

Bahrain Metro's plan moves to first phase

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The Bahrain Metro remains one of the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications' top transport projects, with work focused on preparing the first-phase route under the approved plan.

Efforts are currently underway to complete all necessary studies and required steps before construction begins.

That came in the ministry's reply to a Shura Council question from Khalid Al Maskati, head of the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee.

It also stated that transport for workers who do not own private vehicles is not within its direct remit.

Role

The ministry said its role is to provide and regulate an integrated public transport network for all passengers, rather than a service aimed at one group, so that travel across Bahrain is safe and smooth for citizens and residents alike.

It said the operation of worker



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Khalid Al Maskati

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transport falls to other bodies, while its own duties cover expanding the public transport network and laying down the rules and technical licensing conditions for transport services.

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be fixed because the detailed designs are still incomplete and market conditions remain subject to change.

That figure, it said, will be settled once the final studies are approved.

Network

It also said work is under way on a feeder bus network linked to the metro, using small and medium-sized buses to connect residential districts with metro stations.

Timetables would be matched with train movements to cut waiting times and improve links

between the different modes of transport.

The ministry said that system would widen coverage, raise passenger numbers, reduce reliance on private cars and ease congestion, above all in densely populated districts and busy commercial areas.

It added that the scheme would also include supporting facilities such as Park and Ride sites and dedicated bus lanes.

More widely, the ministry said it is working on plans to expand the public transport network so that it reaches more areas and key destinations.

Routes

Existing routes are reviewed regularly, it said, with routes changed or new lines added in line with urban and population growth, as well as demand and passenger numbers.

The ministry also said it is studying, with the relevant authorities, operating measures including high-occupancy vehicle lanes on a number of main roads.

The aim, it said, is to ease peak-time traffic, make better use of road capacity and cut carbon emissions.

Thunderstorms, strong winds continue across Kingdom



Wet roads reported across parts of Kingdom amid light drizzle

Temperatures set to fall further in coming days

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Unstable weather conditions continued across the Kingdom of Bahrain for the fourth consecutive day yesterday, with scattered thunderstorms affecting several areas since around midnight, accompanied by strong gusts of wind.

Wind speeds exceeded 40 knots, while temperatures dropped to around 21°C.

The Meteorological Directorate said temperatures are expected to fall further in the coming days, reaching about 18°C tomorrow and Sunday.

Fluctuations

The current conditions are attributed to a low-pressure system affecting the Kingdom, combined with the formation of cumulonimbus clouds and increased wind activity, leading to ongoing weather fluctuations.

Earlier, the Meteorological Directorate at the Ministry of Transport and Communications said thunderstorms with strong winds were expected to continue until noon yesterday.

Meanwhile, the General Directorate of Traffic urged motorists to exercise caution, adhere to speed limits and lanes, maintain safe distances, and avoid distractions to ensure road safety during the unstable weather.

Bahrain, France discuss current regional woes

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The Kingdom of Bahrain and France discussed regional developments in light of the continued Iranian attacks against the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, and their implications for regional security and stability.

The talks also covered the safety of international maritime navigation in the Arabian Gulf, as well as the impact of these attacks on energy security, food supplies, global trade, and the international economy.

This came as His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, received a phone call from H.E. Jean-Noel Barrot, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the French



H.E. Dr. Al Zayani
Republic.

The two sides discussed the longstanding and friendly relations between Bahrain and France, and opportunities to further strengthen bilateral cooperation across a range of sectors in support of shared interests.

The call further addressed

prospects for enhancing bilateral cooperation and continuing joint consultation and coordination within the United Nations Security Council regarding regional and international issues under discussion, in addition to exchanging views on matters of common interest.

Boosting security cooperation



His Excellency Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), received H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior. The meeting reviewed the cooperation and coordination between the BDF and the Ministry of Interior in all matters related to maintaining security and stability in the Kingdom, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

Bangladesh hails strong ties with Bahrain

Bangladeshis to mark Great Independence and National Day today

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His Excellency Md. Rais Hasan Sarower, ndc, the Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Kingdom of Bahrain, expressed pride in the longstanding bilateral relations between the two countries.

He affirmed confidence that these ties will continue to develop and flourish to serve the common interests of both nations.

In a message marking Bang-



H.E. Ambassador Md. Rais Hasan Sarower, ndc

ladesh's Great Independence and National Day today, H.E. the Ambassador extended his congratulations and best wishes to the Bangladeshi community in Bahrain and to the Bahraini people.

He highlighted the sacrifices made by Bangladesh's freedom

fighters, as well as the contributions of mothers and sisters, noting that their legacy continues to inspire future generations to uphold justice, dignity, and patriotism.

H.E. Ambassador Sarower also expressed Bangladesh's solidarity with the people of Bahrain amid current regional challenges, wishing the Kingdom continued peace, stability, and security.

He pointed to the formation of Bangladesh's new government on February 17, 2026, under Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, expressing optimism that the new administration would open a new chapter of constructive cooperation between Bangladesh and Bahrain.

Caring gesture

His Excellency Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, Minister of Defence Affairs, accompanied by H.E. Dr. Jaleela bint Al Sayed Jawad Hassan, Minister of Health, visited the injured individuals receiving the necessary and comprehensive medical care following the hostile Iranian attacks, to check on their health condition and follow up on their treatment. The Minister of Defence Affairs conveyed the well wishes of H.E. Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), for the injured to have a speedy recovery.

