

Bahrain Pilgrims Complete Arafat Day, Eid Al Adha Begins

As Muslims around the world wake to the joyful takbeer of Eid Al Adha, Bahrain's pilgrims have successfully completed the sacred stand at Arafat — the spiritual pinnacle of Hajj — after the Bahrain Hajj Mission delivered a flawless transfer operation to the holy site. Pilgrims gathered on the plains of Arafat yesterday in what is considered the most sacred day of the Islamic calendar — a day of prayer, reflection, and supplication. The Bahrain Hajj Mission ensured every pilgrim reached the site safely and on time, under a comprehensive field plan developed in coordination with Bahraini Hajj tour operators and Saudi authorities.

Shaikh Adnan bin Abdulla

Al Qattan, Head of the Bahrain Hajj Mission, said the operation followed pre-approved schedules and designated routes, with movement organised in careful stages. Field committees were on the ground from sunrise, guiding pilgrims, managing crowd flow, and ensuring the journey between the holy sites remained smooth and safe throughout. On this blessed Eid, Shaikh Adnan praised the dedication of Bahraini Hajj tour operators and extended warm commendation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its remarkable efforts in serving millions of pilgrims and making the performance of Hajj rituals a dignified and uplifting experience.



Kuwait Crown Prince receives Eid Al-Adha greetings

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received congratulatory messages from senior Kuwaiti leaders and officials on the occasion of the blessed Eid Al-Adha, state media reported.



Those sending greetings included His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and Shaikh Mubarak Hamoud Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, President of the National Guard.

Jaber Al-Ali Al-Sabah.

His Highness the Crown Prince also received congratulatory messages from His Highness Sheikh Dr. Mohammad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Fahd Yusuf Saud Al-Sabah, and Minister of Diwan Affairs Sheikh Hamad

The messages conveyed sincere wishes and prayers for continued prosperity and blessings for Kuwait and its people on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha.

His Highness the Crown Prince sent reply messages expressing thanks and appreciation for the kind sentiments and heartfelt prayers extended to him.

Eid prayer locations announced across all Governorates



UAE urges parents to protect children from fireworks dangers this Eid

As Eid Al Adha celebrations approach across the UAE, police authorities have launched renewed warnings over the dangers of illegal fireworks, urging parents and residents to prioritise safety during the holiday period.

Officials said the misuse of fireworks continues to pose serious risks each year, with children particularly vulnerable to burns, eye injuries and permanent disfigurement caused by unsafe handling of pyrotechnics.

While large-scale fireworks displays remain a popular feature of officially supervised public celebrations, authorities stressed that the sale, distribution and personal use of fireworks without approval are prohibited across the country.

Abu Dhabi Police issued a public safety advisory calling on parents to closely monitor children during Eid festivities and raise awareness about the hazards linked to fireworks. "Fireworks incidents can ruin the festive atmosphere of Eid," police said, warning that accidents each year result in serious injuries involving the face, eyes and hands.

Authorities said children should never be allowed to purchase or use fireworks un-

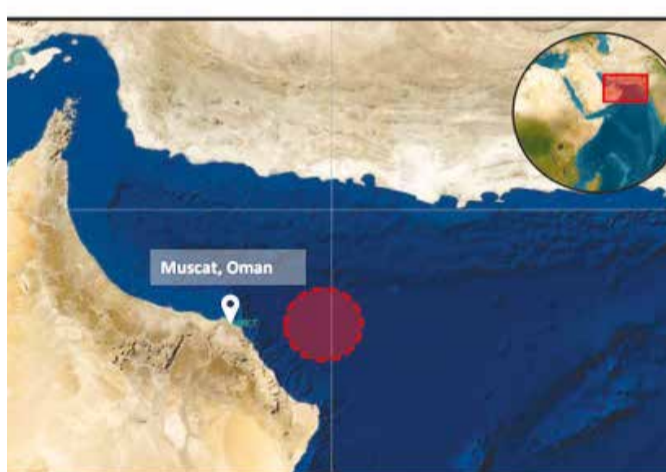
der any circumstances, emphasising that parental supervision remains the first line of protection during holiday celebrations.

Meanwhile, Dubai Police reiterated that strict legal penalties are in place for anyone involved in the illegal fireworks trade.

Under UAE law, individuals found trading, importing, exporting, smuggling or manufacturing fireworks without authorisation can face up to one year in prison and fines reaching Dh100,000, police said. Residents were also encouraged to report violations through official police channels and smart applications.



Explosion damages tanker near Oman



An explosion damaged a tanker near its waterline while sailing off the coast of Oman on Tuesday. This incident has further heightened tensions in the strategic waters near the Strait of Hormuz, according to a maritime monitor.

The UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) said the vessel and its crew were safe, although the ship's master reported that some bunker fuel leaked into the sea following the blast.

The incident occurred in the Gulf of Oman, around 60 nautical miles east of the Omani capital Muscat. UKMTO described the event as an "external explosion" but did not

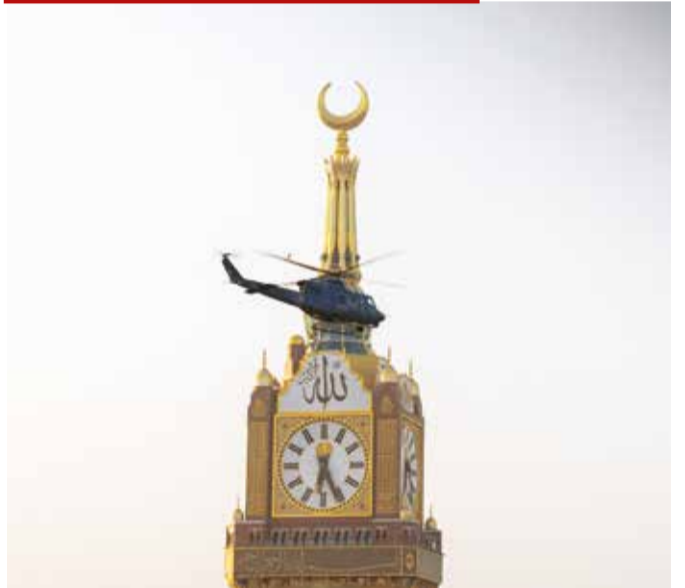
provide details on the source or cause of the detonation.

The waters around the Strait of Hormuz—a vital shipping route through which around one-fifth of global oil supply passes—remain on edge amid ongoing regional tensions.

Iran has previously been accused of laying mines in nearby waters as part of its efforts to threaten or disrupt passage through the strait, Tehran has denied these allegations.

The latest maritime incident comes just hours after US forces carried out overnight strikes targeting missile sites in Iran, as well as vessels they said were attempting to deploy mines in Gulf waters.

Sacred Site Surveillance



Air Force aircraft conduct aerial surveillance sorties over the Holy Precincts in Mecca to monitor crowd movement and population density, supporting field operations and strengthening civil defense emergency response efforts.