

The United States designated Palestine Action and two other groups as terrorist organisations, imposing sanctions over alleged support for violent acts.  
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## New Higher Education Strategy



Higher Education Council launched its Higher Education and Scientific Research Strategy 2026-2030, developed with Times Higher Education and based on international best practices and consultations with more than 35 government and private organisations.

The strategy includes 26 initiatives and 37 performance indicators, focusing on education quality, research and innovation, global partnerships, digital transformation and preparing graduates for future skills and labour market needs.

## Road Safety Priority



Director General of Traffic Maj. Gen. Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Abdulwahab Al Khalifa stressed that student safety is a top priority, calling for close cooperation between families and traffic police to ensure safe return to schools and secure journeys to and from home.

He urged parents to follow traffic rules, particularly around schools, as traffic police intensify their presence on roads and in educational areas during peak hours.

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# Advancing GCC Unity and Joint Action

HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlights Gulf unity, regional security and closer cooperation during meeting with GCC Secretary General

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, met with His Excellency Jasem Mohamed AlBudaiwi, Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), at Riffa Palace on Wednesday.

His Royal Highness affirmed Bahrain's continued support, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, for advancing the GCC and strengthening joint Gulf action.

He emphasised the Kingdom's firm belief in the importance of Gulf unity and the need to enhance coordination and cooperation among GCC member states.

HRH Prince Salman stressed the importance of creating opportunities for greater integration within the Council, in line with the visions and aspirations of GCC leaders.

During the meeting, HE AlBudaiwi briefed His Royal Highness on progress in implementing the directives and decisions issued by GCC leaders at the Extraordinary Consultative Gulf Summit of the Supreme Council of the GCC, held in April.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted Bahrain's deep-rooted and longstanding relations with all GCC member states and directed the Secretary General to ensure that the Council continues to advance the visions and aspirations of GCC leaders.



He said stronger joint Gulf action would contribute to regional security, stability, and peace, while enhancing the GCC states' regional and international presence and supporting development and progress in line with the aspirations of citizens and residents across the Gulf.

His Royal Highness also commended the solidarity demonstrated by GCC member states in addressing various issues and praised the efforts of the GCC General Secretariat in advancing multilateral action and promoting greater integration and cooperation.

## Bahrain, Yemen Reaffirm Strong Ties

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received Her Excellency Dr. Afrah A. Al-Zouba, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Republic of Yemen, at Riffa Palace.

During the meeting, Dr. Al-Zouba delivered to His Royal Highness a letter addressed to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa from Dr. Rashad Mohammed Al-Alimi, President of the Presidential Leadership Council of the Republic of Yemen.

His Royal Highness affirmed the strength of the longstanding Bahrain-Yemen relations and Bahrain's commitment to

further strengthening bilateral cooperation across various fields to support the two countries' mutual aspirations.

The meeting also addressed issues of common interest and the latest regional and international developments. His Royal Highness reaffirmed Bahrain's steadfast support for efforts aimed at promoting security, stability, development and peace in Yemen.

His Royal Highness also congratulated Dr. Al-Zouba on her appointment as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, wishing her success in her new role.

For her part, Dr. Al-Zouba condemned what she described as unjustified Iranian hostile aggression against the Kingdom of Bahrain and other GCC countries, calling it a flagrant violation of their sovereignty and a threat to regional



security and stability.

She affirmed Yemen's solidarity with the GCC countries and support for measures taken by member states to safeguard their security, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Dr. Al-Zouba also expressed appreciation for His Royal Highness's commitment to strengthening Bahrain-Yemen relations and wished the Kingdom continued progress and prosperity.

## Deadly Floods Hit Nepal as Tibet Mudslide Strikes



Rescue personnel used an excavator to carry a person affected by flash floods at Devghat in Nepal's Nuwakot district on August 26, 2026. Massive flooding killed hundreds of people in Nepal, and Chinese state media reported "major casualties" from a mudslide at a Tibet trade hub on China's side of the shared border.

## Bahrain Condolences Pakistan



Bahrain expressed its condolences and solidarity with Pakistan following a hospital fire in Islamabad that killed 14 newborns.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs extended condolences to the Pakistani government, its people, and the victims' families, wishing safety to all.

Pakistani authorities believe a faulty air conditioner caused the blaze.

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## Bahrain to Host 93rd UFI Global Congress



Exhibition World Bahrain will host the 93rd UFI Global Congress from November 2 to 5. The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority is hosting the global event in Bahrain for the first time. The congress is expected to bring together hundreds of leaders and professionals from the international exhibitions and business events industry.

BTEA CEO and EWB Chairperson Sara Ahmed Buhiji said hosting the congress reflects Bahrain's growing position as a global business events destination.

## Man Arrested Over Social Media Content

The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security arrested a 39-year-old man for allegedly misusing social media by publishing content that publicly insulted a religious symbol revered by a religious community, in a manner that could incite discord and harm social peace.

The directorate said it has taken legal procedures against the suspect to prepare for referring the case to the Public Prosecution

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# BDF Marks New Milestone as Junior Staff Course Graduates



Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, Chief of Staff, attended the graduation ceremony of Junior Staff Course No. 6, held at the Royal Bahraini Air Force of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF). The ceremony included a briefing on the course, covering its theoretical curriculum as well as academic and practical training programmes. Lieutenant General Al Nuaimi presented certificates to the graduates and recognition awards to the top achievers, congratulating them on successfully completing the course requirements. Senior BDF officers attended the ceremony.

# Future Legal Minds Explore Legislative Institution

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The General Secretariat of the Shura Council received a group of university students undergoing training at the Legal Affairs Division of the General Directorate of Traffic at the Ministry of Interior. This visit was part of its community partnership programmes aimed at raising awareness of the legislative and oversight roles of the legislative authority. During the visit, Legal Researcher Issa Sabt delivered a presentation introducing the students to the Shura Council's role, constitutional powers, and the mechanisms and stages of the legislative process. The presentation covered the procedures for studying and discussing draft laws, decrees by law and legis-



lative proposals, as well as the coordination and cooperation between the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives, including their integration with the government throughout the legislative process stages. The visit also provided the students to learn about the administrative, advisory, technical and professional functions supporting the legislative process at the General Secretariat, including how various departments support the Council's work and enhance legislative activities. The students also toured the Council's main session hall, where they were briefed on the procedures governing session holding and management. The General Secretariat continues to organise programmes and activities and receive delegations and educational visits as part of its efforts to strengthen community partnership and promote awareness of legislative work, particularly among young people and students.

# Royal Humanitarian Foundation Receives Annual Donation from AFS

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The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) received its annual contribution from Arab Financial Services (AFS), reinforcing the ongoing community partnership between the two organisations in support of humanitarian initiatives. Acting Secretary General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation, Engineer Ebrahim Dalhan Aldoseri,

received Amira Ismail, Regional Director of Arab Financial Services – Bahrain, at the Foundation's headquarters in Seef District. During the meeting, Aldoseri received the company's annual donation, comprising proceeds from the "A Fils Can Change a Life" initiative, along with a dedicated contribution supporting the Foundation's initiatives for 2026 and its continued efforts to serve the community. The two sides also discussed ways to strengthen cooperation and explored opportunities for future partnerships in the humanitarian field. The annual contribution forms part of the ongoing community partnership between the Royal Humanitarian Foundation and Arab Financial Services, reflecting AFS's commitment to supporting humanitarian initiatives and advancing corporate social responsibility. The partnership also serves as a model of collaboration in support of orphans and widows.



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# Hormuz Disruption Hits Bahrain Economy

Oil sector slump weighs on Q1 economy as non-oil activities continue to grow

- **GDP: Real GDP contracted 3.8% in Q1.**
- **Non-oil growth: Non-oil activities grew 2.2%.**
- **FDI: Inward FDI rose 2.6%**

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The national economy recorded strong performance in January and February 2026, before it was impacted in March 2026 due to the hostile Iranian aggression on the Kingdom.

Real GDP contracted by 3.8% year-on-year in the first quarter of 2026, mainly due to a sharp decline in oil activities following restrictions on maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz and scheduled maintenance.

According to preliminary national accounts data from the Information & eGovernment Authority, oil activities fell 37.2%, while non-oil activities grew 2.2% despite the impact of events in March.

At current prices, GDP declined 2.7%, with oil activities falling 31.1% and non-oil activities rising 1.9%.

**Non-oil economy holds firm**

Non-oil activities accounted for 90.1% of real GDP, with



| Indicator                           | Q1 2026      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Real GDP growth                     | -3.8%        |
| Current-price GDP growth            | -2.7%        |
| Oil activity growth                 | -37.2%       |
| Non-oil activity growth             | +2.2%        |
| Non-oil share of real GDP           | 90.1%        |
| Inward FDI growth                   | +2.6%        |
| Total FDI stock                     | BHD17.6bn    |
| Financial & insurance sector growth | +8.6%        |
| ICT Development Index               | 6th globally |

nine of 13 sectors recording growth.

Financial and insurance activities were the largest contributor, accounting for 19.7% of GDP and growing 8.6%. Manufacturing contributed 14.6%, public administration 9% and construction 7%.

**Bahrain scores global rankings**

The report also highlighted Bahrain's performance in international economic and development indicators. The Kingdom ranked first globally in 67 indicators, while placing among the top five in 120 and top 10 in 206 indicators.

Bahrain ranked first globally in public-private partnerships, Islamic finance governance and attracting investments. It also rose three places to sixth globally in the 2026 ICT Development Index, covering 159 economies.



## The perfume bottle on your dashboard is a lens

Interior Ministry officer explains how a car can reach 70 degrees in under an hour

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Hasan Barakat



Colonel Osama Bahar

Everyone has a perfume they like, and plenty of people keep one in the car. Colonel Osama Bahar of the Interior Ministry would like motorists to think about what that glass bottle can do when left in direct sunlight.

Start with the temperature. Park in direct sun when it is 35 degrees outside, he said, and within 15 to 30 minutes, the temperature inside the car can rise by another 15 degrees. Outside at 35, inside at 50.

Leave it for between half an hour and an hour and the temperature can rise by another 20 degrees. What was 50 becomes 70. In under an hour, a 35-degree day can produce a 70-degree cabin.

In a Bahraini summer, the starting point can be even higher. If the outside temperature is 40 or 45 degrees, those increases are added to an already extreme heat level.

Other factors can push the temperature further. A dark-coloured exterior absorbs more heat, while the colour and material of the seats, whether cloth or leather, can also affect how hot the interior becomes.

**Then there is the bottle.**

A glass container, including a perfume bottle, can act like a convex lens, focusing sunlight into a concentrated point. The heat generated at that point can become intense enough to ignite

flammable material.

Put the elements together and the risk becomes clear: strong sunlight, trapped heat, a cabin reaching extreme temperatures, focused sunlight and flammable material in the same

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Ever leave perfume bottles or other glass containers exposed to direct sunlight inside a parked vehicle. A combination of extreme cabin temperatures and focused sunlight can create a fire risk.

area.

Colonel Bahar's advice is simple: do not leave perfume bottles or other glass containers inside a vehicle, particularly on the dashboard, during the summer.

Using a sunshade across the windscreen can also help prevent direct sunlight from entering the vehicle and reduce the amount of heat building up inside.

There is another reason to take the perfume bottle out. Prolonged exposure to high temperatures can affect the fragrance itself, meaning the perfume left in a hot car may not smell the way it did when it was bought.

## Isa Town Park Upgrade Reaches 90%



Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak inspected Isa Town Park in Block 809, in the presence of Southern Municipal Council Chairman Abdullah Ibrahim Abdul Latif, Southern Municipality Director General Engineer Isa Abdulrahman Al Buainain, and Southern Municipal Council member Mubarak Faraj.

During the visit, the minister affirmed the ministry's continued efforts to implement plans to develop parks and public facilities, expand landscaping projects and increase green spaces across Bahrain. He said the initiatives aim to promote environmental sustainability and provide integrated facilities that meet the needs of citizens and residents.

Al Mubarak said 90 percent of the park's development project has been completed. Covering a total area of 7,551 square metres, the project includes rehabilitating and developing existing facilities, a 430-square-metre children's play area, and a 1,890-metre-long walking path.

The project also includes expanding green areas and increasing landscaping across 4,038 square metres, planting 210 trees, and providing 40 parking spaces. Construction works are scheduled to be completed in the fourth quarter of this year.

The minister said the development of Isa Town Park in Block

809 represents an important addition to the recreational and service facilities in the Southern Governorate, contributing to the provision of suitable spaces for different age groups while responding to the needs and aspirations of local residents.

He also stressed the ministry's continued implementation of service and development projects that support sustainable development goals, while praising the constructive cooperation with the Southern Municipal Council and its efforts to follow up on residents' needs.

Abdullah Ibrahim Abdul Latif expressed appreciation for the ministry's efforts in implementing service and development projects. He praised the park's design, which supports the expansion of green spaces and integrates them with the surrounding area while facilitating visitor access. He also highlighted the provision of public parking around the park to improve traffic flow and provide greater convenience for visitors and residents.

Mubarak Faraj, member of the Southern Municipal Council's Second Constituency, stressed the importance of developing the park and praised the ministry's continued efforts to implement service and development projects that benefit citizens and residents and contribute to the improvement of residential areas.

# Bahrain Building Bill Sets Work Curbs, Fines

New law proposes BD50,000 fines and stronger building controls

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Mohammed Darwish

MPs will vote on a government-drafted Building Regulation Law that would replace Bahrain's 1977 building law and introduce stricter controls on construction.

The 54-article bill would give the minister power to set days and hours when construction work is prohibited. Authorities could also stop projects, order corrections or demolition, cancel licences and impose administrative fines of up to BD50,000.

Building without a licence, violating licence conditions, submitting false information or obstructing inspectors could result in fines of BD1,000 to BD20,000, imprisonment, or both. Companies could face fines of up to twice the maximum.

The bill covers building permits, inspections, construction standards, completion certificates and unsafe buildings.

Applications could be submitted online, while engineering offices would play a key role in



Mohammed Moosa, Chairman of Parliament's Public Utilities and Environment Committee



checking designs and supervising work.

Most projects would require engineering supervision, with large developments potentially required to have qualified engineers on site.

Buildings could not normally be occupied or connected to public utilities before receiving a completion certificate.

Authorities would also have powers to inspect existing or abandoned buildings and order repairs, strengthening or demolition where necessary to protect lives and property.

The bill also allows suspected violations to be investigated without a formal complaint, with suspected crimes referred to the Public Prosecution.

## Building Skills, Strengthening Citizenship

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Chief of Public Security Lt. Gen. Tareq bin Hassan Al Hassan visited the 16th Summer Camp organised by the Royal Police Academy as part of the national plan initiatives to strengthen national belonging and promote citizenship values under the "Bahrainuna" programme.

He praised the programmes and activities of the 16th edition, which are designed for children and young people and contribute to promoting citizenship, loyalty, belonging and tolerance, while encouraging teamwork, developing capabilities and identifying and positively nurturing talents.



The Chief of Public Security stressed the importance of making productive use of young people's free time through purposeful programmes and activities that contribute to building their personalities and developing leadership and life skills. He also highlighted the importance of promoting



self-reliance, teamwork and awareness of responsibility towards society, enabling young people to respond positively to future requirements and contribute effectively to serving the nation.

During the visit, Lt. Gen. Al Hassan toured programmes for male and female participants

and reviewed a number of activities and events. He also visited the "Imprints and Achievements" exhibition and watched a visual presentation titled "A Participant's Diary", while reviewing activities that showcase the knowledge, skills and experiences participants gain during the camp.

Advancing its Commitment to Flexible, Customer-Focused Islamic Banking Solutions

BisB Broadens Property Finance Access for Bahraini and GCC Nationals Working Across the Region

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of innovative Islamic financial solutions for simplifying money matters in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has expanded its property finance offering to eligible Bahraini citizens and nationals of other GCC countries working across the GCC and seeking to purchase property in the Kingdom. The expansion reflects the Bank's commitment to providing flexible banking solu-

tions that respond to customers' evolving circumstances and support their property ownership ambitions.

Under the enhanced offering, eligible customers working across the GCC may apply for financing to acquire a home or investment property in Bahrain, regardless of whether their employer is based in Bahrain or outside the Kingdom. The offering is available to Bahraini citizens and nationals of other GCC countries, subject to the Bank's eligibility criteria and terms and conditions.

The initiative responds to changing customer needs and



Mr. Faisal Al Abdulla, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BisB

BisB's continued focus on developing products and services

that support individuals pursuing housing and investment goals. By accepting applications from eligible customers working both within and outside Bahrain, the Bank is providing greater flexibility and improving access to property finance.

The expanded eligibility also reflects the professional mobility and residency patterns of Bahraini and GCC nationals across the region, giving eligible customers greater flexibility when planning to own property in Bahrain and access financing solutions suited to their working circumstances.

Commenting on the announce-

ment, Mr. Faisal Al Abdulla, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BisB, said, "At BisB, we are committed to continuously developing our products and services to meet the changing needs of our customers. Extending our property finance solutions to eligible Bahraini and GCC nationals working throughout the region allows more people to pursue homeownership or investment in Bahrain. It also demonstrates our continued focus on developing innovative, Sharia'a-compliant solutions that respond to the evolving needs of customers in Bahrain and across the GCC."

BisB continues to enhance its retail banking portfolio with products tailored to address a diverse range of financial requirements while combining flexibility, innovation, and adherence to Islamic banking principles. By expanding eligibility for its property finance solutions, the Bank reaffirms its commitment to supporting customers seeking to own property in Bahrain and delivering relevant financial solutions for individuals across the GCC.

For more information, please visit the official BisB website, contact the Call Centre on 17515151 or email [callcentre@bisb.com](mailto:callcentre@bisb.com).

A new opportunity for customers to win Bahrain's largest monthly prize:

KFH–Bahrain Introduces a US\$1 Million Monthly Prize Through MyHassad

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Kuwait Finance House – Bahrain (KFH-Bahrain) announced the enhancement of its MyHassad savings programme with a new opportunity for customers to win a grand monthly prize of (US\$1) million.

This makes MyHassad the only savings programme in the Kingdom of Bahrain to offer a monthly prize of this size, further strengthening its position as one of the Kingdom's leading savings programmes and reaffirming the Bank's continued commitment to rewarding customers and encouraging a regular and sustainable approach to saving.

The new grand prize forms part

of KFH-Bahrain's ongoing efforts to continuously developing and introducing banking solutions that meet customers' aspirations and provide added value for their commitment to saving. Through MyHassad, saving becomes a rewarding experience that combines financial planning for the future with opportunities to win exceptional cash prizes, helping customers achieve their financial goals and aspirations.

Under the new mechanism, Bahraini citizens, residents and GCC nationals can participate in the monthly draw by opening a MyHassad account through the KFH-Bahrain mobile app in a few simple steps, or by increasing the savings held in their existing accounts, with a minimum balance

of (BD50). The amount must be maintained for at least seven days prior to the draw date. Customers can also increase their chances of winning by saving more and maintaining their balances for longer periods, receiving two entries when the balance is maintained for (15) days and three entries when it is maintained for (30) days prior to the draw date.

On this occasion, Dr Shadi Zahran, Group Chief Executive Officer of KFH-Bahrain, said: "Enhancing the MyHassad programme with a monthly prize of (US\$1) million represents another step in our journey to offer life-changing rewards to our valued customers and further promote a culture of saving. We believe that the best banking programmes are those



Dr Shadi Zahran, Group Chief Executive Officer of KFH-Bahrain

that combine meeting customers' financial needs with giving them additional opportunities to achieve their aspirations, which is what we continue to deliver through the ongoing development of MyHassad."

He continued: "We are delighted to offer our customers in Bahrain the opportunity to win this exceptional monthly prize while maintaining the flexibility and simplicity of participation. The

programme has been designed to reward customers for maintaining consistent savings and to provide them with greater chances of winning when they retain their balances for longer periods."

He added: "At KFH-Bahrain, we will continue to develop our banking products with customers' needs and aspirations at the heart of our priorities, enhancing their banking experience and delivering tangible and sustainable value."

The MyHassad programme continues to reinforce its position as one of the leading savings programmes in the Kingdom of Bahrain through its major cash prizes and continuous, rewarding opportunities to win throughout the year, alongside the convenience of opening an account and managing savings through KFH-Bahrain's advanced digital channels.

Bahraini citizens, residents and GCC customers can benefit from the MyHassad programme and

manage their savings through the KFH-Bahrain mobile app, the Bank's online banking platform or by visiting any of its branches across the Kingdom, with a minimum deposit of (BD50), subject to the applicable terms and conditions.

Through the continued enhancement of MyHassad, KFH-Bahrain reaffirms its commitment to developing the concept of saving into a more rewarding and motivating experience. This reflects the Bank's approach to designing innovative banking products that keep pace with customers' needs and support their financial goals, while also contributing to strengthening a culture of saving and financial planning within the Bahraini society.

For more information about KFH-Bahrain's initiatives, offers and services, customers can visit the Bank's website on [www.bh.kfh.com](http://www.bh.kfh.com) or follow its official Instagram account, [@kfh.bahrain](https://www.instagram.com/kfh.bahrain).

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| CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                              |                                 |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Bahraini Dinars              |                                 |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 30th June 2026<br>(Reviewed) | 31st December 2025<br>(Audited) |  |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                              |                                 |  |
| Cash and bank balances                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 20,688,222                   | 20,493,956                      |  |
| Statutory deposit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 624,369                      | 608,775                         |  |
| Insurance contract assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | -                            | 86,887                          |  |
| Reinsurance contract assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1,938,070                    | 3,330,837                       |  |
| Other assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 137,973                      | 298,544                         |  |
| Furniture and equipment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 15,312                       | 16,579                          |  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>23,403,946</b>            | <b>24,835,578</b>               |  |
| <b>HEAD OFFICE FUNDS AND LIABILITIES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                 |  |
| Head office account                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>20,127,887</b>            | <b>18,127,029</b>               |  |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                              |                                 |  |
| Insurance contract liabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3,128,229                    | 6,572,073                       |  |
| Reinsurance contract liabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | -                            | 78,827                          |  |
| Other liabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 147,830                      | 57,649                          |  |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>3,276,059</b>             | <b>6,708,549</b>                |  |
| <b>TOTAL HEAD OFFICE FUNDS AND LIABILITIES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>23,403,946</b>            | <b>24,835,578</b>               |  |
| CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE<br>INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                              |                                 |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 30th June 2026<br>(Reviewed) | 30th June 2025<br>(Reviewed)    |  |
| Insurance revenue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1,699,684                    | 1,705,078                       |  |
| Insurance service expenses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1,415,970                    | (467,418)                       |  |
| Net expenses from reinsurance contracts held                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | (1,328,897)                  | (338,886)                       |  |
| <b>Net insurance service result</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>1,786,757</b>             | <b>898,774</b>                  |  |
| Interest income                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 489,189                      | 518,163                         |  |
| Finance expenses from insurance contracts issued                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | (57,084)                     | (146,078)                       |  |
| Finance income from reinsurance contracts held                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 9,866                        | 61,186                          |  |
| <b>Net financial result</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>441,971</b>               | <b>433,271</b>                  |  |
| Impairment reversal / (expense) on financial assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1,858                        | (51,925)                        |  |
| <b>Profit before tax</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>2,230,586</b>             | <b>1,280,120</b>                |  |
| Income tax expense                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | (274,061)                    | -                               |  |
| <b>Profit for the period</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>1,956,525</b>             | <b>1,280,120</b>                |  |
| <b>Other comprehensive income for the period</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>-</b>                     | <b>-</b>                        |  |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>1,956,525</b>             | <b>1,280,120</b>                |  |
| The interim condensed financial statements have been reviewed by KPMG FAKHRO, Kingdom of Bahrain.<br>The New India Assurance Co Ltd, Bahrain, CR No.187: Office- Ali Alwazzan Building, 2nd Floor, Manama,Bahrain.<br>Licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain as Branch of a Foreign Insurance and Reinsurance Company |                              |                                 |  |

Under the Patronage of His Majesty the King

Made in GCC 2026 Forum and Exhibition Opens Registration for its Inaugural Edition, 6-8 October 2026, in the Kingdom of Bahrain

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The Ministry of Industry and Commerce of the Kingdom of Bahrain has announced the opening of online registration for participation in the Made in GCC 2026 Forum and Exhibition, hosted by the Kingdom from 6 to 8 October 2026 at Exhibition World Bahrain, under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and with the blessing of Their Majesties and Highnesses, the Leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states.

Over three days, the event combines a high-level strategic Forum with a specialised industrial Exhibition, bringing together senior government officials, industry leaders, chief executives, manufacturers, investors and experts from across the GCC and beyond to cement "Made in GCC" as a unified industrial identity for the GCC states, enhance the presence and competitiveness of Gulf products and support their access to regional and international markets, alongside strengthening dialogue between governments and the private sector on the priorities shaping the future of Gulf industry.

The business-to-business meetings programme is among the most prominent components of the Forum and Exhibition, bringing together manufacturers, investors, buyers, distributors and financing entities in sched-



uled meetings that allow them to explore supply, distribution and investment partnership opportunities directly with their counterparts from across the GCC and beyond.

Made in GCC 2026 will be held alongside the meetings of the GCC Industrial Cooperation Committee and the GCC Commercial Cooperation Committee, and the accompanying GCC meetings, to be held in Manama in early October 2026 and chaired by the Kingdom of Bahrain, connecting the work of the Forum and Exhibition with wider GCC efforts to strengthen industrial and commercial co-operation, and with the shared vision of GCC states to strengthen economic and industrial integration, support sustainable industrial development and reinforce the industrial sector as a key pillar of economic diversification.

The Forum will address a number of key themes, most notably industrial policies, regional value chains and supply chain resilience, access to global markets, financing mechanisms, smart manufacturing and advanced

technologies, sustainability and national talent development, across 8 panel sessions featuring more than 40 speakers drawn from decision-makers and industry leaders from across the GCC and beyond.

The accompanying Exhibition will showcase leading industrial products, technologies and solutions from across the GCC, particularly from the petrochemicals and chemicals, aluminium and base metals, building materials, food industries and packaging, pharmaceuticals and medical supplies, electrical and engineering equipment, and advanced industries and composite materials sectors, reflecting the breadth of the Gulf industrial base and its growing export capabilities.

Those wishing to attend and participate in Made in GCC 2026, including visitors, exhibitors and partners, as well as media and press representatives, can register and access further information about the Forum and Exhibition through the official event website: <https://madeingccexpo.com/>

# ONE App Launches its ONE AI Agent to Help People Explore Its Products and Services

Launch of ONE AI Agent and ONE Marketplace CustomGPT marks a new milestone in AI-powered customer experience and digital banking innovation

**TDT | Manama**

ONE App, powered by Al Salam Bank, has announced a new milestone in its digital innovation journey with the launch of ONE AI Agent in addition to a custom GPT available in ChatGPT called “ONE Marketplace”.

The ONE AI Agent enables users to access accurate, real-time answers to their inquiries related to ONE App’s products, services, and features through a more intuitive and conversational experience. The new AI-powered capability has been introduced to simplify customer support, improve navigation, and enhance self-service.

As part of this launch, users can now access the ONE AI Agent directly within the app, where it is available 24/7 to assist with questions related to the app’s services, functionality, and user journey. In addition, users can also access the custom GPT in ChatGPT by selecting “Explore GPTs” and searching for “ONE Marketplace”, providing an additional channel through which customers can engage with the platform and receive support.

The introduction of ONE AI Agent and the ONE Marketplace GPT reflects ONE App’s continued commitment to embedding artificial intelligence at the core of customer experience, while enabling users to access faster, more convenient support without relying solely on traditional service channels.

Commenting on the launch, Mr. Haitham Al Haddad, General Manager of ONE App, said: “At ONE App, we are continuously focused on redefining how financial services are experienced in the digital era. The launch of ONE AI Agent and our custom GPT represent an important step forward in that journey, enabling us to offer our users a more intelligent, responsive, and always-available support experience. This initiative reflects our broader ambition to place innovation and customer convenience at the center of everything we do.”

The ONE AI agent is expected to significantly strengthen self-service adoption, allowing users to obtain information more efficiently while reducing dependency on conventional support channels. Designed to evolve over time, ONE AI Agent will continue to be enhanced to deliver increasingly intelligent, personalised, and context-aware interactions. ONE App intends to further expand the role of ONE AI Agent across the customer support journey, with future plans to extend its capabilities to handle application-related inquiries and integrate across additional customer contact channels, including WhatsApp, social media, and IVR.

This latest development reinforces ONE App’s position as a next-generation digital financial marketplace and reflects its ambition to lead the AI-driven transformation of banking in Bahrain and the wider region by setting new standards for digital customer experience and innovation.



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## In Collaboration with INJAZ Bahrain Al Baraka Group and Al Baraka Islamic Bank Organises Entrepreneurship Master Class Programme

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Al Baraka Group and Al Baraka Islamic Bank - Bahrain have organised an interactive entrepreneurship master class programme for the children of employees, in collaboration with INJAZ Bahrain. This initiative underscores the Group and Bank’s dedication to supporting education, empowering future generations, and strengthening ties between community and the workplace.

The programme welcomed children of Al Baraka Group and Al Baraka Islamic Bank employees aged 7 to 12, offering them a dynamic learning experience designed to introduce them to the fundamentals of entrepreneurship and develop their personal skills while enhancing their financial literacy, creative thinking, and teamwork, tailored to their ages and educational needs.

The one-day programme featured interactive workshops, hands-on activities, and enjoyable challenges that encouraged creative thinking among participants, exploring entrepreneurial ideas and collaboration in a fun, enriching learning environment.

This initiative reflects Al Baraka Group and Al Baraka Islamic Bank’s commitment to investing in youth, promoting educational values and serving the community. It aims to develop the skills of youths, inspiring them to acquire the knowledge and confidence needed to build a promising future.

On this occasion, Mr Abdulla Suwaileh, Head of Human Resources and Administration at Al Baraka Islamic Bank, stated: “We are proud to partner with Al Baraka Group and INJAZ Bahrain to deliver this meaningful programme which embodies our commitment to supporting our employees’ children and providing a stimulating learning environment that uncovers their potential and develops their skills from an early age. We believe that instilling entrepreneurship, financial literacy, innovation and teamwork in young people represents a significant investment in the future of our society.”

He added: “Through this programme, we have ensured the provision of an educational experience that combines learning with enjoyment, granting participants the opportunity to explore the world of entrepreneurship in a simplified and interactive way. This will enhance their self-confidence, encourage creative thinking, and help them explore their future potential.”

INJAZ Bahrain is one of the Kingdom’s leading organisations dedicated to preparing youth through specialised educational programmes in financial literacy and entrepreneurship. These programmes equip future generations with vital skills to meet the demands of the future.

Al Baraka Islamic Bank is among the leading Islamic banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Since its establishment in 1984, the Bank has successfully provided innovative Shari’a-compliant investment and financing solutions while continuing to play a pioneering role in supporting social responsibility and sustainability initiatives.

For more information, please visit Al Baraka Islamic Bank’s website at [www.albaraka.bh](http://www.albaraka.bh), check out the bank’s verified Instagram page, or call 13300400.



Abdulla Suwaileh, Head of Human Resources and Administration at Al Baraka Islamic Bank

## Seef Properties Signs Agreement with BNET to Deploy Fiber Network as Part of Seef Mall - Seef District Redevelopment



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Seef Properties has announced the signing of a strategic agreement with Bahrain Network (BNET) to implement an integrated Fiber infrastructure project as part of the comprehensive redevelopment of Seef Mall - Seef District.

The agreement marks another important step in advancing the Mall’s transformation through a future-focused approach centred on advanced telecommunications infrastructure that supports digital transformation and meets the requirements of smart retail destinations.

The agreement reflects Seef Properties’ commitment to developing its assets and retail destinations in line with the highest international standards. By investing in advanced digital infrastructure, the Company aims to enhance the Mall’s readiness to accommodate the latest technologies and future services, while creating an integrated environment that meets the needs of tenants and visitors and responds to the growing demand for modern connectivity solutions. This will further reinforce its position as one of the Kingdom of Bahrain’s leading shopping and entertainment destinations.”

For his part, Mr Ahmed Jaber Alhagbani Aldoseri, Chief Executive Officer of BNET, said: “We are pleased to partner with Seef Properties to deploy fiber infrastructure right from the start. By deploying a unified network across Seef Mall - Seef District, every shop, office, and restaurant gains seamless access to all licensed operators without additional cabling.

This is the essence of BNET’s role: neutral infrastructure that is built once and made available to everyone on the same terms, so that the choice always remains with the tenant. This infrastructure will also remain capable of accommodating future digital services without structural upgrades, making this partnership a model we look forward to establishing across commercial development projects in the Kingdom, and in support of its direction toward world-class digital infrastructure.

## New Programme to Strengthen Traders’ Legal Awareness

**TDT | Manama**

The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in cooperation with the Judicial Studies and Legal Institute, has launched the awareness programme “Protect Your Business and Know Your Rights as a Trader”, aimed at strengthening legal awareness among traders, business owners and entrepreneurs.

The programme seeks to equip participants with a better understanding of their legal rights and obligations, helping them protect their businesses, minimise legal risks and support the sustainability of their commercial activities.

The initiative forms part of the ongoing cooperation between the Bahrain Chamber and the Judicial Studies and Legal Institute to support Bahrain’s business environment and promote legal awareness within the commercial community.

The programme will provide traders, entrepreneurs, business owners and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with essential legal knowledge covering different stages of a commercial venture. This includes business establishment, contracts, partnerships and commercial obligations, as well as mechanisms for protecting rights and reducing the risk of disputes and other legal challenges.

Dr. Shaima Abdullah Juma, Acting Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Legal Affairs Department at the Bahrain Chamber, said the programme’s launch reflects the Chamber’s continued efforts to strengthen legal awareness among the business community and provide traders and business owners with the knowledge needed to protect their investments from the early stages of establishing their businesses.

She said the cooperation with the Judicial Studies and Legal Institute reflects the Chamber’s commitment to strengthening partnerships with specialised national institutions and contributing to a safe and stable business environment.

Dr. Shaima stressed that understanding legal rights and obligations is a key factor in the success and continuity of commercial ventures, particularly amid the growth of entrepreneurship and the SME sector in Bahrain.

Judge Dr. Riyadh Mohammed Al Sayadi, Director of the Judicial Studies and Legal Institute, highlighted the programme’s importance in addressing the legal challenges that startups and SMEs may face in areas including business establishment, contracts, commercial obligations and protection of rights.

He said the programme seeks to reduce such risks by simplifying legal knowledge and connecting it with practical practices and real-world experiences in the commercial environment.

The programme is also expected to enhance participants’ understanding of their rights and responsibilities, strengthen their ability to anticipate legal risks and help prevent disputes.

In addition, educational materials and online lectures will be provided as part of the programme to ensure that its awareness content remains accessible to a wider audience.

The programme will be delivered through a series of in-person and online seminars from September to December 2026, expanding access to its content among traders, business owners and entrepreneurs and supporting a more legally aware and stable business environment.



Dr. Shaima Abdullah Juma, Acting Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Legal Affairs Department at the Bahrain Chamber



## ‘Black smoke’ chokes Pakistan maternity ward as hospital fire kills 14 infants



A man carries the body of a newborn child who died following a fire at the Mother and Child Health (MCH) ward of the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) Hospital, during a funeral in Rawalpindi on August 26, 2026.

A fire erupted in a hospital maternity ward in Islamabad on Wednesday killing 14 infants, Pakistani authorities said, blaming a faulty air conditioner for the blaze.

The dawn fire broke out on the third floor of the Mother and Child Health Ward at the capital's premier public hospital Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), the Islamabad district office said in a statement.

The statement gave a death toll of 14, all of whom were infants, according to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Nineteen people, including seven children, were rescued, Deputy Interior Minister Talal Chaudhry said.

Health Minister Mustafa Kamal told reporters outside the hospital that CCTV footage showed a “spark from the air conditioner fell, and the fire spread within a minute”.

He said 26 fire extinguishers were used to try to extinguish the flames but that there were no water sprinklers in the ward.

Witnesses described chaotic and harrowing scenes, including intense smoke and broken glass, a slow response from emergency services and guards reportedly preventing people from leaving the building.

Khurram Mehmood, 40, told AFP he lost his three-day-old daughter in the blaze

and that rescuers took hours to arrive.

“My wife was in the ward. They took everyone out. We were sitting on the road waiting for help,” he said.

The door to the neonatal intensive care unit was locked, according to Jaweria, a woman who said she also lost her infant.

“I do not believe this. Give me my child back... Why did the doctors leave the children there?”

Witness Abdul Ghafoor told AFP that he went into the hospital to save patients but could not reach the maternity ward.

“The fire spread very quickly. There were babies as young as one day old,” he said.

“There was thick black smoke inside and patients were trapped... Rescue teams arrived after almost two hours (after the fire started).”

Another witness, who did not give her name, said hospital security “were not letting them out and the guards were stopping them”.

“People had to break the door down and rescue teams had to break the windows to control the fire,” she added.

The Islamabad chief commissioner, Sohail Ashraf, said the emergency call was made just before 7:00 am (0200 GMT), and emergency responders reached the scene “immediately” and brought the fire under control.

## British royals pay tribute to country queen Dolly Parton

AFP | London, United Kingdom

From a log cabin to Buckingham Palace: Dolly Parton's influence reached far and wide, with the British royal family sharing a special musical tribute Wednesday to the US country legend.

“Remembering the late, great Dolly, who brought joy, comfort and inspiration to so many -- including the millions of children given free books through her Imagination Library,” the royal family posted on its official X



Flowers and notes are left outside Dolly Parton's studio on Elmwood Street in Nashville, Tennessee

account.

“We will always love you,” it said, using a heart emoji.

The post included a video of the Buckingham Palace ceremonial band -- its members wearing their trademark red coats and bearskin hats -- playing Parton's working woman anthem “9-to-5” while standing in formation.

Fans around the world are grieving Parton, the cultural icon who died Tuesday at the age of 80, who penned global smash hits like “Jolene” and “I Will Always Love You.”

# Nepal-Tibet Floods Leave Hundreds Missing

● Some 403 tourists -- 341 of them foreigners -- were unaccounted for several hours after the disaster struck

● Images shared by Nepali police showed floodwater surging through a river, sweeping away houses in its path

AFP | Nuwakot, Nepal

A massive flood and landslide disaster unleashed on the Nepal-Tibet border killed nearly 100 yesterday and left several hundred people missing, many of whom are foreign tourists.

Surveillance footage verified by AFP shows dozens of people running away as a stories-tall surge of debris slams into the Chinese side of a border area, tossing lorries and buses aside as it strikes.

Chinese state media reported “major casualties” from a mudslide at a Tibet border hub, reporting three dead and another 265 people missing.

Nepal's Prime Minister Balendra Shah vowed a maximum response, writing on social media: “The pain and loss you have suffered is not small. But I want to assure you that you are not alone in this difficult time -- the state is with you with all its means and resources.”

Police in Nepal reported the death toll hit at least 98, with rescuers wading through mud and sludge to look for survivors



Houses lie partially submerged in muddy water along a riverside after flash floods at Trishuli Bazar in Nepal's Nuwakot district



Images shared by Nepali police showed floodwater surging through a river, sweeping away houses in its path

in a flood that buried lower floors of multi-story buildings.

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Nepal's tourism board said Americans, Indians, Malaysians, Britons and an Australian were among those unaccounted for, as well as 62 Nepali travellers.

Locals were left traumatised by the calamity, while experts cautioned that a lingering blockage in a river could produce an additional disastrous flood.

“I got a call from (my brother-in-law) this morning, and they were crying and said their entire house had been swept away. Three family members were rescued, but his brother is still missing,” said 56-year-old local Raju Bhadel.

## US Capitol Police arrest man with guillotine in pickup truck

AFP | Washington, United States

A 35-year-old man with a full-scale guillotine in the bed of his pickup truck has been arrested in Washington, police said.

Philan-Tam-Duy Le was taken into custody on Tuesday and charged with “carrying a dangerous weapon,” the US Capitol Police said in a statement.

Le's pickup truck was illegally parked on a street near the US Supreme Court building and the US Capitol at the time of his arrest.

Police said they seized the guillotine. Le is from Julian, California, and drove to the nation's capital, police said.

“Investigators are going through the suspect's background to learn more about why he came to Washington,” they said.

## China tells citizens to leave Taiwan-allied Eswatini

AFP | Beijing, China

China has told its citizens to immediately leave Eswatini, citing security risks in the African nation that is one of Taiwan's few remaining diplomatic allies.

China claims Taiwan is part of its territory and opposes the self-governed island's attempts

at international exchange.

Taiwan's president Lai Ching-te travelled to Eswatini in May, with Taipei accusing Beijing of trying to derail the trip by pressuring nearby countries to revoke overflight permits.

The consular affairs department of China's foreign ministry said on Tuesday that “Chinese nationals and institutions

already in the country should evacuate as soon as possible or relocate to relatively safer areas such as South Africa”.

The ministry cited “rampant cyber fraud and online gambling criminal activities” as among the ongoing security concerns.

“Those who insist on travelling to or remaining in the area will face extremely high

security risks, and the timeliness of receiving consular assistance may be affected,” the department said in a statement shared to social media platform WeChat.

The Eswatini government on Wednesday said the claim of a security risk in the small country was “unsupported” and “regrettable”.

479 BC

Greco-Persian Wars: Battle of Mycale is won by Greek forces over Persian naval troops on the Ionian coast

1883

Krakatoa volcano, located west of Java in Indonesia, erupts with a force of 200 megatons of TNT, killing approximately 36,000 people



1928

Kellogg-Briand Pact, 60 nations agree to condemn the "recourse to war for the solution of international controversies"

2008

US Senator Barack Obama becomes the first African American to be nominated by a major political party for President of the United States, by the Democratic Party

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On this day 15 years ago, the horrific terrorist attack on the United Nations House in Abuja claimed the lives of 23 people, including 11 @UN colleagues, and left many more injured. Today & every day, we remember the fallen & their families, and the survivors — and continue to carry their legacy in our hearts & our work.

@antonioGuterres

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I extend my congratulations to Syria for the decisive step taken yesterday in the process of peacefully integrating the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) into the Syrian State. I salute the commitment of President al-Charaa and the sense of responsibility shown by Mazloum Abdi and the SDF in this regard.

@EmmanuelMacron

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Thank you, Your Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik Al Said, for your congratulations on Ukraine's Independence Day. I appreciate your wishes on this important milestone — 35 years since our independence was restored. We value our dialogue with the Sultanate of Oman and look forward to further developing our bilateral relations.

@ZelenskyyUa

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Congratulations #Mozambique for reaching a major milestone in strengthening the regulation of medicines and imported vaccines.

@DrTedros

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## IRAN-OMAN TALKS ON STRAIT OF HORMUZ



## Prince Harry and family arrive back in Britain: UK media

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Prince Harry, his wife Meghan and their two children landed Wednesday in Britain, UK media reported, after the shock news emerged last week they would be relocating from the United States.

The couple -- who quit Britain for California six years ago amid a royal feud -- landed in a private jet at Birmingham Airport in central England, The Telegraph newspaper and other media said.

Their spokesman declined to confirm the arrival, telling the BBC "this is not something we would comment on".

The Telegraph reported that the couple plan to stay for "an extended period", living in a home in the Cotswolds region, in central England, having enrolled their children at a school for the coming academic year.

With questions swirling around whether the stay is permanent, reports have noted the couple intend to keep their existing homes in California and Portugal.

Their two children -- Archie, seven, and Lilibet, five -- have already been signed up to start at a private school in early September, according to UK media



Britain's Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex and Britain's Meghan, Duchess of Sussex return in a horse-drawn carriage after attending the Queen's Birthday Parade, 'Trooping the Colour' on Horseguards parade in London

outlets. The school is "in or close to" the Cotswolds, according to the Daily Mail.

Reconciliation? Harry, 41, and Meghan, 45 -- whose formal titles are the duke and duchess of Sussex -- swapped Britain for the United States amid a bitter falling-out with his family, which only worsened as Harry published his tell-all memoir "Spare".

A no-holds-barred interview with US talk show hostess Oprah Winfrey also deepened the rift.

The prince appeared to have

mended relations with his cancer-battling father, King Charles III, during more recent UK visits, but Harry reportedly remains estranged from his brother, heir-to-the-throne Prince William and wife Catherine.

Harry and Meghan met the king in July, during a brief British visit -- the first time in four years the couple's children had met their grandfather.

But they did not meet William and Kate, and whether the feuding siblings will reconcile has been among the many questions thrown up by their return

## 'Master of Escapes' caught in Spain after 4th prison break

AFP | Madrid, Spain

Spanish police have arrested a fugitive dubbed the "Master of Escapes" after he broke out of prison four times, most recently from a maximum-security facility in Italy, authorities said yesterday.

The man, wanted by Italy under a European arrest warrant, escaped from the jail there in December by sawing through window bars and lowering himself with knotted bedsheets, Spain's National Police said in a statement.

Police said he had previously escaped from prisons in Terni and Parma in Italy and from a Belgian prison, where he used a human pyramid to scale the walls.

"It sounds like something out of a film, but sometimes reality is stranger than fiction," police said in the statement.

The man was arrested in the northeastern Spanish city of Tarragona after police tracked him to a neighbourhood where he was believed to be living.

Authorities said he resisted arrest and that several people accompanying him tried to intervene, with one allegedly



injuring two officers.

Spanish police gave only the man's initials, T.T., which correspond to those of Toma Taulant, an Albanian national known in Italian media as a "mago della fuga", or "escape wizard".

Taulant escaped from a maximum-security prison in Milan in December.

He was serving a prison sentence due to expire in 2048 for a series of offences including violent robbery, theft and drug dealing, according to Italian media reports.

The fugitive was carrying false identification documents and two 500-euro (\$582) notes suspected of being counterfeit, Spanish police said.

A judge ordered him to be held in provisional custody without bail pending extradition proceedings to Italy.

## India plans first tokenised bond issue in September, sources say

Reuters | Mumbai

India will launch tokenised bonds next month, as it tests the use of blockchain technology to enable instant settlement of bond transactions, three sources with direct knowledge of the matter said on Monday.

The notes, to be issued for the first time by state-owned power financier REC (RECM. NS), would place India alongside markets such as Europe and Hong Kong in using the technology for issuance and settlement.

Tokenised bonds are securities whose ownership, issuance, trading and settlement are recorded digitally on a blockchain or distributed ledger, allowing transactions to be completed almost instantly.

India's markets regulator and central bank are working together on pushing the technology, according to the sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity as the discussions are ongoing and confidential.

REC will issue tokenised bonds worth less than 5 billion rupees (\$57 million) in the offering, the sources said.

The offering is expected to be unveiled at an annual financial technology event in Mumbai next month, one of the sources said.

India's central bank digital currency will be used to buy the tokenised bonds, one of the sources said.

Details about the issuer, timeline and framework have not been reported previously.

"The offering would be made available to only a select group of investors at the pilot stage," one of the sources said.

Reuters could not ascertain the names of the investors.



The central bank, markets regulator and REC did not respond to emails seeking comment.

### NEW BOND FRAMEWORK

To tap the bonds, investors will need to access two digital accounts: a wholesale digital currency wallet provided by a bank, and a new electronic securities wallet, the sources said.

Indian depositories are developing an e-wallet, a first of its kind, called DEMAT 2.0, which will record bond holdings on a distributed ledger technology chain.

"Subsequent trades can take place only between participants that hold both compatible CBDC and securities wallets," one of the sources said.

The bonds will have an initial three-month lock-in and exchanges are expected to develop a secondary market for the tokenised bonds by December, one of the sources said.

The securities will not be traded on the conventional electronic book provider platform, the sources said.

Depositories NSDL and CDSL did not immediately respond to Reuters queries.

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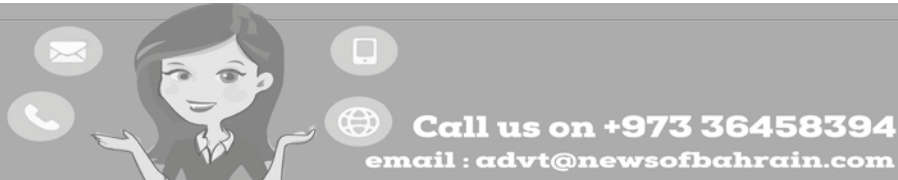
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Every Citizen Can Help Make Bahrain Greener

Bahrain is blessed with a beautiful environment, and protecting and improving it should be a shared responsibility. I believe every citizen and resident can contribute by taking the initiative to plant more trees and greenery wherever possible.

Planting trees not only makes our surroundings more attractive but also contributes to a healthier and more sustainable environment. Small individual efforts, when multiplied across communities, can make a meaningful difference.

At the same time, we should look at other simple environmental habits. For example, supermarkets could encourage customers to reduce the number of plastic bags they use by offering reusable bags, boxes, or other practical alternatives. Customers, too, should make an effort to carry reusable bags whenever possible.

Keeping Bahrain clean and green cannot be the responsibility of authorities alone. It requires participation from everyone – individuals, businesses, and communities.

Let us all take small but meaningful steps to protect the Kingdom’s environment and keep Bahrain clean, green, and beautiful for future generations.

Farouq

Four Families, One Home — Why Should We Be Penalised?

I am writing to raise concerns about the impact of the current electricity billing system on large families living under one roof.

In our case, four families live in the same family home, and our latest electricity bill reached around BD700 after consumption entered the fourth tariff tier. When we contacted EWA, we were told that a bill of around BD700 is considered average for four families living under one roof. But since when has this become considered affordable or reasonable?

The reality is that we cannot simply install separate electricity meters. This is a family home, and the cost and practical difficulties of installing separate meters are extremely high. Yet the current billing structure treats the household as a single consumer, despite several independent families sharing the same property and its electricity consumption.

We are not asking for special treatment. We are asking for a fairer billing system that recognises the number of families living in one home.

For example, a certain level of subsidised electricity consumption could be allocated per family living under the same roof before consumption moves into the highest tariff tier. This would ensure that large extended families are not unfairly pushed into expensive tariff brackets simply because they share one home.

The situation is becoming increasingly difficult as the cost of living continues to rise. Electricity is an essential service, and the pressure is particularly severe during the summer months when air-conditioning is not a luxury but a necessity.

Our family will soon have five families living under one roof, largely because affordable, sufficiently large government housing is not readily available for everyone. We are trying to support our children and keep our families together by sharing one home. It should not feel as though we are being financially punished for doing so.

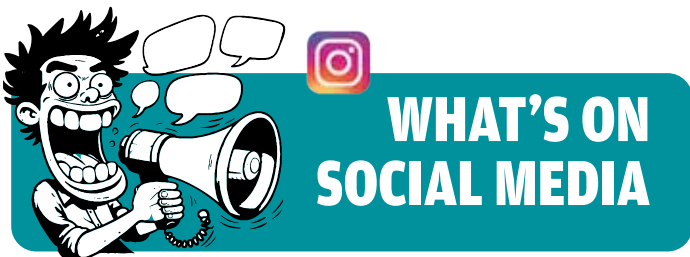
A household with four or five families naturally consumes more electricity than a household of one family. But the solution should not simply be to push that household into the highest tariff tier.

I hope the authorities will review the system and consider a family-based allocation for shared homes, so that large families can receive fair treatment while continuing to manage their essential living costs.



PICTURE OF THE DAY

Photo : Sandeep Mehta



Bahrain bans use of single-use plastic bags

Bahrain bans the manufacture, import and use of single-use plastic bags thinner than 57 microns, as part of efforts to reduce plastic waste and promote sustainability.

TOP COMMENTS

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Good job for you and your team please
- roshni839w

Allah blessed the Kingdom of behrain , keep it up
- c3.borneo

Let’s use box after paying at the cashier and the market staff please prepare the box and also tape
- hirenjsagar

Mixed fruits and veggies bought from a supermarket and you end up with 16 bags. Again, the cashier will put them into 4 different bags. They must take the initiative to reduce this.
- schneiderbarbara

Make people pay for each bag in the supermarket. But also need to teach people some manners and if that doesn’t work fine them hard for littering. Everything is covered with plastic bottles it’s awful.
- asrafjahangir

very citizen needs to take the initiatives to plant Trees as much as possible. God blessed the kingdom of Bahrain



Simple Fire Safety Measures Can Save Lives

Household fires can happen unexpectedly, but following basic safety measures recommended by the General Directorate of Civil Defence can reduce many of their risks.

Every home should have properly installed smoke and gas detectors, particularly because they can provide an early warning when residents are asleep. Battery-operated detectors are especially useful during power cuts and should be checked regularly to ensure they are working and their batteries are replaced when needed.

Families should also keep emergency exits clear and avoid installing window bars that cannot be opened from inside. Suitable fire extinguishers should be kept in accessible locations, especially in kitchens, and residents should know how to use them.

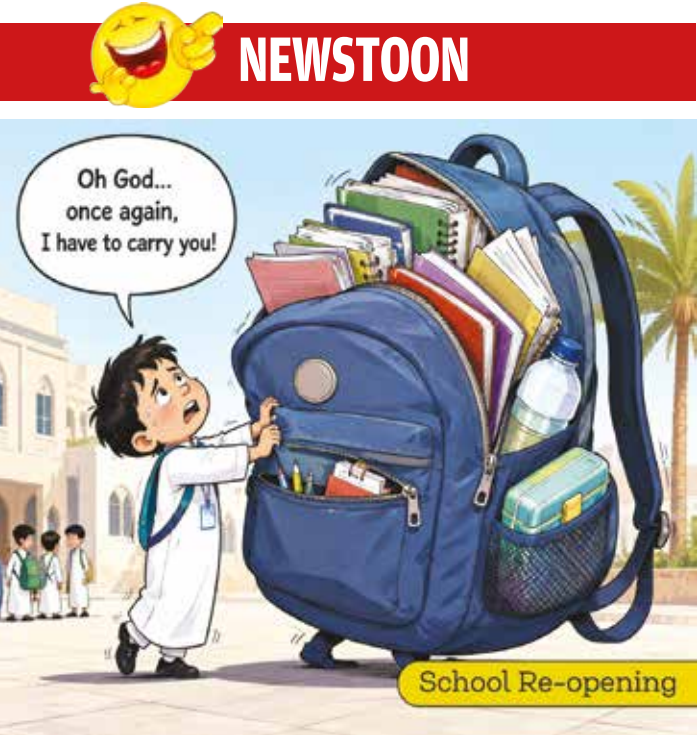
Regularly checking electrical wiring and appliances is equally important. Households should use automatic circuit breakers, close gas cylinders after use, and ensure cigarettes and shisha are completely extinguished.

Flammable liquids should be kept away from heat, flames, and electrical sources. Kitchens and storage areas should also be properly ventilated. If there is a smell of gas or flammable vapour, residents should avoid using matches, flames, or smoking.

Most importantly, in the event of a fire, windows should not be opened, as the additional airflow can help the fire spread.

Fire safety is a shared responsibility. Taking a few simple precautions at home can provide valuable protection for families and help prevent a small incident from becoming a tragedy.

Rizwan



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# Road to Asia 2029 begins

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

Bahrain begin their FIBA Asia Cup 2029 pre-qualifying campaign today when they face Gulf rivals Oman in Dubai.

Tip-off is at 4pm Bahrain time, with the contest marking Greek-Slovenian head coach Slobodan Subotic's first official tournament since taking charge of the kingdom's senior men.

Drawn in Group A alongside Oman, hosts the UAE, Kuwait and Nepal, Bahrain must finish among the top three to advance to the second round. All group matches are being staged in Dubai.

Subotic has selected a 12-man squad featuring brothers Mustafa and Ali Hussain, Ahmed Salman, Mohammed Buallay, Mohammed Ghazi, Ali Jaber, Ahmed Bindaeyeh, Mohammed Nasser, Ahmed Alderazi, Mahmood Abbas, JaKarr Sampson and Somto Patrick Onoduenyi.

Since arriving in the UAE, the Reds have continued their preparations with training sessions in Dubai ahead of today's opener.

Their clash with Oman begins a demanding run of four match-

es in five days. With limited recovery time between games, Bahrain will need to manage the physical and technical demands of the schedule as they chase one of the three qualification places.

Subotic's side return to action tomorrow at 7pm for another Gulf encounter, this time against hosts the UAE.

A rest day follows on Saturday before Bahrain meet Nepal on Sunday at 4pm.

They conclude their Group A campaign against Kuwait on Monday at 7pm. All times are Bahrain.

A total of 18 national teams are competing in the opening round of pre-qualification, with 17 from Asia joined by Oceania representatives Fiji. The field is divided into four groups being contested at centralised venues across the continent.

Group B in Almaty features hosts Kazakhstan, Palestine, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and Kyrgyzstan. Indonesia, Hong Kong,

Singapore and hosts Malaysia make up Group C in Seremban, while Group D in Ulaanbaatar comprises hosts Mongolia, Thailand, Vietnam

and Fiji.

With three teams progressing from each group, 12 nations will advance to the second round, scheduled for the international window from November 23 to December 1.

Those sides will form two groups of six, with the top three from Groups A and B comprising Group E and the top three from Groups C and D forming Group F. The top four from each will earn places in the FIBA Asia Cup 2029 Qualifiers, joining the 16 nations that competed at the 2025 continental tournament in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Beyond their qualifying ambitions, the Dubai campaign also provides Bahrain with competitive action ahead of next month's 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

The kingdom are among 12 teams entered in the men's five-on-five basketball competition and have been drawn in Group C alongside defending champions the Philippines, China and Kazakhstan.



Guard Mahmood Khalifa during media day

## India close in on win despite Sri Lanka fightback



India's wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant (2R) stumps out Sri Lanka's Pasindu Sooriyabandara (C)

AFP | Colombo

India are closing in on a big win in Colombo after Sri Lanka slumped to 229-6 at stumps on day four of the second Test, having been made to follow-on yesterday.

Sri Lanka lead by just 16 runs with four wickets in hand and going into the fifth and final day the tourists will be looking to complete a 2-0 series sweep.

Sonal Dinusha, who batted superbly for a hundred in the first innings, was unbeaten on seven with Keshara Numantha (three) for company when rain forced play to end

early.

Sri Lanka, who resumed the day on 265-8 in response to India's 503-9 declared, were bowled out for 290 and asked to bat again.

"We wanted to insert the follow-on knowing very well that there is lot of rain around," India's spin bowling coach Sairaj Bahutule said on the team's decision to enforce the follow-on.

"We knew that it was going to be tough on the bowlers, but everyone felt that we should put them in again. Great to see the character shown by the bowlers, stay patient and create those opportunities.

EXCLUSIVE

# Israel sends statement with another KO

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

Okafor Israel continued his unbeaten start to professional boxing with another explosive finish, knocking out India's Devendra Mukkar in the first round at the Rise to Glory event in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The Nigerian-born cruiserweight, who represents Bahrain and fights out of Underground Gym, had prepared for six rounds but required only the opening session to improve his professional record to 4-0.

The victory followed his 57-second stoppage of Egypt's Medhat AlHusiny in Dubai in May.

### Acknowledging support

Speaking exclusively to The Daily Tribune, Israel was quick to shift the credit towards those who have backed him.

"I wanna thank ELROI, the God of my journey, my manager Mr. Miller, my family at Underground Gym, and my sponsors Smallgod, Mr. Ebrahim and Mr. Alem for their support and encouragement," he said.

"They saw what others couldn't."

### Fight strategy

Despite the swift outcome in India, Israel had entered the contest expecting a much longer night. His plan was to work through the six rounds and put on a show for the crowd, but the complexion of the fight soon changed.

"I wanted to go the distance, to entertain the fans," he explained. "However, it changed when I got hit on the back of the head and when I figured that the referee gave him more time to recover after the second knockdown.

"I stayed calm, read his reactions and waited for the right opening. Once I saw the opportunity, I stepped in with the combination we had been working on and landed clean.

"From there, I didn't give him any chance to recover. I trusted my timing and finished the job."



Okafor Israel awaits the opening bell

The fighter also credited his preparations at Underground Gym for helping him arrive ready for the contest.

"My team and I worked a lot on timing, distance, explosive combinations and finishing once the opportunity presented itself," he said.

"We also focused heavily on staying composed under pressure. Everything came together in the fight, and I was able to execute what we worked on in camp."

### Building momentum

The performance carried added significance after his rapid stoppage in his last appearance, with Israel keen to show he could reproduce that level on his next outing.

"I didn't want the Dubai victory to be seen as a one-off," he said. "I wanted to show that I'm consistent, improving and capable of delivering at a high level every time I step into the ring.

"This victory confirms that the hard work is paying off."

Bengaluru also offered a different experience, with Israel relishing the opportunity to perform in front of a new crowd.

"Fighting in India was different from my previous professional appearances, especially with the crowd and the energy in Bengaluru," he said.

"The atmosphere was electric, and being able to perform in front of that crowd made the occasion even more special. I really enjoyed every moment



Israel has his hands wrapped pre-fight

of it."

### Cruiserweight ambitions

Israel is now looking to build on his unbeaten start by taking on bigger challenges in the cruiserweight division.

"I'm not focused on who is noticing me," he said. "I'm focused on improving, staying disciplined and taking on bigger challenges. I want the best opponents in the division."

Competing internationally also carries particular meaning for Israel as he represents Bahrain.

"Every time I compete internationally, I carry Bahrain and my team with me," he said.

"Getting another victory while rep-

resenting the Kingdom, especially on a stage in India, is something I'm very proud of. I'm grateful to everyone who continues to support me and my journey."

### Looking ahead

Attention has already turned to what comes next, with Israel eager to get back in action.

"I'm healthy, motivated and already thinking about the next challenge," he said.

"I'd like to be back in the ring as soon as the right opportunity comes. I'm targeting bigger events, tougher opponents and opportunities that can take my career to the next level."

# Bahrain women seal third in 3x3 league

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's under-23 women's 3x3 team finished third overall in the FIBA 3x3 Youth Nations League 2026 Asia West/Pacific conference after the sixth and final stop concluded in Singapore yesterday.

The Bahrainis ended the six-stop series with 440 tour points, just 10 behind hosts Singapore in second, while Australia completed a perfect women's campaign with 600 after winning all six stops.

Bahrain's under-23 men finished fifth overall on 320 points, with Australia topping the standings on 570, ahead of Saudi Arabia on 450 and Singapore on 440.

Australia's men and women topped their respective conference standings to secure qualification for the Fiba 3x3 U23 World Cup, to be held in Hubei, China, from September 15 to 19.

The Kingdom's women, who had reached the final in three of the previous five stops, opened their final day with a dominant 22-3 victory over Qatar in Pool B before losing 21-3 to the Gan-guruss.

Bayan Salman led the way against Qatar with nine points, while Polina Sviatskaya added six, Amina Saleem four, and Noor Malek three.

Australia proved a much



Bayan Salman takes aim from long range against champions Australia

tougher proposition in their second outing, racing into an 8-0 lead before Sviatskaya opened Bahrain's account. The Aussies remained in control and reached the 21-point winning mark with more than three minutes remaining.

Sviatskaya scored two of Bahrain's three points, with Salman adding the other.

The result left the Bahrainis fourth in Stop Six with 60 tour points. Across the six events, they finished runners-up three times (in Stops One, Two, and Five) and third in Stops Three

and Four before taking fourth in the finale.

Australia later defeated Singapore 21-10 in the women's final to complete a clean sweep of all six stops.

Bahrain's men, represented by Naser Alanzoor, Mohammed Alanzi, Mishal Buhamood, and Hamad Faisal, lost both their Pool A contests on the final day.

They went down 21-8 to hosts Singapore in their opener, with Alanzoor accounting for five of the Kingdom's eight points.

The Bahrainis responded with a much stronger showing

against Australia, recovering from 11-5 down to pull within two at 16-14 before eventually losing 21-15.

Alanzoor again led Bahrain with six points, while Faisal scored five and Alanzi four.

The two defeats left the Kingdom's representatives sixth in Stop Six with 45 tour points, completing their conference campaign fifth overall.

Australia went on to beat Saudi Arabia 21-15 in the men's final, sealing their fifth stop victory and bringing the week-long Singapore series to a close.

# Warriors top Group A with fourth straight win



Ahmed Ayad celebrates after finding the net against South Korea

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

A hard-edged 35-27 win over previously unbeaten South Korea sealed top spot in Group A for Bahrain yesterday and completed a four-from-four preliminary round in Amman.

The result gave Mohamed Soliman's under-19 side eight points from eight at the 11th Asian Men's Youth Handball Championship, with barely a

disturbance in their winning run as South Korea suffered their first defeat.

Bahrain had already built a 15-11 lead by half-time before pressing on after the break to win by eight.

Ahmed Ayad was named Man of the Match after playing a key role in the eight-goal win.

Bahrain had already secured a quarter-final place before the match, but victory over Korea ensured they finished first in the



Ahmed Ayad receives Man of the Match award

group without dropping a point.

Their run began with a 51-20 win over India, followed by a 41-19 victory against hosts Jordan and a 36-28 win over Uzbekistan.

South Korea had also won their first three matches, beating Uzbekistan and India before coming from behind to defeat Jordan 25-24.

Bahrain will now face Saudi Arabia, who finished fourth in Group B, in Friday's quarter-fi-

nal. A win would send Bahrain into the semi-finals and secure a place at the 2027 IHF Men's Youth World Championship, with the four Asian semi-finalists qualifying for the event.

Bahrain are chasing a third Asian title under Soliman after winning the championship in 2016 and 2018.

Friday now brings Saudi Arabia, a semi-final place, and World Championship qualification.

# Title chase kicks off today



The coveted Nasser bin Hamad Premier League trophy

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

The 2026-27 Nasser bin Hamad Premier League kicks off today, with another closely fought battle for the Bahrain football crown expected after just one point separated the top two last season.

Sitra and Al Malkiya open the campaign at the Bahrain National Stadium, while runners-up Al Khaldiya take on Al Najma at Al Ahli Club Stadium. All opening-round matches kick off at 7pm.

Defending champions Muharraq enter the fray tomorrow against Al Ahli at the Bahrain National Stadium, setting out in pursuit of a third successive league title.

The Red Wolves completed a memorable domestic double last season under Portuguese coach Fernando Manuel de Jesus Santos, retaining the league crown and lifting the King's Cup.

Their championship triumph followed a dramatic late swing in the title race. Al Khaldiya appeared to have the advantage until the two sides met on Matchday 21, when Muharraq claimed a crucial victory to take control.

They eventually finished with 55 points, one ahead of Al Hidd, who face East Riffa 17 of their 22 matches and conceding just seven goals. Riffa were third on 49 points, with Al Malkiya fourth on 33.

Both of last season's top two have since changed managers. Former Bahrain

international Isa Al Saadoun has returned to Muharraq, five years after guiding them to the AFC Cup title in 2021, while Croatian Goran Tomic has replaced Tunisian Lassad Al Chabbi at Al Khaldiya.

Riffa will again look to challenge the leading pair under Kuwaiti coach Mohammed Mashaan after lifting the Khalid bin Hamad Cup last season, while Al Khaldiya also enjoyed silverware with their Super Cup triumph.

Al Malkiya will hope to build on their fourth-place finish with Portuguese Alvaro José Rodrigues at the helm, while Brazilian Jorvan Vieira leads Al Ahli and compatriot Vinicius Eutrópio is in charge of A'ali.

Sitra are coached by Bahraini Hassan Sayed Isa, while Al Najma, under Tunisian Fethi Laabidi, retained their top-flight place through the promotion/relegation play-offs.

The league also welcomes promoted sides Manama, Al Ittifaq and East Riffa. Manama return under Bahraini coach Ismael Karami, while former Bahrain international Fawzi Ayyash leads Al Ittifaq and Hisham Al Mahoozi takes charge of East Riffa.

Tunisian Shukri Al Bajawi, meanwhile, is at the helm of Al Hidd, who face East Riffa at Al Ahli Club Stadium tomorrow.

Matchweek One concludes on Saturday, with Riffa taking on Al Ittifaq at the Bahrain National Stadium and A'ali facing Manama at Al Ahli Club Stadium.

# Flick says Barca may go without striker as Atletico resist Alvarez sale

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Barcelona coach Hansi Flick indicated yesterday the club may end the summer transfer window without signing a new striker if they fail in their bid to lure Argentinian star Julian Alvarez from rivals Atletico Madrid.

The Spanish champions are still pursuing 2022 World Cup winner Alvarez but Atletico have thus far refused to sell the 26-year-old forward, who missed training yesterday due to illness.

Spanish media reported Barcelona president Joan Laporta wants "Alvarez or nobody" and Flick said the club also had to think about the future and he is happy with his squad.

"I don't want to speak about Julian. I only want to (speak) about the situation of the club. We made some really good, good transfers now in this market," the German coach told reporters.

"Our goal is clear, but in the end also the club has to think about the future. Not only the present now."