

# Gulf Air celebrates Eid Al-Adha in Bangkok



Diplomatic and business leaders took part; reflects growing Bahraini-Thai partnership

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Thailand's capital, Bangkok, hosted a special Eid Al-Adha celebration organized by Gulf Air, attended by His Excellency Ambassador Khalil Yaqoub Al Khayat, alongside Bahraini businessman Khalid Ali Al Ameen, His Excellency Ambassador Sumate Chulajata, and Gulf Air Regional Manager Mr. Rashid Al Qaoud.

Attendees emphasized that Bahraini-Thai relations are witnessing growing momentum across the economic, tourism, and investment sectors, driven



by a shared commitment to expanding cooperation between the public and private sectors and enhancing business and travel connectivity between the two countries.

Participants highlighted that Gulf Air, the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, continues to play a pivotal role in strengthening regional and international air connectivity, contributing to increased commercial and tourism activity while reinforcing Bahrain's position as a regional hub open to promising Asian markets.

The event also reflected

a unique blend of diplomatic and economic engagement, underscoring the importance of economic diplomacy in building bridges between business communities and opening new avenues for cooperation in tourism, logistics, and investment sectors.

This gathering comes at a time when the Kingdom of Bahrain is actively expanding its economic presence in Asian markets, leveraging its international partnerships and the role of its national institutions and strategic companies in supporting economic openness and cross-border collaboration.

## India says 10 sailors released by Iran

AFP | Mumbai, India

Ten Indian sailors, detained in Iran in July 2025 on an oil tanker, have been released after "sustained diplomatic engagement", India's shipping authorities said late on Tuesday.

The sailors on the MV Harbour Phoenix were "detained, arrested and imprisoned in Iran following the vessel's interception near Jask Port in July 2025", the Directorate-General of Shipping said in a statement.

"The seafarers have now been released and reunited safely," the shipping authority said. "Necessary arrangements are being coordinated for the earliest return of the crew members to India."

India did not give further details on the reason for their arrest or about the vessel.

## Oil falls, stocks waver as investors eye US-Iran talks

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Oil prices fell yesterday while stock markets diverged over conflicting headlines on talks between Iran and the US to reopen the Strait of Hormuz to Gulf crude shipments.

Hopes of an imminent deal to avoid further hostilities in the Mideast war had bolstered optimism earlier in the session, with benchmark oil contracts falling more than 5%.

But a White House statement rejecting an Iranian report about a framework deal prompted caution, even though analysts say most investors still expect the negotiations to bear fruit.

"The hope will be that this is finally the week when a real breakthrough is achieved, but should negotiations fail then we could see market patience wear thin," said AJ Bell investment director Russ Mould.

He noted, however, that "Even if an agreement is reached, it will take time to get

### Key figures at around 1545 GMT

Brent North Sea Crude:	▼ 3.2% at \$93.48 a barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▼ 3.8% at \$90.10 a barrel
New York - DOW:	▲ 0.3% at 50,612.60 points
New York - S&P 500:	▼ 0.2% at 7,504.35
New York - Nasdaq:	▼ 0.4% at 26,553.91
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 0.1% at 10,505.01 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ 0.4% at 8,207.89 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX:	▲ at 25,177.80 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▼ 1.1% at 25,328.23 (close)
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▲ at 64,999.41 points (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▼ 1.3% at 4,093.73 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▼ at 1.1628 from 1.1635 on Tuesday
Pound/dollar:	▼ at 1.3422 from \$1.3449
Dollar/yen:	▲ at 159.50 from 159.30 yen
Euro/pound:	▲ at 86.65 from 86.49 pence

energy infrastructure fully back online and shipments flowing through the Strait of Hormuz at anywhere near pre-war levels."

Investors appeared willing to look past the conflicting headlines, buoyed also by another surge for tech stocks on expectations the AI rollout will

continue to propel earnings in the sector.

In Asia, South Korean chipmaker SK hynix jumped 11% to hit a \$1-trillion market capitalisation, placing it alongside regional tech heavyweights Samsung Electronics and TSMC.

## YouTube says will flag AI-generated content

AFP | Paris, France

YouTube will in future automatically detect AI-generated content and flag the information to viewers on its platform, the Google-owned company said Wednesday.

The move reverses a previous policy of relying on video creators to self-report if they had used generative AI tools.

"If a creator doesn't specify whether or not they used AI, but our systems detect significant photorealistic AI use, we will now automatically apply a label," Youtube said in a blog post.

The video platform's last steps on generative AI date back to 2024, when it requested that creators flag content where they had used the technology.

Since then there have been major strides in producing

photorealistic images and video, with widely available AI models including Google's Veo 3.1 and Seedance from Tiktok's parent company ByteDance.

Creators will be able to challenge the new flags if they think their content has been unfairly labelled as AI, Youtube said.

The platform added that the flags would have no impact on its algorithm for recommending videos to users.

Other platforms and social networks to introduce automatic flagging of AI content recently include music streamer Spotify.

Many online spaces are flooded with AI-generated images, video or audio, which is growing increasingly difficult to tell apart from human creations as the tools become more capable.

## Air India slashes domestic flights amid fuel price spike

AFP | New Delhi, India

Air India said yesterday it will temporarily reduce or cut several domestic routes after announcing similar cuts to international routes

"In continuation of our previously announced adjustments to select international services between June and August 2026, we have temporarily rationalised operations on certain domestic routes," Air India said yesterday.

"These adjustments are driven by the sustained impact of



high fuel prices on overall operations," it added.

Air India did say which routes or how many flights would be af-

ected. The Press Trust of India news agency, citing sources, suggested more than a fifth of the airline's domestic flights could be impacted.

The airline said that the passengers hit by changes will be rebooked on alternative flights or offered full refunds.

"Air India will continue to monitor demand and operating conditions closely, with a view to restoring frequencies as conditions stabilise," it said.

Air India announced earlier



Air India operated the world's longest commercial flight for several years – its Bengaluru-to-San Francisco route often took a longer path over the Pacific Ocean to avoid strong headwinds, making the journey stretch beyond 17 hours.

in May that it was suspending routes to Chicago, Shanghai, Male and Singapore from Indian cities including New Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai between June and August.

It also announced a cut in the frequency of flights to San Francisco, Paris, Milan and Sydney.

Since taking over Air India in 2022, the Tata conglomerate has embarked on an ambitious overhaul, ordering hundreds of aircraft and upgrading its ageing fleet.