



Shield Exercise with GCC Forces



The Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) will host the joint military exercise “Bahrain Shield” from today till 30, with the participation of armed forces from Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states.

The exercise aims to strengthen military cooperation among GCC countries, facilitate the exchange of expertise and evaluate the effectiveness of joint operational systems. It also seeks to enhance combat readiness and improve planning for joint operations.

The BDF said the exercise will help unify operational concepts among participating forces while reinforcing coordination and cooperation to address common regional

Malaysia Hails Bahrain F1 Partnership



Malaysia's Ambassador to Bahrain, Shazryll Zahiran, described the decision to host the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix at Sepang International Circuit as a symbol of the strong friendship and strategic partnership between Bahrain and Malaysia.

The ambassador said the initiative reflects the close ties between His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim of Malaysia, as well as the strong cooperation between both governments. He added that it also demonstrates Bahrain's confidence in Malaysia's ability to host a world-class sporting event.

He said the partnership, together with Gulf Air's planned direct flights between Bahrain and Kuala Lumpur, would strengthen tourism, trade, investment and people-to-people ties while reinforcing cooperation during a period of regional challenges.

25 Years of Humanity in Action



● **Royal Humanitarian Foundation reflects on a journey of care, resilience and impact**

● **“Humanitarian Legacy” built on care, empowerment and global relief efforts**

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The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) has marked 25 years of humanitarian service, highlighting a journey that transformed it from a charity supporting orphans and widows into a comprehensive national institution dedicated to social care, human development and humanitarian assistance locally and internationally.

The Foundation celebrates its silver jubilee, under the theme “Humanitarian Legacy”, commemorating a quarter-century of achievements rooted in Bahrain's

commitment to placing people at the centre of development and strengthening values of solidarity, dignity and compassion.

Established in 2001 as the Orphans Sponsorship Committee, the institution gradually expanded its role to become a national humanitarian organisation responsible for supporting families, empowering individuals and implementing relief projects inside and outside Bahrain.

Over the past 25 years, the Foundation has shifted from traditional sponsorship-based assistance towards a comprehensive model focused on empowerment, improving quality of life and helping beneficiary families achieve stability and self-reliance.

International Recognition
The humanitarian vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has received regional and international recognition for advancing orphan care and humanitarian work.

In 2015, His Majesty received the Al Sanabel Award for Social Responsibility in Orphan Care Institutions in the GCC, recognising his leadership role in support-



RHF Established by the directive of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa on July 14, 2001, the Foundation was created to provide comprehensive care, education and empowerment for Bahraini orphans from deserving families, helping them build dignified and independent futures.



funds affiliated with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, in recognition of Bahrain's efforts in supporting orphans at national, regional and international levels.

A major milestone came on November 27, 2007, when the committee was reorganised into the Royal Charity Organisation, marking a new phase of institutional growth.

The Foundation developed initiatives aimed at preparing young beneficiaries for future careers, supporting families in achieving financial independence and enhancing emergency humanitarian response capabilities.

Cabinet Meeting

Cabinet Reviews Economic Growth, Education and Digital Service Progress

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HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister chaired weekly Cabinet meeting on Monday at Gudaibiya Palace.

The Cabinet praised the recent meeting between King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, calling it a reflection of strong bilateral ties. Ministers stressed the importance of continued coordination and consultation between the two nations amid ongoing regional developments.

The Cabinet also welcomed Malaysia's hosting of the Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix from October 2-4, thanking Formula 1, the FIA, Bahrain International Circuit, Sepang International Circuit, and all participating teams for their cooperation.

Marking World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, the Cabinet reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to combating trafficking and thanked the Interior Ministry for its role.



Ministers approved several reports, including education performance for 2025-2026, Bahrain's first-quarter economic outlook, contributions to international bodies, and the Future Generations Reserve Fund's audited accounts. The Cabinet also reviewed responses to parliamentary proposals.

Officials reviewed the Interior Minister's visit to Syria, Bahrain's participation in a UN urban agenda review, and upcoming ministerial visits planned for August, underscoring Bahrain's active regional diplomatic engagement.

Cabinet Approves Key Reports and Reviews Government Performance

- Approved education and vocational sector performance report for the 2025-2026 academic year, along with enhancement plans.
- Approved Bahrain's Quarterly Economic Report for Q1 2026.
- Reviewed Bahrain's contributions to regional and international organisations.
- Approved the Future Generations Reserve Fund annual report and audited financial statements for 2025.
- Reviewed government responses to proposals submitted by the Council of Representatives.
- Assessed government entities' performance across Sijilat, Tawasul, and Benayat systems for January-June 2026.
- Reviewed reports on the Minister of Interior's visit to Syria and Bahrain's participation in the UN Urban Agenda review meeting.
- Reviewed ministerial visits abroad and foreign delegations' visits to Bahrain during August.

HM King Congratulates Thailand's Monarch

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has sent a cable of congratulations to His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn of Thailand on the occasion of his birthday.

In the message, His Majesty conveyed his best wishes for the Thai King's good health, happiness and long life.

Furthermore, His Majesty sent a congratulatory cable to President José María Balcázar of Peru on the country's Independence Day.

Bahrain Condemns Saudi Oil Facility Attack Attempt

Bahrain strongly condemned an attempted terrorist attack targeting petroleum facilities in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Region and Riyadh using drones launched from Iraqi territory by Iran-backed terrorist militias.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs described the attack as a serious violation of international law and the UN Charter, and as a threat to regional security, energy supplies, and efforts to reduce tensions. Bahrain reaffirmed its full support for Saudi Arabia's measures to protect its sovereignty, security, and vital installations.

The ministry praised the efficiency and readiness of Saudi air defence forces in detecting and intercepting the drones before they reached their targets, preventing damage.

Youth Join Mangrove Mission



The Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth Affairs, has organised an awareness workshop on the “Bahrain Mangrove” initiative as part of Youth City 2030 activities, marking the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem.

The workshop highlighted the importance of mangrove forests in protecting biodiversity, supporting sustainable development, and preserving coastal ecosystems. Agriculture and Animal Wealth Affairs Undersecretary Eng. Asim Abdul Latif Abdullah said the initiative, launched by His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, aims to increase Bahrain's mangrove trees fourfold by 2035.

