for a jobseeker, from signing up and being matched with vacancies to training, interviews and finding a suitable, stable job.

'Job creation, worker protection and job stability are a public responsibility that requires everyone to work together,' Dr Seroor said.

'There is no alternative to Bahrainising jobs, even gradually, if we are to close the gap in the labour market.'

Eye Doctors Warn Against Cosmetic Eye-Colour Surgery

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A rise in adverts for cosmetic eye-colour surgery has drawn a warning from Bahrain's eye doctors that the procedures can cause glaucoma, corneal damage, and permanent sight loss.

The Bahrain Ophthalmology Association said it was concerned by the growing promotion of treatments such as keratopigmentation, or corneal tattooing, and artificial iris implants.

Doctors warned that surgery on a healthy eye carries risks including inflammation, infection, corneal damage, raised eye pressure, glaucoma, and light sensitivity. In the worst cases, patients can suffer permanent sight loss.

Some of the same procedures are used in certain medical cases involving eye disease or injury, the association said, but they should be considered only after a full check by a qualified ophthalmologist.

The association also warned against social media adverts that portray eye-colour procedures as quick, safe or free from risk.

Anyone considering such a procedure should first seek medical advice and make sure



Some of the same procedures are used for certain eye diseases and injuries, but only after a full examination by a qualified ophthalmologist.

it is carried out by a qualified ophthalmologist at a properly regulated medical centre, it said.

The association said patients should be guided by medical evidence rather than claims made in online adverts.

“The addiction can be silent”

Doctor warns nicotine pouches can deliver high doses of nicotine and should not be viewed as a safe alternative to smoking

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Hasan Barakat

You cannot smell it. You cannot see it. Because it is small and discreet, someone can use it at a desk, during a meeting, or even while driving without people around them noticing.

Dr. Magdy Bukhari is warning about the growing use of nicotine pouches, including products known locally as DZRT, particularly among young people.

The small pouches are placed inside the mouth and produce no smoke or noticeable odour, making them easy to conceal and use in places where smoking would not be permitted.

But the doctor says their discreet nature can hide a serious problem: users may not realise how much nicotine they are taking.

According to Bukhari, a single pouch can contain a nicotine dose comparable to that found in a pack of 20 cigarettes.

The high nicotine intake can quickly reach the brain and produce a temporary feeling of calm or relief. But that effect can be followed by anxiety, tension, and a drop in mood, encouraging the user to take another pouch to regain the initial feeling.



“The problem is how easily users can become dependent.”

- DR. MAGDY BUKHARI

This can create a cycle of repeated use and dependence. Because nicotine pouches can be used discreetly through-

out the day, users may consume them repeatedly at work, while studying, or behind the wheel.

With continued exposure to high levels of nicotine, the body can develop tolerance and dependence, Bukhari said. Users may eventually feel they need nicotine to concentrate and may experience changes in their sleep and mood.

Bukhari stressed that nicotine pouches should not be considered a safe alternative to cigarettes, warning that their small size and lack of odour can make it difficult for users to recognise how much nicotine they are consuming.

The danger, he said, is that something that looks small and harmless can deliver a very large dose of an addictive sub-

Muharraq Street Marks Poet's Legacy

A street in Muharraq Governorate has been named after the late Bahraini writer and poet Ali Abdulla Khalifa, in recognition of his contributions to the Kingdom's literary and cultural life.

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The move follows a directive by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to honour Khalifa's literary legacy and contributions to Bahrain's cultural heritage.

A plaque bearing the late writer and poet's name was unveiled during a ceremony attended by Information Minister Dr Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi, Muharraq Governor Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai, Muharraq Municipality Director General Khalid Ali Al Qallaf, officials from the Bahrain Authority for



Culture and Antiquities (BACA), and members of Khalifa's family.

Al Noaimi said the royal directive reflects His Majesty the King's appreciation for Bahrain's leading cultural and literary figures

and his commitment to honouring national figures who have contributed to the Kingdom's cultural and intellectual life.

He praised Khalifa's distinguished literary career and rich

creative legacy, describing it as an important part of Bahrain's cultural memory and noting his contribution to the Kingdom's cultural scene and the wider region.



BACA President Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa also welcomed the royal directive, highlighting Khalifa's contribution to Bahrain's cultural and intellectual life.

He stressed the importance of preserving the names and legacies of the Kingdom's cultural figures as part of Bahrain's collective memory for future generations.

Toyota Bahrain Strengthens Engagement with Youth Through Sport City Partnership

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Toyota Bahrain, part of Ebrahim Khalil Kanoo, strengthened its engagement with Bahrain's youth through its partnership with Sport City, held as part of Youth City 2030 during the six week summer program.

The partnership gave Toyota Bahrain an opportunity to connect with young people in an environment centered around sport, activity and competition. Basketball was a key part of Toyota's presence, with participants taking part in activities that encouraged teamwork, skill development and healthy competition.

Toyota Bahrain's involve-

ment reflects its continued efforts to engage with the community through initiatives that are relevant to the interests and lifestyles of younger generations. By supporting platforms that bring young people together, Toyota aims to create meaningful experiences that extend beyond traditional brand engagement.

Throughout the program, Toyota Bahrain maintained a visible presence across Sport City, complemented by giveaways and prizes for participants that added to the overall experience and encouraged further interaction with the brand.

Through its partnership with



Sport City, Toyota Bahrain continues to build its connection with the community by supporting activities that promote an active lifestyle, teamwork

and personal development, while creating opportunities to engage with the next generation in a setting that is both relevant and enjoyable.

ILA Dandiya Beats Ticket Launch Receives Overwhelming Response



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The Indian Ladies Association (ILA) kick-started the excitement for ILA Dandiya Beats 2026 with the grand ticket launch held on 24th August at Crowne Plaza Bahrain, where an impressive 700 tickets sold on the launch day itself.

The much-awaited ILA Dandiya Beats will be held on October 1, 2026, at Crowne Plaza Bahrain, promising an evening of vibrant music, dance, culture and festive celebrations.

ILA President Ms. Smitha Jensen expressed her delight at the overwhelming response, "Selling 700 tickets on

the very first day is a wonderful reflection of the community's enthusiasm and support for ILA. We are grateful to our sponsors and well-wishers whose support is making this celebration possible."

The event is also a major fundraising initiative supporting Sneha Recreation Centre, ILA's flagship project for children with special needs.

ILA extends its heartfelt gratitude to all sponsors, partners, members and well-wishers for their invaluable support and for making the launch such a tremendous success.

With 700 tickets already sold, the countdown to ILA Dandiya Beats 2026 has well and truly begun!

Red Crescent Welcomes New Volunteers

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The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) has welcomed its newest volunteers through an interactive workshop aimed at helping them understand how their values, skills and personal motivations can contribute to humanitarian service.

Held at the society's headquarters in Manama, the "Our Mission: Answering the Call" workshop formed part of BRCS's volunteer induction programme. It encouraged participants to reflect on their reasons for volunteering, identify the contributions they hope to make and explore roles that match their interests



and strengths.

The session was delivered by Iman Al Khajah, Capacity Building Specialist at BRCS, under the supervision of Adel Al Jar, Board Member and Assistant Secretary-General for Committees Affairs.

The workshop included practical discussions and activities covering leadership, teamwork

and essential relief knowledge to help new volunteers respond confidently and responsibly when humanitarian needs arise.

Participants were also introduced to the values of humanitarian action and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, providing a foundation for their involvement in BRCS

programmes and initiatives.

BRCS said effective volunteering begins with a clear sense of purpose, noting that understanding individual motivations helps volunteers choose roles where they can contribute most effectively, develop their capabilities through experience and maintain a long-term commitment to serving others.

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Interim consolidated statement of financial position		
as at 30 June 2026		
	30-Jun-26	31-Dec-25
	USD '000	USD '000
	(Reviewed)	(Audited)
Assets		
Property and equipment	1,415	1,691
Intangible assets	3,083	2,290
Right of use of asset	2,766	1,637
Investment in an associate	62,996	60,214
Deferred tax asset	572	-
Investments	371,582	336,238
Insurance contract assets	1,678	254
Reinsurance contract assets	100,910	97,657
Other receivables	70,732	70,014
Deposits with banks	249,812	243,671
Cash and cash equivalents	48,949	51,306
Total assets	914,495	864,972
Equity and Liabilities		
Equity		
Share capital	54,312	54,312
Statutory reserve	27,156	27,156
Fair value reserve	4,199	5,745
Merger Reserve	52,227	52,227
Actuarial reserve for end of service benefits	983	983
Retained earnings	197,927	192,702
Equity attributable to equity holders of Parent	336,804	333,125
Non-controlling interest (NCI)	63,196	60,999
Total equity	400,000	394,124
Liabilities		
Employees' end of service benefits	10,084	9,668
Insurance contract liabilities	412,406	398,671
Reinsurance contract liabilities	53,052	34,390
Lease liabilities	2,508	1,557
Other liabilities and provisions	36,445	26,562
Total liabilities	514,495	470,848
Total equity and liabilities	914,495	864,972

Executive Director

Director

Interim consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income		
For the six months period ended 30 June 2026		
	30-Jun-26	30-Jun-25
	USD '000	USD '000
	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)
Insurance revenue	461,926	202,556
Insurance service expense	(412,403)	(141,153)
Insurance service result before reinsurance contracts held	49,523	61,403
Allocation of reinsurance premiums	(88,220)	(40,603)
Amount recoverable from reinsurance for incurred claims	59,319	204
Net expense from reinsurance contracts held	(28,901)	(40,399)
Insurance service result from direct written business	20,622	21,004
Share of surplus from insurance pool	-	322
Total insurance service result	20,622	21,326
Insurance finance expense for insurance contracts issued	(2,751)	(3,199)
Reinsurance finance income for reinsurance contracts held	2,924	2,647
Net insurance financial result	173	(552)
Net finance result from insurance operations	20,795	20,774
Net income from investments	13,729	7,516
Share of profit / (loss) of an associate	1,089	(1,175)
Other operating expenses	(10,888)	(4,808)
Profit for the period before zakat and tax	24,725	22,307
Zakat and tax charge	(3,803)	(2,801)
Profit for the period (a)	20,922	19,506
Other comprehensive income items that may be reclassified to profit and loss in subsequent periods		
Change in fair value of investments	(3,812)	362
Deferred tax effect relating to other comprehensive income components	572	-
Share of other comprehensive (loss) / income of an associate	(9)	142
Items that will not be reclassified to profit and loss in subsequent periods		
Change in fair value of investments	-	669
Share of other comprehensive income of an associate	1,703	2
Total other comprehensive (loss) / income for the period	(1,546)	1,175
Total comprehensive income for the period (b)	19,376	20,681
(a) Profit for the period attributable to:		
Shareholders of the parent	18,725	18,806
Non-controlling interest	2,197	700
	20,922	19,506
(b) Total comprehensive income for the period:		
Shareholders of the parent	17,179	19,648
Non-controlling interest	2,197	1,033
	19,376	20,681

A copy of the Financials would be available at the Registered office of the company. Flat no. 7, Building 316, Road 4609, Block 346, Manama Sea Front, PO Box No. 11871, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

DANAT names Safa Abdul Khaliq as CEO

● Abdul Khaliq succeeds Noora Abdulrahman Jamsheer as CEO

TDI | Manama

The Bahrain Institute for Pearls and Gemstones (DANAT) has appointed Safa Sharif Abdul Khaliq as Chief



Executive Officer, effective August 31. Abdul Khaliq succeeds Noora Abdulrahman Jamsheer as CEO. She joins DANAT from Export Bahrain, the Kingdom's national export development agency, where she served as CEO and led the organisation from its establishment through to full operational maturity. Prior to Export Bahrain, Abdul Khaliq spent more than a decade at Tamkeen, most recently serving as Director of

the Investment Department. She previously held the position of Manager of Corporate Planning and began her career in the banking sector. Abdul Khaliq is a member of the Bahrain National SME Development Board and has represented Bahrain on several national and regional committees, including the National Committee for the World Trade Organization and the Saudi-Bahraini Coordination Committee for

Integrated Industries. She holds an MBA in Project Management and a Bachelor of Business Management with double majors in Finance and Marketing. She is also a certified Key Performance Indicator (KPI) and Balanced Scorecard practitioner. Established by Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat) in 2017, DANAT plays a key role in preserving and promoting Bahrain's pear-

ling heritage and strengthening the Kingdom's position as a global centre for pearl and gemstone expertise. The institute provides internationally recognised laboratory services, scientific research, education, and industry outreach, supporting transparency and confidence across the global pearl and gemstone sector while contributing to the development of specialised Bahraini talent.

Canada unveils counter tariffs of 15% to 50% on US goods

AFP | Ottawa, Canada

Canada yesterday announced counter-tariffs on US goods ranging between 15% and 50%, intensifying the trade war between the historically close allies.

Ottawa's retaliation takes effect September 8, a timeframe earlier outlined by Prime Minister Mark Carney after US President Donald Trump's 50-percent duties on Canadian products came into place Saturday.

In detailing Ottawa's response, officials said Tuesday that its duties will match US levels. These impact industries like steel, dairy and electronics.

Canada's government also announced a \$5.4 billion (CA\$7.5 billion) aid package for impacted firms and workers.

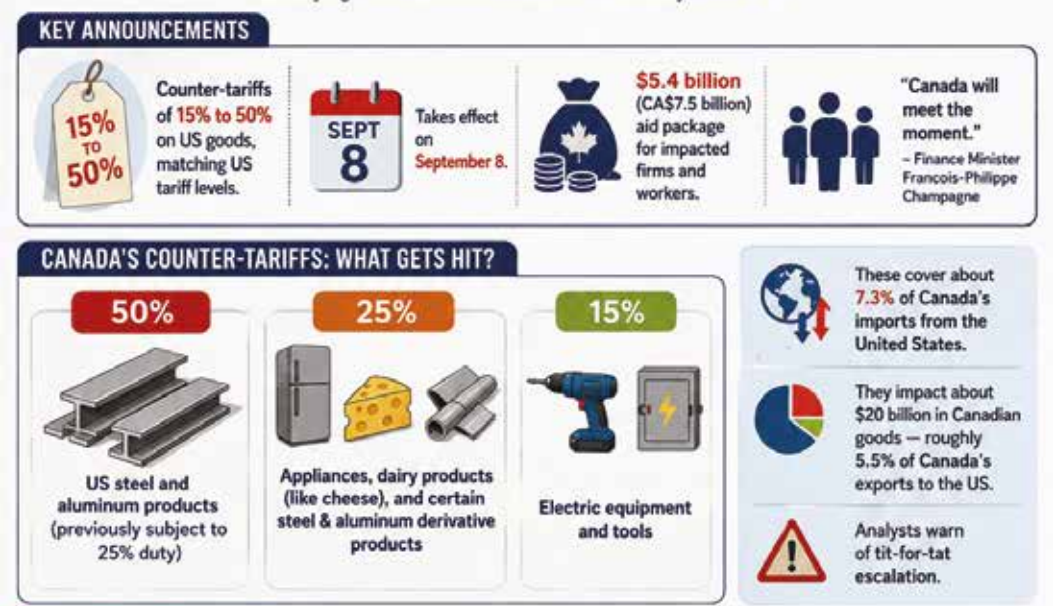
"This is an unprecedented challenge imposed on Canada. But Canada will meet the moment," Canada's Finance Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne said.

"I think what Canadians can see this morning is that we stand united. We stand united in our response," he added.

Tit-for-tat?

The steep US tariffs hit about \$20 billion in Canadian goods -- about 5.5% of its exports to the United States -- after trade negotiations collapsed at the eleventh hour.

Under Canada's planned response, US steel and alu-



minum products previously subject to a 25% duty will soon face 50-percent tariffs.

Goods facing 25% tariffs will include appliances, dairy products like cheese, as well as certain steel and aluminum derivative products.

A small category will see a 15% duty, including electric equipment and tools.

Overall, these form about 7.3% of Canada's imports from the United States.

But analysts warn of tit-for-tat escalation.

Already, Trump additionally pledged Monday to double tariffs on Canadian autos starting next year, up to 50% from the

current 25% for non-US content. Ontario Premier Doug Ford criticized Trump's threat on autos, saying he could "kiss my ass" and threatening an electricity export surcharge.

In an earlier phase of the dispute, Ontario imposed a temporary 25% surcharge on electricity exports to three US states.

Trump lashed out at Ford, warning of "far worse" consequences. He also referred to Carney as a "governor," re-upping his inflammatory push for Canada to become the 51st US state.

Highlighting the animosity, Trump said Tuesday he was considering renaming Lake

Ontario as "Lake America," as he did last year with the Gulf of Mexico, which he said should now be called the "Gulf of America."

Trump's latest tariffs do not exempt products covered by the US-Mexico-Canada free trade agreement (USMCA). They raise the US effective tariff rate on Canadian exports to 6.9% from 5.1%, Oxford Economics estimates.

Tariffs on plastics, electrical machinery, and wood and paper products contribute most to the increase.

"Manufacturers in Quebec, New Brunswick, and Ontario will be affected the most," Oxford Economics said.

Brazil fines TikTok \$30 mn over child data management

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

Brazil's National Data Protection Agency (ANPD) said yesterday it had imposed a fine of nearly \$30 million on TikTok for "irregularities in the processing of data belonging to children and adolescents."

In addition to the fine of 153.7 million reais (\$29.9 million), the agency ordered parent company ByteDance to "delete the data collected in violation of regulations."

TikTok has committed to "implementing a compliance plan to improve the protection of children and adolescents," the ANPD said. The platform will be required to automatically apply stricter privacy settings to accounts belonging to children under the age of 16, strengthen parental supervision systems, and implement stricter content filters.

TikTok did not immediately respond to requests for comment from AFP.

The ANPD this month also ordered popular streaming platform Discord to suspend livestreams and video calls after a teenage girl was allegedly encouraged to take her own life during a broadcast.

TikTok's recommendation algorithm is a major reason the platform can quickly personalize the "For You" feed--its system learns from signals such as what users watch, like, share, skip, and search for.

Finnair suspends flights to Dubai over Mideast instability

AFP | Helsinki, Finland

Finnish carrier Finnair said yesterday it had cancelled all of its flights to Dubai for the winter season due to the heightened security situation in the Middle East.

Finnair flights will be suspended between Helsinki and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates from October 25, 2026 to March 27, 2027, the airline said in a statement.

"The security situation in the Middle East has remained unstable, with no clear signs of improvement," it added.

The carrier said it would be in contact with passengers affected by the changes.

Six months after the start of the Middle East war, the strategic Strait of Hormuz remains largely paralysed and an agreement between Washington and Tehran has not been reached.

Trump policies to double power sector carbon emissions by 2035

Washington, United States

President Donald Trump's fossil fuel agenda will result in the loss of \$700 billion in clean energy investments over the next decade while doubling the power sector's climate footprint, according to analysis published Tuesday.

The report by the nonprofit Natural Resources Defense Council examined the cumulative impact of policies passed by Trump -- who campaigned on cutting utility bills in half within 18 months in office, though in reality they rose 16 percent as of May 2026, according to Energy Information Administration data.

These actions include the



U.S. President Donald Trump speaks with Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen (L) and Secretary of Education Linda McMahon (R) while giving a tour of the White House helipad construction on the South Lawn of the White House

passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act in July 2025, which gutted tax credits on clean energy, and the global tariff war that has strained supply chains and raised the cost of electricity

generation technologies as a whole.

Trump's policies have also focused on propping up the fossil fuel industry -- including forcing utilities to keep old, ex-

pensive fossil fuel plants beyond their planned retirement, and restarting or building new coal plants, while stalling federal permits for wind development.

In all, Trump's agenda will result in \$700 billion in lost investment between now and 2035, and the loss of between 390 to 540 gigawatts of new wind, solar and energy storage, the report found. By comparison, India's total installed capacity is currently around 520 gigawatts.

By 2035, US consumers will spend up to \$30 billion a year more on electricity, with household bills increasing by up to 25 percent in some parts of the country.

"From day one of this term,

the Trump administration has waged war on clean energy, destroying new investments, while owners of old, polluting coal plants get handouts and free passes to pollute," said Amanda Levin, director of policy analysis at NRDC.

"As a result, utility bills are on the rise, projects are cancelled, jobs are lost and more pollution is endangering the health of our families and the climate."

Titled "An Affordability Crisis of Trump's Making," the report used an energy model to compare the impact on the electricity sector of Trump's policies to those before he took office.

These included the planned repeal of power plant emission standards, tariffs, the end of tax

credits for wind and solar, and permitting delays and cancellations.

Both scenarios included the rapid growth in demand for electricity driven by data centers.

The report found that power sector carbon dioxide emissions could be twice as high by 2035, up to more than a billion metric tons compared to just over 500 million metric tons in the counterfactual scenario.

More air pollution from older coal and gas plants running more will result in up to 69,000 additional early deaths and 85,000 extra emergency room visits and hospital admissions over the next decade, it found.

World must rein in autonomous weapons: UN, Red Cross

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The United Nations and the Red Cross warned yesterday that the world is “dangerously close” to a future where so-called “killer robots” could target humans, and issued an urgent appeal for international regulation of autonomous weapons.

The warning follows a 2023 call by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres and Mirjana Spoljaric, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), for specific bans and restrictions on the rapidly-developing technology by this year.

“Today, we renew this call with even greater urgency,” they said in a joint statement, adding that while their “fundamental concerns remain unchanged... the risks have intensified”.

“We are now dangerously close to crossing a moral red line: the autonomous targeting of humans by machines,” they warned.

Lethal autonomous weapon systems are generally under-

stood as weapon systems that select targets and apply force without human intervention.

“Autonomous weapon systems are already used in the battlefield, they are used in broader environments, and that increases the risk for civilians being killed,” Laurent Giselle, head of ICRC’s arms and conduct of hostilities unit, told reporters.



Autonomous weapons are systems that can select and engage targets without direct human control once activated. They use technologies such as AI, sensors, computer vision and machine learning to identify and respond to targets.

12 hurt in drunk driver’s rampage in Portuguese town: police

AFP | Lisbon, Portugal

A drunk driver yesterday injured 12 people, including two police and a Polish national, as he mowed down pedestrians in a Portuguese resort, police said.

The 35-year-old Portuguese man refused a police order to stop his car at 3:00 am (0200 GMT) and sped off along a street known for its bars and night clubs in the Algarve beach town of Albufeira, po-

lice said.

Two police and 10 other people, aged between 18 and 22, were injured, the interior ministry said in a statement. One of the victims was in critical condition.

Police said the suspect had more than twice the permitted alcohol level in his blood and had been detained to face potential charges of causing bodily harm and dangerous driving under the influence of alcohol.

Chinese vessel caught with banned shark fin in Pacific

AFP | Sydney, Australia

Kiribati, a tiny Pacific neighbour to Hawaii that has grown ties with Beijing, detained a Chinese vessel this month for illegally harvesting shark fins, its maritime police told AFP.

The practice of cutting fins off live sharks and throwing the carcasses back into the sea is banned in much of the Pacific Ocean, but persists due to demand in East and Southeast Asia.

The Chinese ship was among four vessels detained in a surveillance crackdown by 11 Pacific island nations between August 3 and 14, assisted by the US Coast Guard in some areas and an Australian military aircraft. Kiribati, however, operates its own patrol boat.

The vessel was licensed to ply Kiribati’s waters but was detained by the maritime police after inspectors found shark fins on board, commander Tom Redfern told AFP.

organisation.

It follows repeated warnings by UNRWA that Israeli authorities were threatening its Qalandia training centre, located between the east Jerusalem neighbourhood of Kafr Aqab and the Qalandia refugee camp.

Israel threatens to expel Gazans over kite-flying ‘outrageous’: UN

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The United Nations yesterday slammed Israel’s threat to expel people from areas where kites, drones and balloons are launched from in Gaza, lamenting “unacceptable rhetoric” coming from Israeli leaders.

“On the threat of expulsion due to children’s kite flying, I hope we can all agree that this is outrageous,” UN rights office spokeswoman Ravina Shamdasani told reporters in Geneva.

Israel warned Hamas on Sunday that it would step up operations in Gaza if launches of kites, drones and balloons towards Israel continued, after a recent increase in such incidents. Hamas has denied responsibility.

Israeli media reported that four kites were found in communities near the Gaza border on Saturday and one was shot down by the army on Sunday, bringing the total number recovered in recent days to around 10.

The incidents have revived memories of waves of incendiary kites and balloons launched from Gaza in previous years, which sparked fires in agricultural lands in southern Israel.

According to the reports, the Israeli military believes Hamas



Boys fly a kite against the backdrop of smoke rising from the Gath shelter, that houses displaced Palestinians, after an Israeli air strike in the west of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip

was behind the launches, which did not carry explosives, and may have been testing how Israel would respond.

“Israel warns Hamas that if the launches toward Israel do not cease immediately, the IDF will take action to intensify targeted operations against those responsible... and will evacu-

ate the population from areas from which kites, drones and balloons are launched,” Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Israel Katz said Sunday in a joint statement.

The UN spokeswoman highlighted that Sunday’s statement was only the latest in a string of

threats.

“We continue to see unacceptable rhetoric coming from the highest level of the Israeli authorities, showing utter contempt for international human rights and humanitarian law, and advocating and inciting violence amounting to atrocity crimes,” she said.

Iranians queue for petrol after US announces new sanctions

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Long queues formed at petrol stations in Tehran on Tuesday after the United States announced fresh sanctions aimed at pressuring Iran into submission.

Washington has turned to pulling economic levers six months into a war on Iran that has ground to a stalemate militarily, with peace talks stalled and most traffic through the crucial Strait of Hormuz blocked.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent on Monday laid out plans for the “economic asphyxiation” of Iran, saying the “objective is to sever every economic lifeline that sustains this tyrannical regime”.

Announcing the new sanctions, Bessent said countries that did not support the US economic campaign would “share in the isolation” of Iran, adding Trump was making phone calls to world leaders asking

Trump says executions of Iran protesters must stop

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump expressed outrage yesterday at the mounting number of executions in Iran of people allegedly involved in mass protests earlier this year before the Middle East war began.



“The failing Islamic Republic of Iran is not paying large segments of their military, while at the same time killing protesters, even when they are not protesting, at levels not seen before,” he wrote on Truth Social. “It is a humanitarian crisis of epic proportions, and must be stopped, NOW,” he added. It was not immediately clear what new information had spurred the early morning post, but there has been a steady increase in executions since the outbreak of the war on February 28.

Iranian authorities report-

ing that they halt interactions with Tehran. The Treasury Department said expanded secondary sanctions would target Iran’s digital assets and its technology, gold, aviation and shipping sectors.

It also issued new sanctions against 60 individuals, companies and vessels that allegedly aid Iran in oil revenue generation, weapons procurement and cyber operations.

The sanctions hit entities around the world, includ-

ed more than 3,000 deaths, but attributed the violence to “terrorist acts” orchestrated by the United States and Israel.

Earlier this month, more than 30 countries signed a joint letter condemning “in the strongest terms the ongoing executions of protesters and use of the death penalty” by Iran.

The United States, where capital punishment is still legal, did not sign the letter.

Since then, at least three more people have been executed in Iran on charges related to the protests.

ing in the United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong, China, Singapore and in Europe.

China, a key customer for Iranian oil, said Tuesday that it opposed the sanctions and vowed to “take all necessary measures to firmly safeguard its own rights and interests”.

Bessent did not rule out the possibility of Chinese banks being targeted, and vowed that any entity “that facilitates money laundering on behalf of Iran will be removed from the US dollar system”.

Israel begins evicting UN training centre for Palestinians

AFP | Kafr ‘Aqab, Palestinian Territories

Israeli forces began evicting a vocational training centre run by the UN agency for Palestinian refugees in an east Jerusalem suburb yesterday, in its latest move targeting the beleaguered

Battle of Crécy: Edward III's English longbows defeat Philip VI's army south of Calais in northern France; cannons are used for the first time in battle

English astronomer Edmond Halley first observes the comet named after him



The first free kindergarten in the United States is started by Susan Blow in Carondelet, a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri

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Today, I formally rescinded Syria's designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism. This action unlocks new potential for Syria's economic revitalization and progress. The Trump Administration continues to advance U.S. national security to achieve peace, prosperity, and security in the Middle East.

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Together with the @ICRC President Mirjana Spoljaric, and with even greater urgency, I renew my call on States to establish specific prohibitions & restrictions on autonomous weapon systems. We are now dangerously close to crossing a moral red line: the autonomous targeting of humans by machines. Innovation must serve humanity – not endanger it.

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Digital tools can expand opportunity by supporting learning, communication, and access to health services. At the same time, many platform's algorithms are designed for users to keep us scrolling and hooked.

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Mehriban Aliyeva: A Life of Service, Culture and Leadership

TDT | Manama

Some people inspire through their skills, vision and ability to create opportunities for others. Mehriban Aliyeva, Azerbaijan's First Vice-President, is one such figure – a physician trained in ophthalmology who has become a prominent figure in the country's public, humanitarian and cultural life.

Born in Baku, Aliyeva grew up in an intellectually accomplished family. Her father, Arif Pashayev, is a prominent scientist and academic, while her mother, Aida Imanguliyeva, was a distinguished philologist and scholar. She studied at Azerbaijan Medical University before specialising in ophthalmology at the Sechenov Moscow Medical Academy.

Her career later moved beyond medicine. In 2004, she became president of the newly established Heydar Aliyev Foundation, beginning a period of extensive work in health-

care, education, humanitarian affairs and culture.

Healthcare has remained a significant focus, reflecting her medical background. Under her leadership, the Foundation has supported medical facilities, modern equipment and healthcare programmes, including initiatives benefiting children.

Education has been another major area of work, with projects supporting the construction and renovation of schools, modernisation of classrooms and educational programmes. The broader objective has been to expand opportunities for young people and contribute to Azerbaijan's social development.

Her cultural work has also become an important part of her public profile. The Foundation has supported the restoration of historical monuments, preservation of Azerbaijani cultural traditions and heritage projects beyond the country. Through these initiatives, Aliyeva has

frequently presented culture as a form of diplomacy, creating opportunities for Azerbaijan to strengthen international cultural relations.

Her humanitarian programmes have focused particularly on groups that can be vulnerable or overlooked, including children without parental care, people with disabilities, low-income families and internally displaced people. Her public initiatives have also highlighted women's participation in social and professional life and opportunities for younger generations.

In February 2017, Aliyeva took on another major role when she was appointed First Vice-President of Azerbaijan. The appointment brought her into

the highest level of executive government following years of public service through the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, parliament and other institutions.

Her responsibilities have continued to span welfare, healthcare, education, culture and international cooperation. Her role in cultural diplomacy was also evident during her October 2025 visit to the Holy See, where she met Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican. Discussions included Azerbaijan-Holy See relations, cultural cooperation, the role of the Catholic Church in Azerbaijan and lasting peace in the South Caucasus.

The visit also included events connected with restoration projects involving Christian heritage supported by the Heydar Aliyev

Mehriban Aliyeva, Vice President of Azerbaijan



Israeli lawmaker under army escort smashes Palestinian memorial

AFP | Ramallah, Palestinian Territories

A far-right Israeli lawmaker took a sledgehammer to a Palestinian memorial in the occupied West Bank on Tuesday while under military escort, a move that was later condemned both by the army and Israeli politicians.

Footage circulating online showed Zvi Sukkot, who is also a settler and activist, smashing a monument commemorating "martyrs" in the Palestinian village of Madama in the northern West Bank, while soldiers stood nearby.

"A few days ago, I demanded that the military take action to remove the monuments commemorating terrorists in the murderers' villages of Madama and Burin. Unfortunately, they remained in place. So I went there myself and took action to remove them," Sukkot posted on Facebook, along with a video of the act.

When contacted by AFP, the Israeli military said Sukkot and his aides had conducted a "tour" of the area "with security provided by IDF soldiers who had been diverted from their operational activities for this purpose".

"Contrary to the agreed-upon coordination, the participants acted deceptively and manipulatively, without authorisation, departing entirely from the ap-



An Israeli settler attacks a left-wing activist at an Israeli outpost in the Israeli-occupied Palestinian village of Jannatah, just south of the city of Bethlehem

proved framework, and began demolishing one of the monuments in Madama," it added.

It said soldiers reported the incident to their commanders, who told them to stop the activity and "the participants were quickly escorted out of the village".

The military said it viewed Sukkot's actions "with the utmost severity", adding they "constituted a misuse of the protection provided by security forces to act entirely outside the scope of the approved framework".

In a statement, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said

the military "is the sovereign authority in Judea and Samaria", using the Biblical term for the West Bank.

"Taking the law into one's own hands, especially when it involves public figures, is a reprehensible practice that prevents the IDF from focusing on its missions of combatting terrorism and incitement to violence," he added.

The filmed act took place as Israel prepares for elections on October 27, and also drew condemnation from Gadi Eisenkot, who has emerged as the principal challenger to Netanyahu.

"Zvi Sukkot's behaviour is a

disgrace to anyone who presumes to represent the public and be a leader," he wrote on X.

"Netanyahu... is allowing archists like Zvi Sukkot and his ilk to do as they please, endangering security in the settlements and damaging Israel's standing in the world," he added.

Rami Nassar, the head of Madama's village council, told AFP the memorial at the centre of the village included the names of those killed in a 1968 battle, the first and second intifadas, and up until the present day.

Oman's top diplomat in Iran for talks

Tehran, Iran

Oman's top diplomat held talks in Iran on Monday, Tehran said, as the two countries seek a way to regulate transit through the Strait of Hormuz, which has emerged as a flashpoint in the Middle East war.

"Oman's Foreign Minister Badr al-Busaidi met and talked with Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi in Tehran," an Iranian foreign ministry statement said.

Washington Post ordered to rehire fired columnist

Washington, United States

The Washington Post was ordered Monday to reinstate columnist Karen Attiah, who was fired over social media posts she wrote in the aftermath of right-wing influencer Charlie Kirk's assassination.

Kirk was shot dead in September on a Utah college campus, sparking a wave of grief among conservatives and threats of a clampdown on the "radical left" from President Donald Trump.

Attiah wrote on social media afterward that she would not display sadness for Kirk's killing and shared the activist's past racist comments about Black women.

She was later fired, with the Post accusing her of "gross misconduct" and of violating its social media policies.

An arbitrator ordered the Post on Monday to rehire Attiah and compensate her with back pay, writing in the decision that the Post "did not have good and sufficient cause" for her dismissal.

CIA director Ratcliffe visiting Moscow

Washington, United States

US Central Intelligence Agency Director John Ratcliffe is visiting Moscow for meetings, US media said yesterday after flight data showed an American military aircraft flew to the Russian capital.

CBS News quoted sources familiar with the situation as



confirming Ratcliffe's trip, saying it was his first known visit

to Russia as CIA chief. Axios separately confirmed it quoting a US official.

There was no immediate comment from the CIA or the White House when contacted by AFP.

Data from Flightradar24 earlier showed a US military C-17 traveling from the United States

to Latvia and then on to Moscow.

Ratcliffe's reported visit comes as US-brokered talks aimed at ending Russia's invasion of Ukraine have stalled. But Moscow earlier this month freed a former US Marine detained since 2022 amid concerns about his health.

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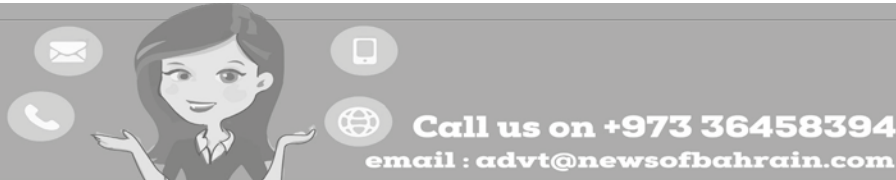
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Trump posts old images amid renewed US strikes on Iran

AFP | USA

US President Donald Trump shared an image of a massive fire and plumes of smoke on July 8, 2026, claiming it showed his country's "retribution" for Iranian attacks on ships traversing the vital Strait of Hormuz. But the picture is an altered version of a photo taken more than a year earlier, an AFP investigation found.

"This is in retribution for yesterday's bombing of ships by Iran. If it happens again, it will get much worse!" Trump wrote in the Truth Social post sharing a screenshot of an X post from an account called "@Osint613," which claimed it showed "Chabahar, Iran."

The official White House X



Screenshot from Truth Social taken July 9, 2026, with AI logo added by AFP



Screenshot from Getty Images taken July 9, 2026

account reshared the president's post, and the Pentagon republished it to Facebook. The right-wing TV network Newsmax also amplified the visual.

The post came as new fighting erupted between the United States and Iran ahead of the burial of longtime supreme leader Ali Khamenei, who was killed by

US-Israeli strikes February 28, events that plunged the Middle East into war.

Trump declared the delicate ceasefire "over" on July 8 as the United States blasted Iran with extensive strikes, after Tehran hit several commercial ships in the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow gateway for one-fifth of the world's oil. The Islamic republic said it had also resumed its attacks targeting US assets in Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar.

But the image Trump claimed on Truth Social showed "retribution" is unrelated to the renewed hostilities.

"BIG CORRECTION: I just double checked and this image is not from tonight," the "@Osint613" X account, which first shared it, wrote in a follow-up

post (archived here). Later, the account posted again saying the image had "circulated in Iranian accounts".

Reverse image searches surfaced a near-identical photo from Getty Images dated to June 2025 (archived here).

The caption on the photo -- and other shots showing the same inferno -- says it shows fire and smoke rising "into the sky after an Israeli attack on the Shahr oil depot on June 15, 2025 in Tehran, Iran" (archived here).

The capital is hundreds of miles

away from the city of Chabahar, mentioned in the "@Osint613" post.

A video also in the Getty Images archive shows the same fire burning (archived here).

The version Trump posted was also altered, with several details enhanced or otherwise changed.

The cylindrical fuel storage tanks that appear in the Getty Images original -- and also show up damaged in Google Earth satellite imagery of the area -- do not exist in the version Trump shared, which instead depicts a structure of a different shape



Japan did not ban mosques

Reuters

Online posts saying Japan has introduced "anti-Islam laws" that ban mosques, burqas, halal food and the Islamic call to prayer are false. The government has not brought in any such laws and Japan's constitution guarantees religious freedom.

Here are the key details:

- The posts from August said the so-called laws were "basically saying Islam is not welcome" in Japan.
- A spokesperson for Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology told Reuters that was "not true at all".
- The spokesperson said religious freedom is enshrined in Japan's constitution and that no regulations have been introduced to purposely prohibit halal food, mosques,

burqas or the call to prayer.

- Article 20 of the Constitution of Japan says: "Freedom of religion is guaranteed to all."
- Mosques are mostly found in Japan's larger cities, according to the Japanese National Tourism Organization, which recommends a mosque-finder website, opens new tab on its website.
- The JNTO says there has been a boost in "halal travel" to Japan and attributes that to an increase in Muslim-friendly and halal-accredited restaurants and facilities, mosques and tours.

Verdict: False.

Japan's constitution guarantees religious freedom for all. A culture ministry spokesperson said there are no regulations that prohibit the practices listed in the online posts.



Images of brides heading for Ceuta in their wedding gowns have been altered

Reuters

Two images altered to show women in bridal gowns en route to Ceuta have been shared online as if they are authentic evidence of couples abandoning their wedding ceremonies in Morocco to attempt the crossing to the Spanish enclave in late July.

Here are the key details:

- Both images show women wearing floor-length, white wedding gowns, and one also shows a man in a tuxedo.
- The first image is an edited screenshot from a video of a group of people running along a highway that connects Morocco to Ceuta.
- The woman in the unedited video is wearing a white skirt and a pink top.
- Nina Boudkhili, who



identified herself on Instagram as the woman in the video, said in a post that she was not a bride and had been wearing a long skirt that day.

- Boudkhili also said to Reuters in a private message that she had not been wearing a wedding dress, nor did she see anyone else wearing one.
- The second image is an edited screenshot of a separate video showing people running on the shoreline adjacent to the highway, opens new tab in the first video.
- The unedited video does not show a man in a tuxedo or a woman in a bridal gown.
- Google's SynthID detection tool found that the image was likely edited using AI.

Verdict: Altered.

Both images are digitally altered screenshots from two separate videos.

Bahrain chase fourth win against Korea

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TDT | Manama

A group-defining test awaits Bahrain Today, when they face South Korea with a fourth straight win and top spot in Group A at stake at the 11th Asian Men's Youth Handball Championship in Amman.

The under-19 side meet the Koreans at Princess Sumaya Hall at 4pm Bahrain time, with both teams on six points after winning all three of their matches.

Bahrain are already through to Friday's quarter-finals. A win on Wednesday would send Mohamed Soliman's men through as Group A winners.

They sealed their last-eight place with a 36-28 win over Uzbekistan on Sunday, although Uzbekistan made them work for it.

Bahrain led only 17-15 at half-time before pulling clear after the break. Four of the first five goals took them 21-16 ahead, and the lead later grew to eight



Jubilant warriors celebrate after beating Uzbekistan

at 28-20.

Mohammed Marzooq led Bahrain with 11 goals from 15 attempts.

Mahdi Ali scored with all six of his shots, while goalkeeper Ali Mahroos made 11 saves and

was named Man of the Match.

It followed two much easier wins.

Bahrain beat India 51-20 in their opener before beating hosts Jordan 41-19.

Three games. Three wins.

Bahrain have scored 128 goals and conceded 67.

South Korea have also won all three of their matches, although they had to come from behind against Jordan on Monday night.

The Koreans trailed 12-10 at half-time before recovering to win 25-24 and make it three victories from three.

That result followed a 47-29 win over Uzbekistan and a 37-27 victory against India.

Wednesday's meeting will decide the battle for first place between the only two unbeaten sides in Group A.

The other group fixture takes place two hours later, with Uzbekistan facing hosts Jordan at 6pm.

Bahrain are playing in the championship for the 10th time and are chasing a third Asian crown under Soliman, after winning the title in 2016 and 2018. They also took bronze in 2010.

The tournament doubles as Asia's qualifier for the 2027 IHF Men's Youth World Championship, which will be held from July 29 to August 9 next year.

The top four sides at the Asian championship qualify for the worlds, leaving Bahrain one knockout victory away from securing their place.

The quarter-finals will be played on Friday, followed by the semi-finals on Saturday. The bronze-medal match and final will take place on August 31.

Health company admits Maradona test mix-up in trial

AFP | Buenos Aires, Argentina

An Argentine health insurance company admitted that medical tests presented at the trial over the death of late football icon Diego Maradona were in fact those of his father, also called Diego.

In a letter seen by AFP on Monday, Swiss Medical admitted that tests it released to a medical commission investigating Maradona's death "remained mistakenly filed under the name Diego Armando Maradona" when in fact they belonged to his late father, Diego Salustiano Maradona.

The older Maradona died in 2015, five years before the man considered one of football's greatest ever players.

The blunder was spotted last week by a lawyer defending one of the seven healthcare professionals on trial over Maradona's death in November 2020 at age 60.

Maradona died of heart failure and acute pulmonary edema -- a condition where fluid accumulates in the lungs -- at a rented home in the Buenos Aires suburb of Tigre two



Maradona (R) embraces his father "Don Diego"

weeks after undergoing surgery for a brain clot.

His medical team is accused of providing grossly inadequate care in the lead-up to his death. It denies the charges.

His kidney health has been a core focus of the final stages of the trial, with a nephrologist testifying that his doctors should have paid more attention to the issue.

It turns out he based his analysis on the wrong test results.

The mix-up led to the suspension of the proceedings for a week, causing further embarrassment for the court after the collapse last year of a first trial over a conflict of interest involving one of the judges.

The latest trial, which began in April, resumes on Thursday.

Alonso makes winning start with Chelsea as Rogers scores on debut

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Xabi Alonso won his first game as Chelsea boss thanks to Morgan Rogers's debut goal and Joao Pedro's strike after just 31 seconds of a pulsating 3-2 victory against Fulham on Monday.

Alonso has been hired to revive Chelsea after their dismal 10th place finish in the Premier League last season.

The former Real Madrid boss has a point to prove after being sacked by the Spanish club following less than eight months in charge.

Alonso's side ensured he delivered a good first impression in a chaotic west London derby at Craven Cottage.

Pedro's opener inside the first minute was followed by a blunder from Chelsea keeper Robert Sanchez that gift-



Chelsea's Spanish Manager Xabi Alonso

ed an equaliser to Josh King.

Rogers put Chelsea back in front on his debut after becoming the most expensive British player in history following his £117 million (\$159 million) move from Aston Villa in the close-season.

Cole Palmer increased Chelsea's advantage after half-time and the Blues survived a frantic finale after Gonzalo Garcia bagged Fulham's second goal following another Sanchez mistake.

On an evening when old friends were reunited on the touchline and on the pitch, Alonso emerged victorious against new Fulham boss Alvaro Arbeloa.

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Ethiopia bids to host 2028 AFCON

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Ethiopia has formally submitted its bid to host the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) in 2028, which would be its first in more than half a century.

The Ethiopian Football Federation confirmed its bid in a post on X late Monday. It last hosted the continental tournament in 1976.

Ethiopia has the second biggest population in Africa, with around 130 million people, and its capital serves as the headquarters of the African Union (AU). It has the highest altitude of any African capital at 2,300 metres. The bid faces numerous obstacles, including ongoing insurgencies in the country's two most populous states, Amhara and Oromia, as well as threats of renewed civil war between the federal government and the northern Tigray region.

The Ethiopian team ranks 143rd out of 211 by FIFA, and it last played in the biennial AFCON tournament in 2022, when it was eliminated in the group stage.

Sri Lanka trail India by 238 runs in second Test

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AFP | Colombo, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka were fighting hard to avoid the follow-on when rain brought an early end to play on day three of the second Test against India on Tuesday, with the hosts on 265-8.

Sri Lanka need a further 39 runs to avoid being asked to bat again, still 238 runs behind India's first-innings total of 503-9 declared.



Sri Lanka's Sonal Dinusha (L) plays a shot during the third day of the second Test cricket match between Sri Lanka and India at the Sinhalese Sports Club Ground in Colombo

Only 80.4 of the 98 overs scheduled for the day were possible due to rain.

India's fast-bowling coach Morne Morkel said the team intended to wrap up Sri Lanka's innings quickly on day four and enforce the follow-on.

"With the amount of rain that is around, it takes (a) lot of time to put the covers on and take covers off," he told reporters. "So given the lead we have, we want to ask them to follow on and put them under pressure."

Wicketkeeper Niroshan Dickwella was dismissed for a third-ball duck, reducing Sri Lanka to 173-7.

However, Sonal Dinusha add-

ed 57 runs for the eighth wicket with Keshara Nuwantha (18) to frustrate India.

Nuwantha was dismissed soon after tea but Dinusha found another able ally in fast bowler Lahiru Kumara, who batted for more than an hour as the pair added another 35 runs for the ninth wicket.

Dinusha, Sri Lanka's standout performer in the first Test, continued to impress.

The all-rounder, who scored 100 and 84 last week in Galle, ended the day on 85 not out.

Sri Lanka resumed on their overnight score of 8-2 but lost two wickets in the morning session. India made further inroads

after lunch, picking up another three wickets.

Pasindu Sooriyabandara, who replaced Dinesh Chandimal as a concussion substitute in the second innings of the Galle Test, is in the starting side for the first time.

Sooriyabandara was the next-best Sri Lankan batsman with 80, but said he regretted not going on to score "a big one".

Prasidh Krishna was the pick of India's bowlers, claiming three wickets, often troubling the batters with extra bounce.

India lead the two-match series 1-0, having won the opening Test in Galle by 165 runs.

Yavi's Gold quest returns to Asian Games

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Three-time Asian Games champion Winfred Yavi will lead Bahrain's 34-strong athletics team in Japan next month as the Kingdom goes after another big medal tally on the track.

The 26-year-old heads a Bahrain Olympic

Yavi storms home in 9:00.04 to win the women's 3,000m steeplechase in Lausanne

Committee list featuring 17 men and 17 women, with 400m ace Salwa Eid Naser, former steeplechase world champion Ruth Jebet, Birhanu Balew and Abbas Yusuf amongst the medal-proven names picked for Japan.

The 20th Asian Games run from September 19 to October 4 across Aichi and Nagoya, with Bahrain seeking another strong showing after a rich return in Hangzhou three years ago and Japan now the next frontier.

Yavi will be one of its biggest hopes.

She heads towards Japan in fine form after winning the women's 3,000m steeplechase at the Lausanne Diamond League on Friday in 9:00.04.

Her run broke the meeting record and put reigning world champion Faith

Cherotich of Kenya second in 9:01.90.

Yavi has already gone much quicker this year, clocking 8:51.54 in Xiamen in May. Her career best of 8:44.39, run in Rome in 2024, ranks her second on the all-time list.

Yavi was already looking beyond Olympic gold after Paris. In her first interview with The Daily Tribune after the win, she said her next aim was to break the world record at the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo.

The record did not fall, but Yavi still left Tokyo with world silver after running 8:56.46 behind Cherotich. Their battle has carried into this season, with the Bahraini beating the Kenyan in Lausanne.

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Yavi is due to race at the Diamond League Final in Brussels on September 4, where Cherotich and Uganda's Peruth Chemutai are also expected on the start line. Then comes a stage Yavi knows well.

She has won the Asian Games

3,000m steeplechase at each of the past two editions, taking gold in Jakarta in 2018 in 9:36.52 before defending her crown at Hangzhou in 2023.

Hangzhou brought double gold. Yavi won the 1,500m in 4:11.65, then struck again in the steeplechase with a Games record of 9:18.28.

She now has three Asian Games gold medals and could chase a third straight steeplechase crown in Japan. Should Bahrain also enter her in the 1,500m, she would have the chance to defend both titles won in Hangzhou.

Bahrain finished ninth in the overall medal table at the 2023 Games and first among Arab countries, taking 20 medals, including 12 gold, three silver and five bronze.

Pogacar storms to Vuelta a Espana stage four solo triumph

Andorra La Vella, Andorra

Cycling superstar Tadej Pogacar crushed his Vuelta a Espana rivals to clinch a sensational solo stage four victory on Tuesday and open up a commanding general classification lead.

The Slovenian, aiming to complete a Grand Tour

grand slam, attacked with just over 50 kilometres remaining in Andorra's mountains, and crossed the finish line with the chasing pack languishing.

Jarno Widar and Felix Gall completed the day's podium in second and third respectively, both coming in 2min 39sec behind Pogacar as they beat out four other riders in a sprint to the line.

Already wearing the red jersey after winning the individual time trial on the first stage, UAE Team Emirates-XRG rider Pogacar's bid to carve out a significant lead was foiled on Monday by inclement weather.

Riders had to take shelter from a dangerous hailstorm in

a nearby hotel in the Pyrenees and the third stage was abandoned.

So it was a day later than planned that five-time Tour de France winner Pogacar, hoping to become only the fourth rider to claim a Tour-Vuelta double in the same season, took full control.

Racing resumed on Tuesday with a short but tricky 104.8km course in the mountains with four categorised climbs.

Decathlon led onto the day's second climb, Collada de Beixalis, but Pogacar decided that was his moment to shine.

The 27-year-old, competing in the Vuelta for the first time since 2019, powered ahead,



UAE Team Emirates - XRG team's Slovenian rider Tadej Pogacar celebrates on the podium

with Gall attempting to follow him.

Pogacar dropped the Austrian, who fell back to the chase group, and flew on ahead, creating a two minute gap.

The chase group expanded to nine riders, including Os-

car Onley and Primoz Roglic, but Pogacar was three minutes ahead up the road at that point.

The unstoppable Slovenian pumped his fists then raised his arms aloft as he crossed the finish line.

Widar and Gall edged out four-time Vuelta winner Roglic, Onley, Enric Mas and Sepp Kuss in a sprint to the line, after they had dropped Richard Carapaz and Mattias Skjelmose in the final stages.

Wednesday's stage five takes place in Spain, running 173.3km from Falset -- south-west of Barcelona -- to Roquetes, and offers the chance for a sprint finish.

Spurs splash out £75 million for Man City's Savinho

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Tottenham signed Brazilian winger Savinho from Manchester City on Tuesday for a reported initial fee of £75 million (\$102 million) to take their overall outlay in the transfer market beyond £300 million this window.

The 22-year-old failed to establish himself as a first-team regular during two seasons at City. But Spurs are hoping

he can add pace and creativity to their attack after narrowly escaping relegation from the Premier League last season.

"It's taken a while but I'm very happy to be here," Savinho said in a Tottenham statement.

Roberto De Zerbi's impact at the end of last season helped Spurs avoid dropping into the second tier of English football for the first time in 49 years.

But the Italian's big spending revolution of the Tottenham squad got off to a miserable start in a 3-0 defeat to Brentford on the opening weekend of the Premier League season.

Savinho adds to the expensive arrivals of Mateus Fernandes,

Sandro Tonali and Jan Paul van Hecke, while Marcos Senesi, Andy Robertson and Martin Dubravka have also joined on free transfers.

"Savio is a player who brings energy, imagination and quality in wide positions. He has the courage to attack defenders and the ability to change a game with his creativity," said De Zerbi.

City could reportedly receive up to an extra £10 million in add-ons. There is also likely to be further business between the two clubs with Egyptian forward Omar Marmoush also set to depart Manchester for north London before the end of the window next week. Savinho joined

from Troyes, one of a group of clubs controlled by City's owners, for £30 million in 2024.

He rose to prominence during a blistering loan spell at another City Football Group club Girona, but has failed to recreate that form so far in England.



Manchester City's Brazilian midfielder #26 Savinho