



**GCC-EU Summit**



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a written invitation from King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, to attend the second GCC-EU Summit, to be hosted by Saudi Arabia in October. The invitation was delivered by Saudi Ambassador to Bahrain Naif bin Bandar Al Sudairi.

His Majesty thanked King Salman for the invitation and praised the deep-rooted Bahrain-Saudi ties and Saudi Arabia's role in strengthening joint Gulf action. He wished the summit success in advancing GCC-EU cooperation and shared interests.

**UN Water Conference**



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a written invitation from UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to attend the United Nations Water Conference 2026, which the UAE will host in December. The invitation was delivered by UAE Ambassador to Bahrain Fahad Mohammed Salem Kardous Al Ameri.

His Majesty welcomed the UAE's hosting of the conference, which aims to strengthen global action on water resources and sustainable access to water.

**Jordan Conference**



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a written invitation from Jordan's King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein to participate in the High-Level Conference on Safeguarding Humanity in Times of War, which will be held in Jordan in December. The invitation was delivered by Jordanian Ambassador and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Rami Saleh Wreikat Al Adwan.

He wished the conference success in strengthening international efforts to protect humanity and civilians during wars and armed conflicts.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, visited the Bapco refinery and conveyed the greetings and appreciation of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to Bapco Energies employees.

His Royal Highness was received by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bapco Energies.

During the visit, HRH Prince Salman praised the dedication, competence and national responsibility of Bapco Energies' workforce, highlighting their role in maintaining operational continuity, supporting the efficiency of Bahrain's energy system and securing supply chains.

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**His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa**  
**Crown Prince and Prime Minister**

For his gracious visit to Bapco Refining and his kind recognition of our employees' dedication and contributions to advancing the Kingdom of Bahrain's energy sector.

This visit is a source of great pride and inspiration as we continue our journey of achievement and innovation in service of the Kingdom.



# Powering the Nation:

## HRH Crown Prince Visits Bapco Refinery



**H**is Royal Highness commended Bapco Energies and its subsidiaries for advancing strategic projects and development initiatives aimed at improving efficiency and competitiveness across the energy sector.

He noted that Bahrain's progress in the energy sector reflects a long-term national vision recognising its importance to economic development, supported by the expertise and capabilities of the Kingdom's national



workforce.

HRH Prince Salman also met with Bapco Energies' Board of Directors, executive management and employees, expressing appreciation for their contribution to the Kingdom's energy ecosystem and its operational efficiency and sustainability.

He stressed that investment in human capital remains fundamental to developing skills and expertise, while calling for continued investment in strategic projects, advanced technologies and innovative solutions.

The Crown Prince and Prime Minister was briefed on refinery operations, its modernisation programme and major develop-

ment projects. He also reviewed measures to strengthen the security and preparedness of oil facilities and ensure continuity of operations and energy supplies amid the challenges resulting from the hostile Iranian aggression against Bahrain.

Prince Salman highlighted the importance of identifying new investment opportunities to expand the energy sector, strengthen its competitiveness and create high-quality opportunities for Bahrainis.

Bapco, established in 1929, began refining operations in 1936 and has played a major role in the development of Bahrain's oil and refining industry.

## “When Crisis Struck, Bahrain’s Institutions Held Firm”

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**B**ahrain's national readiness reflects the strength of its institutions, with continued efforts focused on strengthening preparedness and ensuring the continuity of essential services, Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa said.

He said Bahrain's comprehensive development under His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the direction of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, had strengthened the foundations of an institutional state based on law and cooperation between the executive and legislative authorities.

The Minister said regional developments and their security, economic and service-related repercussions had contributed to the continued development of Bahrain's national crisis-management system. This includes stronger coordination between government bodies and improved response mechanisms.

He said during the Iranian attacks, the government adopted a proactive approach covering healthcare, essential services, the economy and supply chains, while maintaining price stability, national employment and government



**Bahrain's active diplomacy reinforced calls for civilian protection, respect for international law and maritime security.**

services. Efforts also included rebuilding damaged properties.

Shaikh Salman said Bahrain's active regional and international diplomacy, including its presidency of the UN Security Council in April 2026, reinforced its calls for civilian protection, respect for international law and maritime security. He also highlighted the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 2817 of 2026.

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# Expats Can Work for Second Employer for Three Months

No permit transfer needed, but LMRA, worker and both employers must agree



**“Allowing temporary work with a second employer for up to three months gives businesses greater flexibility to meet short-term staffing needs.”**

- NIBRAS TALIB, CEO OF THE LABOUR MARKET REGULATORY AUTHORITY



**“The three-month option gives businesses a practical way to address short-term staffing requirements without resorting to unregulated employment arrangements.”**

- AHMED AL SALLOOM, CHAIRMAN OF PARLIAMENT'S FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE



Yousif Khalaf, Chairman of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA)

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Mohammed Darwish

Expat workers can now work for a second employer for up to three months without transferring their work permit, easing rules that had kept them tied to the permit holder.

The change also lets firms move foreign staff between businesses owned by the same employer or within the same group, even when they operate under different commercial registration numbers. Decision No. 2 of 2026 covers foreign workers outside the domestic worker category.

Under the old 2008 rules, a foreign worker could not work for another employer and was largely tied to the workplace named on the permit or branches carrying out the same activity.

A worker can now spend up to three months with another employer if the Labour Market Regulatory Authority agrees. The worker must give written consent and both employers must agree to the



move.

The second business must usually have the same Bahrainisation rate as the business where the worker is registered, or a higher one.

If its rate is lower, the second employer must pay the fee required under LMRA rules. Both employers are jointly liable for the worker's rights during the three months.

LMRA chief executive Nibras Talib said the three-month limit was meant to help firms meet short-term staff needs while keeping such work within the rules.

‘The three-month limit gives employers time to meet short-term staffing needs without the arrange-

ment turning into unregulated work,’ he said.

The scheme is only for foreign workers who already hold valid permits and are in Bahrain. It does not let firms bring in workers from abroad under the scheme, and Bahrainisation rates stay unchanged. Workers moved between businesses under the same owner or group can only work in jobs covered by their permits.

An employer can also move a worker to another business it owns under a separate commercial registration, or to a company within the same group as recorded by the Industry and Commerce Ministry. That business must have the

same Bahrainisation rate as the one where the worker is registered, or a higher one.

MP Ahmed Al Salloom, chairman of Parliament's Financial and Economic Affairs Committee said the move was in line with an idea he had earlier proposed to give employers greater freedom to move expat workers between businesses.

‘The three-month option gives businesses a way to meet short-term staff needs without resorting to unregulated work,’ Mr Al Salloom said.

He said the same-owner and group rule would also help when one business needs workers while another has staff available.

LMRA will record each three-month placement and inform the worker and both employers once it is registered.

The rules also give employers greater freedom over where staff work. Instead of being confined to the workplace named on the permit or same-activity branches, a worker can carry out the permitted job at a workplace chosen by the employer.

## United Against Aggression



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Bahrain's executive and legislative authorities held a joint meeting on Sunday to review ongoing national efforts to address the repercussions of the Iranian attacks and assess the country's readiness to respond to crises.

The meeting focused on measures taken by government institutions to contain the effects of the developments across various sectors, strengthen national preparedness, ensure rapid response and maintain the continuity of essential services.

The meeting was chaired by Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, Speaker of the Council of Representatives, and Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of the Shura Council. The government side was headed by Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa.

Al Musallam expressed appreciation for His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's leadership and emphasis on placing Bahraini citizens among national priorities. He also praised the efforts of His Royal Highness Prince Salman



**“National Cooperation Strengthens Bahrain's Crisis Response”**

ALI BIN SALEH AL SALEH



**“Readiness Reflects Bahrain's Institutional Strength”**

AHMED BIN SALMAN AL MUSALLAM

bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in advancing national development.

He commended the Bahrain Defence Force, National Guard, Ministry of Interior and security agencies for their response to the attacks, while also highlighting Bahrain's diplomatic efforts and cooperation with regional and international partners.

He further praised government institutions, ministries, the private sector and the wider Bahraini community for their efforts and resilience during the crisis.

## Chamber Backs Flexible Labour Rules

Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman Nabeel Khalid Kanoo welcomed a decision by the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) amending provisions governing the use of foreign workers.

The decision allows an employer to use a foreign worker authorised to work at another establishment owned by the same employer or belonging to the same group. It also allows the worker to work for another employer for up to three months, subject to specified legal requirements.

Mr. Kanoo said the move would provide greater flexibility for businesses and help them respond more efficiently to changing operational and workforce requirements.

He said allowing companies to use authorised workers already in Bahrain could provide practical options for managing human





**“The new mechanism provides businesses with greater flexibility to manage their workforce and respond effectively to changing operational needs.”**

- NABEEL KHALID KANOO

resources and reduce the need for new recruitment procedures when existing labour can meet business needs.

The Chamber chairman said the mechanism could also support business continuity, improve workforce distribution

according to economic activity and enhance productivity and competitiveness.

Mr. Kanoo stressed that clear legal safeguards are important to balance labour-market flexibility with the protection of workers' and employers' rights.

He noted that requirements including the worker's consent, clearly defined employer responsibilities, compliance with Bahrainisation ratios and other regulatory conditions would provide a transparent framework for implementing the new arrangement.

He added that continued development of the labour market, alongside regular engagement with employers on their concerns and needs, would help strengthen Bahrain's business environment and support the private sector's expansion and creation of new economic opportunities.

## Ceiling Collapse Triggers Urgent Home Inspection

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Hasan Barakat

A ceiling collapsed inside a family home in Hamad Town, prompting an urgent inspection after the property was classified as a critical case requiring immediate structural attention.

Northern Municipal Council member Abdulla Mubarak Al Qubaisi, representative of the ninth constituency, visited the home in Block 1205 with officials from the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture to assess the situation.

The inspection confirmed that the ceiling of one of the rooms had collapsed. Authorities clas-



sified the case as critical, citing a direct safety risk to the family and the need for urgent engineering intervention to protect residents and property.

During the visit, Al Qubaisi checked on the family's safety and wellbeing and stressed that protecting citizens remains a priority.

He said he would continue following up on the case with the relevant authorities and specialist committees until the danger is



addressed.

The visit was part of ongoing follow-up on housing rehabilitation projects under the Towns and Villages Development Programme.

The restoration scheme, overseen by the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture in co-operation with municipal councils, supports Bahraini families with limited incomes by repairing and restoring homes facing structural damage or deterioration.

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# Flyover Plan Urged for Budaiya

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Daily traffic jams at the Budaiya intersection leave roads into Madinat Salman clogged, with an MP calling for a flyover and fewer traffic lights to cut the queues.

MP Jalal Kadhem urged the Works Ministry to study plans for an overpass at the junction, along with wider entrances and exits, new U-turn lanes and changes to the road layout.

He said traffic from four main roads was being squeezed into two lanes, leaving drivers stuck in long queues throughout the day and into the evening.

‘Budaiya intersection has become one of the Northern Governorate’s worst junctions for traffic,’ Mr Kadhem said.

He wants the flyover considered as part of the work currently being carried out on Budaiya Highway rather than left for a later stage.

Mr Kadhem also wants changes on Janabiya Highway and roads beside Madinat Salman, where he said closely spaced traffic lights were worsening the queues.



‘The number of traffic lights and how close they are to one another is making the daily congestion worse,’ he said.

Some of those lights should be removed where engineers deem it safe, using free-flow junctions, flyovers or U-turn lanes instead.

He also called for wider roads leading into the Budaiya junction and a new lane layout to cut stops and crossing traffic.

Mr Kadhem said new housing in Madinat Salman and nearby villages had put greater pressure on the same roads.

Schools, health centres and government services were

also putting further traffic on routes already hit by long queues.

Widening Budaiya Highway alone would not solve the problem, he said.

‘The work should not stop at simply widening Budaiya Highway,’ Mr Kadhem said. ‘The junctions and the places where traffic keeps building up need to be dealt with as well.’

He called for one road plan covering Budaiya Highway, Janabiya Highway and the entrances to Madinat Salman that could cope as the area grows.

Mr Kadhem said the flyover



Jalal Kadhem, MP

and changes to Budaiya intersection should be given priority and considered as part of the current Budaiya Highway works.

## When Weight Won’t Budge, Check Your Blood

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Hasan Barakat



Abdulla Abdul Latif, Chairman of the Southern Municipal Council

For some people, losing weight remains difficult despite regular exercise, careful calorie counting and consistent healthy habits. Persistent tiredness may also remain unexplained. In such cases, the issue may not be visible on the scale but could be identified through blood tests.

Dr Ahmed Al Alawi, a specialist in genetics and molecular pathology, points to insulin resistance as one possible factor. It occurs when the body’s cells become less responsive to insulin, forcing the pancreas to produce more of the hormone to maintain normal blood sugar levels.

The condition can develop gradually and is associated with an increased risk of type 2 diabetes. It is also linked to polycystic ovary syndrome, fatty liver disease and cardiovascular problems.

Warning signs can include tiredness after carbohydrate-heavy meals, frequent sugar cravings, difficulty los-

ing abdominal weight and darkened, thickened skin around the neck or underarms.

Tests including fasting blood sugar, fasting insulin, HbA1c and HOMA can help assess the condition, alongside triglycerides and HDL levels.

Regular physical activity, reducing refined sugars and processed starches, adequate sleep and stress management can all support better insulin sensitivity.

For those struggling despite sustained efforts, checking metabolic health may provide another piece of the puzzle.

## New Unit To Tackle Environmental Crimes



An Illustrative image of industrial pollution and waste.

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Rehab Mohammad

Bahrain has established a specialised unit to investigate crimes affecting the environment and public health across the Kingdom.

Attorney General Dr Ali bin Fudhel Al Buainain issued Decision No. 52 of 2026 to establish the Environmental and Public Health Crimes Unit as part of efforts to strengthen specialised investigations into these cases.

The unit will investigate reports involving environmental crimes and offences affecting natural resources, wildlife, marine life, beaches and coastlines, groundwater and surface water, sewage and public cleanliness.

It will also handle cases involving public health and other offences covered by relevant environmental laws.

The unit will follow up cases before the courts and review court judgments in coordination with the Appeal Prosecution. It will also prepare regular statistics and reports on the cases it handles and monitor new methods used to commit such crimes.

The unit will also propose measures and possible legal changes to support national strategies and efforts to combat environmental and public health crimes.

It will coordinate with relevant authorities to improve investigation methods and evidence gathering, strengthening legal procedures and the prosecution of suspected offenders in accordance with the law.

Prosecutor Hummam Adel Bousubai has been appointed head of the unit, while Prosecutor Hassan Abbas Al Haddad will serve as his deputy.

## Al Hilal Hosts World Heart Day

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Community event promotes heart health, preventive care and lifesaving skills in Bahrain.

Al Hilal Healthcare Group hosted “World Heart Day – Season 2” under the slogan “Don’t Miss a Beat,” bringing together families, healthcare professionals, corporate partners and hundreds of registered participants to promote cardiovascular health and preventive care.

The programme featured health education, fitness activities, interactive sessions and a personal account from a heart disease survivor highlighting the importance of timely cardiac care.

Al Hilal specialists Dr. Santosh Mysore Jayadev, Consultant Cardiology; Dr. Mohamed

Abdul Khadir, Consultant Cardiology; Dr. Milta Kuriakose, Specialist Pulmonary Disease; and Dr. Rahul Abbas, Consultant Internal Medicine, shared advice on cardiovascular disease prevention during an interactive panel discussion.

Certified trainers also conducted a practical CPR demonstration, giving participants essential emergency response skills.

Registered attendees received free BD 50 heart health screening and cardiology consultation vouchers. The event also included a Kids Carnival, raffle prizes and a symbolic “Human



Heart Formation” at Oasis Mall Juffair.

Mr. Issam Isa Al Khayat, Head of Investment Development at the Northern Governorate, attended as Guest of Honour.

Al Hilal Healthcare Group CEO Dr. Sharath Chandran said the initiative reflected the

group’s commitment to preventive healthcare and community awareness.

“Our mission extends far beyond the walls of our hospitals; we are deeply committed to preventive care and empowering our community to lead healthier lives,” he said.

## BIS Observes International Day of Peace

Students explore peace, kindness and unity through creative presentations and activities.

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Bhavans Bahrain Indian School observed the International Day of Peace with a school-wide programme focused on peace, compassion, empathy, unity and harmony.

Students of Grade 8 Brahmagupta presented a special assembly featuring speeches, news headlines, a dance performance, mime, a Peace Quiz and a behind-the-scenes video. The presentations explored the importance of understanding, respect and peaceful coexistence.

The programme also highlighted individuals and ambassadors who have contributed to promoting peace around the world. Students were encouraged to view peace as an everyday responsibility reflected in their words, actions and relationships, and to promote kind-

ness and harmony within the school and wider community.

Kindergarten students also took part in activities centred on peace and unity. Dressed in white, the young learners explored the values of kindness, togetherness and harmony through interactive activities, including dove puzzles symbolising unity and Sense Organ Wheels of Peace.

The activities encouraged students to recognise how simple actions such as a smile, kind word or caring gesture can contribute to a peaceful environment.

Directors Mr Himanshu Verma and Mrs Ritu Verma, along with Principal Mr Saji Jacob, appreciated the students and teachers for their presentations and efforts to promote a culture of peace, empathy and unity across the school community.



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# Chamber, IPA Plan Skills Push

Bahrain Chamber and the Institute of Public Administration explore joint training programmes to strengthen private-sector capabilities.

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Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman Nabeel Khalid Kanoo met with Institute of Public Administration (IPA) Director General Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa to discuss cooperation in research, training and human-resource development.

The meeting focused on developing joint initiatives and programmes aimed at strengthening national capabilities and expanding the benefits available to Bahrain Chamber members and private-sector institutions.

Mr. Kanoo stressed the importance of strengthening partnerships between the private sector and educational and training institutions to better align education and training programmes with labour-market needs.



He said developing management and leadership skills is essential to preparing national talent to keep pace with rapid changes across the business environment and economic sectors.

“Human capital development is a key pillar in strengthening the competitiveness and sustainable growth of the private sector,” Kanoo said.

He added that the Chamber is keen to ensure that cooperation delivers direct benefits to its members, business owners and employees through quality training and development programmes based on their actual needs.

Mr. Kanoo also highlighted the importance of designing joint programmes around the business community’s real training needs, saying this would help address institutional challenges and produce practical and measurable outcomes.

The cooperation between the Bahrain Chamber and IPA aims to develop private-sector professionals and leaders through specialised training initiatives focused on improving management and leadership capabilities, encouraging innovation and enhancing institutional performance.

## Bahrain Bourse Embarks on a Strategic Visit to Kuwait to Strengthen Investment Cooperation in Line with the “Elevate” Strategic Plan



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Mr. Yusef Abdulla Al-Yusef, Chairman of Bahrain Bourse, and Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse, embarked on a strategic visit to the State of Kuwait, where they met with a number of leading asset and investment portfolio managers, as well as representatives from several Kuwait-based brokerage firms.

The visit forms part of the implementation of Bahrain Bourse’s Capital Market Development Plan 2026–2028, ‘Elevate’, which aims to diversify market offerings, deepen liquidity, streamline market operations, and strengthen the Kingdom’s capital markets infrastructure in line with regional and international best practices.

The visit aimed to strengthen engagement with key stakeholders within Kuwait’s investment community, showcase the investment opportunities available offered by Bahrain’s capital market, and explore ways to increase participation by Kuwait-based institutional investors in listed securities on Bahrain Bourse.

During the visit, Bahrain Bourse’s delegation held discussions with a number of brokerage firms to discuss opportunities for collaboration and exchange expertise, while also exploring mechanisms to facilitate access to Kuwait-based investors to the capital market in the Kingdom of Bahrain. These efforts aim to stimulate trading activity, increase liquidity, and support greater integration among GCC capital markets.

The visit reflects Bahrain Bourse’s commitment to advancing the objectives of the “Elevate” Strategic Plan through proactive engagement with regional investors, further enhancing the attractiveness of the Kingdom’s capital market, and strengthening cooperation and integration with Gulf and regional capital markets.

## Beyon Awards Full Four-Year Scholarship to American University of Bahrain Student

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Beyon has awarded Alnawra Husain A. Shehab from Oaima Bint Al-Noaman Secondary Girls School, a full four-year scholarship to study at the American University of Bahrain (AUBH), where she will pursue a Bachelor of Business Administration in Digital Marketing and Social Media. The scholarship is offered under Beyon’s annual programme with AUBH, which supports academically outstanding Bahraini students. Alnawra earned the scholarship after successfully completing assessments approved by Beyon and AUBH.

Selection is based on academic achievement, merit and eligibility criteria, reflecting Beyon’s commitment to social responsibility and creating opportunities for young Bahrainis to access higher education.

The initiative, now in its sixth consecutive year, builds on the continuing partnership between Beyon and AUBH to support the development of national talent, offering scholarship recipients an American-style university education and the opportunity to establish a strong academic foundation for their chosen careers.

Beyon Group CEO Andrew Kvaalseth commented: “Our scholarship programme reflects our commitment to investing in and developing Bahrain’s future talent, while creating opportunities for the next generation to succeed.



We believe the private sector has an important role to play in this area. Through our partnership with AUBH, we are pleased to continue supporting promising students to pursue their ambitions and realise their potential. We congratulate Alnawra on being selected as this year’s scholarship recipient and wish her every success.”

Dr. Wafa Almansoori, Interim President and Provost of the American University of Bahrain, stated: “We are delighted to welcome Alnawra to AUBH and congratulate her on earning this scholarship. Beyon’s continued support gives talented students the opportunity to take their education further, and we value the trust the company places in our university. We look forward to supporting Alnawra build on her achievements through academic guidance and practical learning opportunities that develop her strengths and prepare her for a rewarding career.”

Beyon Group CEO Andrew Kvaalseth presented the scholarship award to Alnawra at the Beyon campus in Hamala in the presence of Beyon Chief Communications & Sustainability Officer Shaikh Bader bin Rashid Al Khalifa, AUBH Interim President and Provost Dr. Wafa Almansoori, and AUBH COO William Hurt.

## Oil Prices Fall 2% as US-Iran Talks Ease Market Tensions

Global oil prices fell about 2% on Friday, as markets responded to signs of possible diplomatic progress between the US and Iran. Brent crude settled at \$104.32 a barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) fell to \$92.41. Markets welcomed discussions over a possible phased agreement involving the Strait of Hormuz. However, traders remained cautious as negotiations continue, while concerns over potential diesel export restrictions and regional energy disruptions continued to influence prices.



## KFH - Bahrain Joins Employee Loyalty Rewards Programme

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Kuwait Finance House (KFH) - Bahrain has joined the Employee Loyalty Rewards Programme, an initiative launched by Hope Fund to recognize employees for their dedication, years of service, and contributions to their organizations.

KFH - Bahrain’s participation in the programme reflects its commitment to recognizing and rewarding its employees and fostering a workplace culture that values appreciation, engagement, and loyalty. It also underscores the bank’s support for initiatives that promote employee recognition and contribute to creating a positive and motivating work environment in Bahrain.

Through its participation in the programme, KFH - Bahrain continues to place its employees at the center of its organizational priorities, supporting their professional development and growth while encouraging a strong sense of belonging and engagement.

The bank’s participation further reflects its commitment to investing in human capital as a key driver of sustainable growth and long-term success. By recognizing employees’ efforts and contributions, KFH - Bahrain aims to contribute to a workplace environment that encourages excellence, productivity, and continued professional development.



The Employee Loyalty Rewards Programme seeks to celebrate employees’ commitment and contributions to the success of participating organizations through monthly rewards which are distributed among employees of participating entities.

KFH - Bahrain’s participation in the programme reinforces its commitment to supporting its employees and contributing to initiatives that recognize the value of talent and encourage a culture of appreciation and excellence in the workplace.

## A.M. Best International affirms credit rating of A- (Excellent) with stable outlook of Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company B.S.C.

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Further to its annual review, A.M. Best International has affirmed the financial strength rating of A- (Excellent) and the long-term issuer credit rating of “a-” of Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company B.S.C. (BKIC), and the outlook for both ratings is stable. The ratings reflect BKIC’s balance sheet strength, which AM Best assesses as very strong, as well as its strong operating performance, neutral business profile and appropriate enterprise risk management. The ratings also factor in the financial strength of BKIC’s parent company, Gulf Insurance Group K.S.C.P., due to BKIC’s strategic importance to the group.

Dr. Abdulla Sultan, CEO and Board Member of BKIC stated that Management is pleased with BKIC, as well as its subsidiary, holding the A- Credit Rating which evidently reflects the financial strength of the company and its ability to meet its short and long-term obligations. He added that the company has an excellent record of profitability reflecting excellent investment and underwriting performance for various types of insurance in The Kingdom of Bahrain and The State of Kuwait. He also stated that BKIC and its subsidiary Takaful International Company B.S.C. are the only local Bahraini insurance companies listed publicly, to be rated A-.



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## Iran Guards say seized US underwater drone in Hormuz

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said on Sunday that they seized an American submarine drone in the strategic Strait of Hormuz, which Tehran has blockaded in the months-long Middle East war.

"Through a coordinated, complex operation involving intelligence oversight and electronic warfare, IRGC naval forces' personnel successfully captured an advanced un-

manned underwater vehicle (UUV) belonging to the terrorist US military," the IRGC naval forces said in a statement, according to state TV.

They added that the drone was "operating in the Strait of Hormuz for espionage purposes", identifying the model as a Remus 600 autonomous underwater vehicle that was "now in the hands of the force's specialists for data recovery".

## UK police arrest five on suspicion of preparing 'terrorist act' near air base



AFP | Fairford, United Kingdom

British counter-terrorism police were Sunday probing "a major" incident near a base used by the US air force after arresting five men on suspicion of "preparing a terrorist act", police said.

Armed officers detained the group in the early hours after a call to emergency services about three "suspicious vehicles which appeared to be trav-

elling towards the air base", London's Metropolitan Police said in a statement.

US President Donald Trump told reporters they had been "looking to do big damage" at the Royal Air Force (RAF) Fairford air base in Gloucestershire, southwest England.

"We had them under view for a long time, and we got them," he said, adding the US and UK had been working together on the incident.

## Pope says assisted dying not 'normal'

AFP | Lourdes, France

Pope Leo XIV yesterday said assisted dying was not "normal", as he continued a landmark visit to France, where parliament has legalised the practice for certain patients.

"No human law should ever make you lose the certainty of your dignity," he told believers who were sick or suffered from disabilities, at the French pilgrimage site of Lourdes.

"We must reject the temptation to cause death under the guise of false compassion. It is impossible to regard causing death as something normal," he added.



"What is legal is not necessarily moral."

France's parliament passed legislation in June establishing a right to assisted dying for some adults suffering from an incurable condition.

The move drew strong criticism from the Catholic Church in France, which denounced the bill as a serious "rupture".

## Somali pirates escape with suspected police help

AFP | Mogadishu, Somalia

Around 30 suspected pirates, arrested during the rescue of a hijacked oil tanker, escaped while being taken to jail, with suspicions emerging that police might have assisted their getaway, four security sources told AFP on Sunday.

There has been a resurgence in Somali piracy since April, with at least 15 attacks this year, the highest since 2013, according to the UN's International Maritime Organisation.

An oil tanker, Sibu 1, also known as Seamull, was rescued after being intercepted by mar-

itime police on Friday, with 41 suspected pirates arrested and taken to the port town of Garacad.

It was seen as a victory for authorities in the semi-autonomous state of Puntland, who have been criticised for failing to act against the pirates, believed to benefit from protection by the local community.

What came next is likely to trigger further criticism, as 28 of the pirates were able to escape as they were being transferred by road from Garacad to the state capital of Garowe on Friday night.

The four local security sources

interviewed by AFP said the decision to transport the suspects at night was unusual.

Then, along the route, the truck they were in experienced a burst tyre and the suspects found the door was unlocked, allowing them to flee, the sources said.

Police recaptured only 13 of the group, including one who was fatally wounded by gunfire.

"In Puntland, we don't move (suspects) at night across multiple provinces. Then later on the trip, the pirates ran from the vehicle because the lock on the door was missing. I don't need to say anything else. It's obvious," said one source.

Another source said the suspects' hands and feet had been tied during their initial arrest, but the ties were removed before they were transported.

The brother of one of the suspects confirmed to AFP that he had escaped and was "safe".

"There had to be insiders within the armed security detail," one of the four sources said.

"The dirty (police) who were involved in the escape are no better than the pirates on the run," another added.

Somalia is ranked last on Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index, tied with South Sudan.

## UK PM urges 'calm' as thousands seek to thwart N.Ireland parade

The tensions spiked after a court cleared the march to go ahead

AFP | Portadown, United Kingdom

UK Prime Minister Andy Burnham urged "calm" yesterday as thousands of people gathered in a Northern Irish town seeking to halt a contentious pro-British Protestant march from passing through a mainly Catholic and nationalist area for the first time in 28 years.

The tensions spiked after a court in the early hours of Sunday cleared the march by the Orange Order to go ahead.

The Parades Commission, Northern Ireland's independent body regulating contentious processions, had authorised 35 Orangemen to march silently along Garvaghy Road in Portadown, without bands or supporters from 8:00 am (0700 GMT) Sunday.

Burnham appealed for "calm on all sides", adding in an interview with BBC television that that "big gains" had been made in Northern Ireland "and we don't want to see things go backwards".

Northern Ireland was blighted for three decades by conflict between largely Catholic, pro-Irish republicans and Protestant, pro-UK unionists, and the Garvaghy Road became a major flashpoint during the late 1990s.

About 2,000 people walked



Protesters continue to block the Garvaghy Road in Portadown, Northern Ireland on September 27, 2026, preventing a parade of marchers from the Orange Order using the route through the mainly nationalist area of the town.

early Sunday in the Garvaghy Road area of Portadown, 25 miles southwest of Belfast, in a counter-protest seeking to prevent the Orange march. There was a heavy security presence, and police held up the Orange Order rally inside a church hall, an AFP correspondent saw.

Northern Ireland First Minister Michelle O'Neill, of the Irish republican Sinn Féin party, condemned the late-night court ruling allowing the march to go ahead.

"Our message tonight is clear. There is no going back. Not tomorrow. Not ever," said O'Neill.

She said she supported "the right of the Garvaghy Road resi-

dents to protest against this unwanted sectarian march".

Sinn Féin President Mary Lou McDonald told reporters as she walked with the counter-protesters that the "residents and community have come out to defend their right to live free from sectarian harassment".

Since the 1998 Good Friday peace accords ending the so-called Troubles in Northern Ireland "there has been lots of progress ... it has been transformational. People's lives have been changed fundamentally," she said, adding "we are not going back".

The procession had survived a series of last-minute legal chal-

lenges. A Belfast High Court judge temporarily blocked it on Saturday, warning that the long-running dispute could escalate across Northern Ireland and urging the parties to "step back from the abyss".

But shortly before midnight, a three-judge Court of Appeal panel overturned the injunction, ruling that the judge had "erred in law".



Northern Ireland has been part of the United Kingdom since the partition of Ireland in 1921, but the population has long been divided over its constitutional future. Unionists generally want Northern Ireland to remain part of the UK, while Irish nationalists generally favour a united Ireland. This division contributed to the decades-long conflict known as the Troubles, which ended largely with the 1998 Good Friday Agreement.

## Two giant pandas sent by China arrive in US

AFP | Beijing, China

Two giant pandas sent by China arrived in the United States yesterday, Beijing's state media said, after a leaders' summit that was heavy on symbolism and light on major breakthroughs.

The pandas' transfer had already been agreed but the departure was announced Thursday during Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to Washington.

The black-and-white mammals are immensely popular around the world, and China



loans them out as part of a "panda diplomacy" programme to foster foreign ties.

Ping Ping and Fu Shuang departed from Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport on a char-

tered flight at around 3:00 am (1900 GMT on Saturday), state news agency Xinhua reported.

After a 16-hour flight that crossed the international date line, the bears touched down in Atlanta, Georgia shortly before 7:00 am local time (1100 GMT on Sunday), Xinhua said later.

Steamed corn buns, bamboo shoots and carrots were prepared to keep the pandas nourished during their flight, Chinese state-run media the Global Times reported.

The Boeing 777 operated by

FedEx was the top-tracked aircraft on aviation information platform FlightRadar24 as it neared Alaska, roughly halfway into its journey.

The pandas will be hosted by Zoo Atlanta for the next 10 years.

A farewell ceremony was held for the pair before their departure by the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.

Experienced keepers were dispatched by the US side to accompany the duo on their flight, the Global Times reported.

In preparation for their arriv-

al, Zoo Atlanta has renovated its panda facilities and assembled a team of animal caretakers.

It has also ensured a stable and long-term supply of bamboo, grown locally in Atlanta, which has a climate that is very similar to Chengdu.

Zoo Atlanta previously hosted pandas on loan from China for a quarter of a century starting in 1999, but it has not had any since 2024. Both arrivals were born in 2020. Ping Ping, a male, is now six years old while Fu Shuang, a female, will turn six next month.

Saint Wenceslas is murdered by his brother Boleslaus I of Bohemia

William the Conqueror, Duke of Normandy, lands at Pevensey Bay in Sussex, beginning the Norman Conquest of England



9,000 American and 7,000 French troops begin the Siege of Yorktown

Yellow River or Huáng Hé floods in China, killing between 900,000 and 2 million people, one of the deadliest natural disasters in history



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Here in Lourdes, the city of the sick and of hope, I appeal to the entire healthcare community to remember the profound meaning of your vocation, which is to care for a suffering person, not to eliminate that person. Be passionate servants of life! No one ever has the right to decide the life of any person. Medicine must never become the servant of programmed death!

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## Emirates partners with World Police Summit



This partnership will support the international leaders, policymakers, experts and industry partners travelling for the World Police Summit

HIS HIGHNESS SHAIKH AHMED BIN SAEED AL MAKTOUM

TDT | Manama

Emirates and the World Police Summit (WPS) have signed a three-year strategic partnership, making the airline



the Summit's Official Airline Partner and supporting international participation in the event.

The fifth edition of WPS will take place from November 16 to 18, 2026, at Dubai World Trade Centre under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

Organised by Dubai Police with DXB LIVE, the Summit will bring together police chiefs, policymakers, security experts,

international organisations and technology providers to discuss cooperation and emerging security challenges.

Emirates will use its global network, digital platforms and communications channels to help connect delegates with the Summit. Dedicated WPS content will also be featured on Emirates' ice inflight entertainment system ahead of the event.

His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman and Chief Executive of Emirates Airline and Group, said the partnership would

support the movement of international leaders and experts travelling to Dubai.

Lieutenant General Abdullah Khalifa Al Marri, Commander-in-Chief of Dubai Police, said the agreement would strengthen the Summit's international presence and broaden participation.

The 2026 Summit will be held under the theme "Connected for Impact: Uniting Global Policing to Safeguard Future Generations."

Discussions will cover artificial intelligence in policing,



Our strategic partnership with Emirates will strengthen the Summit's international presence and broaden global participation

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ABDULLAH KHALIFA AL MARRI

cybercrime, financial fraud, organised crime and the security of air, rail, road and maritime networks. The event will also feature an exhibition, Startup Arena and Academic Zone.

## Bangkok floods send thousands into shelters after days of rain

AFP | Bangkok, Thailand

Deep floodwaters in Bangkok drove thousands of residents into shelters as others scrambled to buy groceries or dry out their homes yesterday after days of heavy rain inundated markets, roads and residences.

Pedestrians in plastic rain ponchos waded through murky, knee-deep water in the Thai capital, some floating their belongings in plastic tubs -- while others used small boats to traverse submerged city streets.

Evacuees meanwhile rested under pop-up mosquito-net tents in a school gymnasium turned temporary refuge.

"I came with only one shirt. It would be great if I can get another," said 46-year-old Sunaporn Thongphajuti who arrived at the school on Sunday.

"What I am lacking is a blanket to sleep with, but I can survive," added the grocery store employee.

Thailand is used to wet weather and September is the peak of the rainy season, but several Bangkok residents said this year seemed worse than previous ones.

Office worker Bandit Pankan was among those frustrated that official warnings came too late.

"I didn't prepare for it at all," he said. "We got an SMS alert from (the disaster agency) yesterday, but the water flooded in the night before."

"It's an emergency"

More than 330 millimetres (13 inches) of rain fell in some areas of the city between Thursday



An aerial view shows floodwater surrounding apartment complexes at Bang Kapi district in Bangkok



People walk next to cars submerged in flood waters after heavy rain in Bangkok

and Sunday, the weather agency said.

Nearly 4,900 people have

been evacuated to shelters, with around 52,000 households affected by the floods, which

prompted a disaster declaration across the capital, according to the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration.

In the school turned shelter, teacher Namphet Chanjuingtavorn, 47, said she went to her own workplace after electricity and water were cut off at her flat.

Now she is acting as coordinator of the makeshift evacuee site where around 100 people have sought food, water and safety.

"It's an emergency and the district officials are doing their best," she told AFP, noting blankets and mosquito nets were delivered Saturday night.

Some stores' shelves were emptied over the weekend as

residents raced to buy essentials, while fresh produce at market stalls were kept dry in polystyrene foam boxes or hanging just above the water level.

Outside a supermarket where the water reached people's knees, shoppers said they waited for one to two hours in the cashier's queue, because shops closer to home were out of stock.

The prime minister's office asked the public to avoid panic-buying and warned that price gouging was a criminal offence.

Chest-level floods

Bangkok Governor Chadchart Sittipunt said on social media that water levels in the city's canals were still high, but authorities were working to speed up drainage.

Kosin Nilset, who lives along the Premprachakorn canal on the outskirts of the capital, said his house was "underwater for about 30 hours".

"This time, the water level is higher than the 2011 flood," the 44-year-old told AFP, using a broom to sweep out water.

Widespread deluges across the Southeast Asian country in 2011 killed more than 500 people and damaged millions of homes.

Scientists warn that the intensity and frequency of extreme weather events will increase as the planet continues to heat up because of fossil fuel emissions.

Flooding was also reported on Sunday across 25 provinces in Thailand, according to the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation.

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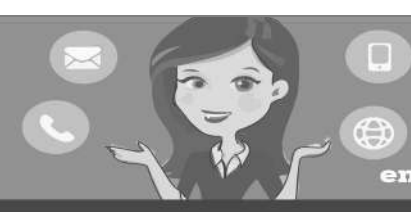
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# TechZone

## The great AI chip race

Nvidia is no longer running alone as Qualcomm, AMD, Google, Huawei and Alibaba pour billions into the silicon powering the AI revolution

The biggest battle in artificial intelligence may not be happening inside chatbots. It is happening inside the chips that make them possible.

As AI models become larger and AI agents perform increasingly complex tasks, demand for specialised processors is exploding. Nvidia remains the most prominent player, with its Vera Rubin platform now entering production. Rather than selling a single accelerator, Nvidia is building complete AI systems combining GPU, CPUs, networking, storage and software for massive AI data centres.

But competitors are closing in from different directions.

AMD is expanding its Instinct accelerator business into complete rack-scale AI systems. Its new MI400 series and Helios platform are designed to compete at data-centre scale, while AMD's market value crossed \$1 trillion this month as investor interest in its AI business surged.

Google has taken a different route, designing its own Tensor



Processing Units. Its Ironwood TPU is built for large-scale AI training and inference and can be deployed in systems containing thousands of chips. Google is also developing its eighth-generation TPU systems specifically for agentic AI workloads.

In smartphones, Qualcomm is pushing AI processing directly onto devices. Its newly announced Snapdragon 8 Elite Extreme Gen 6 and 8 Elite Gen 6 platforms use a 2nm process and are designed for increasingly capable on-device AI agents, cameras and graphics.

China is building its own alternatives. Huawei is accelerating its Ascend AI-chip roadmap as demand for domestic AI computing exceeds its current production capacity. The company is also developing systems capable of connecting enormous numbers of processors to compensate for the performance gap with Nvidia.

Alibaba has joined the race with its new Zhenwu V900, which the company says delivers three times the performance of its previous generation. It is also developing a new Qwen model planned at 5-10

trillion parameters, showing how chip development and AI-model development are becoming increasingly interconnected.

The competition does not stop there. Amazon is developing its own AI accelerators, Intel continues its Gaudi programme, and a growing number of companies are designing specialised chips for particular AI workloads.

The real contest is now about more than who makes the fastest chip. Memory, networking, cooling, energy efficiency, manufacturing capacity and software ecosystems can determine how useful an AI processor becomes.

And there is a huge prize at stake. As AI moves from answering questions to running agents, robotics, scientific research and business operations, the companies controlling the computing infrastructure could influence how quickly the next phase of AI develops.

The AI race is becoming a chip race — and the next winner may be decided not by one breakthrough processor, but by the entire system built around it.

### Apple's new Macs turn up the AI power



Apple has released its latest Mac mini and Mac Studio, putting a stronger emphasis on on-device artificial intelligence and professional computing. Both desktops are now available, following their September 22 launch.

The new Mac mini is powered by Apple's M6 or M5 Pro chips. With the M6, Apple claims up to 4× faster AI performance, 40% faster CPU performance and up to 2× faster graphics compared with the previous generation. The compact desktop starts at \$899 in the US.

The more powerful Mac Studio

comes with the M5 Max or new M5 Ultra. The Ultra version supports up to 512GB of unified memory, while Apple claims up to 4.3× faster AI performance and 1.8× faster graphics. It also supports Thunderbolt 5 for high-speed external storage and professional workflows.

Apple is positioning both machines as powerful platforms for local AI, allowing demanding AI workloads to run directly on the computer rather than relying entirely on cloud servers.

The Mac mini starts at \$899, while the Mac Studio starts at \$2,499 for the M5 Max and \$5,499 for the M5 Ultra.

### Google fined €403 million over location data

Google has been fined €403 million by Ireland's Data Protection Commission (DPC) over how it handled users' location data, in one of the latest major privacy actions against a technology giant.

The DPC found that Google breached the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in its processing of location information between May 2018 and February 2020. The investigation focused on three features: Web & App Activity, Location History and Location Accuracy.

According to the regulator, Google's practices were not sufficiently lawful, fair or transparent.

ent. It said users could have been unaware that their location information was being used to infer interests or influence advertising. The DPC also found problems with how long some location data was retained.

Google said the case relates to older policies and that it has since introduced changes, including stronger user controls, automatic deletion options and less precise location storage. The



company must bring the relevant processing into compliance within six months.

The case highlights a growing privacy question: how much control do users really have over the location data their devices generate?

### Xiaomi turns a smartphone into a pocket guitar

Xiaomi has launched one of the more unusual smartphone accessories of the year: the Pocket Guitar, a magnetic gadget that turns compatible phones into a miniature musical instrument.

Designed primarily for the Xiaomi 18 Pro and 18 Pro Max, the Pocket Guitar attaches to the back of the phone and uses the devices' secondary display as part of the playing experience. The foldable accessory has chord controls on one side and a textured, touch-sensitive surface that simulates guitar strings on the other.

It connects to the phone

through Bluetooth and works with the Chinese karaoke app Changba, which offers access to around 15,000 licensed songs. Users can choose between Chord Mode, which requires selecting chords while strumming, and

Rhythm Mode, which focuses on keeping time.

The Pocket Guitar has a 630mAh battery, with Xiaomi claiming up to 30 days of use under a one-hour-per-day scenario. It can also fold into a small phone stand. The accessory costs 599 yuan (around \$90) in China.

It may be a novelty, but Xiaomi is showing that a smartphone's secondary screen can become more than just a display — it can become a platform for entirely new accessories.



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### US and China explore new rules for AI safety

The United States and China have agreed to establish a communication channel for AI-related incidents, marking a rare area of cooperation between the two countries as they compete to lead the global AI race.

The mechanism is intended to allow both sides to communicate about serious AI incidents and related risks, particularly those that could affect national security. The agreement followed a three-day summit between US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Washington.

Earlier discussions had focused on creating an AI incident notification system, with US officials calling for greater transparency between the two leading AI powers. Officials have raised con-



cerns about increasingly autonomous AI systems, cyberattacks and potential threats to critical infrastructure.

The two countries are also expected to hold a dedicated AI dialogue in November. The new channel does not create common

AI regulations, but it provides a framework for discussing incidents and risks.

The bigger question: Can cooperation on AI safety continue even as Washington and Beijing compete over technology, chips and AI leadership?

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### Google wants to put AI computing in space



What if the next AI data centre is in orbit? Google is exploring that idea through Project Suncatcher, a research effort investigating whether satellites equipped with its Tensor Pro-

cessing Units (TPUs) could run AI workloads in space.

Google plans to test prototype satellites in partnership with Planet, examining whether AI hardware can operate reliably in the harsh environment of orbit.

The project could eventually lead to networks of solar-powered satellites working together as an orbital computing system.

Space offers one major advantage: satellites in low Earth orbit can receive sunlight for much longer periods than solar panels on Earth, potentially providing abundant energy for AI processing.

However, significant challenges remain. Powerful AI chips generate substantial heat, and cooling electronics in the vacuum of space is difficult. Satellites would also need fast communication links to share data.

For now, Suncatcher remains experimental, but it could point toward a future where AI infrastructure extends beyond Earth.

# Golden Yavi strikes again

Bahrain ace breaks Games record to complete steeplechase title hat-trick

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

Winfred Yavi delivered another golden moment for Bahrain at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya yesterday, storming to a record-breaking triumph in the women's 3,000 metres steeplechase.

The reigning Olympic champion produced a devastating finish at Nagoya City Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium to cross the line in nine minutes 04.36 seconds, smashing her own Asian Games record of 9:18.28 set in Hangzhou.

Yavi's second gold medal of Aichi-Nagoya 2026 lifted the kingdom's athletics haul to nine, continuing a superb campaign on the track and field.

The victory also secured the 26-year-old a third successive Asian Games steeplechase crown and the fifth Asiad title of her career.

Having completed a 1,500m and 3,000m steeplechase double at the previous Games in Hangzhou, the distance-running star once again proved untouchable over the barriers yesterday.

Kazakhstan's No-rah Jeruto Tanui claimed silver, while India's Parul Chaudhary completed the

podium with bronze. Compatriot Tigest Mekonen also competed in the eight-runner final.

There is little time for the newly crowned champion to savour her latest success, with another shot at the podium awaiting today.

She joins former Olympic champion Ruth Jebet in a formidable two-pronged challenge in the women's 5,000m final at 2.43pm Bahrain time.

## Relay Charge

Another medal opportunity awaits in the women's 4x100m relay after Edidiong Odiong, Layla Kamal, Hajar Alkhaldi and Raihanah Garoubah



Yavi leads the field over the water jump



Winfred Yavi points to the record display

booked their place in today's final.

The quartet produced a season-best 44.42 seconds in yesterday's heats to advance as one of the two fastest teams outside the automatic qualifying places.

They return to the track at 4.04pm today, with Bahrain boasting a proud history in the event as the Games record holders following their 42.73 run at Jakarta 2018.

The men's quartet of Ali Haji, Abbas Ali, Ebrahim Omar and Abdulraof Rashid missed out on the final after clocking 40.03 in their heat.

Elsewhere, Odiong finished fifth in the women's 200m final in 23.41 seconds, while Ahmed Mohamoud placed 12th in the men's high jump after clearing 2.05 metres.

## Final Push

The medal hunt continues

today as the kingdom enters its final day of involvement in the athletics programme with several opportunities still on the table.

Fresh from winning the 1,500m title, Nelly Korir begins her bid for a second individual gold in the women's 800m. She lines up in Heat One at 2.20pm, with the first three advancing automatically and the next two fastest across the heats also progressing to the final.

Before that, the mixed 4x100m relay team begin their campaign at 12.30pm. Drawn in lane two of Heat One, they must finish in the top three to qualify automatically, with another two places available to the fastest remaining teams.

Yavi and Jebet then take centre stage in the 5,000m before the women's sprint quartet chase the podium later in the afternoon, offering further chances to add to an already impressive nine-medal haul before the athletics campaign comes to a close.

# Grueso lifts Bahrain to bronze



Action from the women's 69kg weightlifting competition

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Ingrid Grueso added another medal to Bahrain's haul at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya yesterday, claiming bronze in the women's 69kg weightlifting competition.

The 20-year-old lifted a combined 229kg at Nagoya City Trade and Industry Center, finishing just three kilograms behind silver medallist Chen Wenhui of Chinese Taipei.

Grueso lifted 101kg in the snatch before posting 128kg in the clean and jerk, with each competitor's best successful lift in the two disciplines added together to determine their overall total.

Her 229kg was enough to secure bronze in a tight battle for the final podium place, edging the

## Asian Games Medal Tally

| # | Nation      | G   | S  | B  | Total |
|---|-------------|-----|----|----|-------|
| 1 | China       | 119 | 48 | 38 | 205   |
| 2 | Japan       | 37  | 62 | 58 | 157   |
| 3 | South Korea | 21  | 23 | 39 | 83    |
| 4 | Uzbekistan  | 10  | 17 | 11 | 38    |
| 5 | Kazakhstan  | 9   | 10 | 21 | 40    |
| 6 | Thailand    | 9   | 7  | 10 | 26    |
| 7 | Bahrain     | 8   | 2  | 3  | 13    |

Philippines' Kristel Macrohon by just two kilograms.

North Korea's Song Kuk Hyang dominated the competition, taking gold with a world-record total

of 273kg after lifting 121kg in the snatch and 152kg in the clean and jerk. Bahrain's campaign continues today, with Jokser Quinto contesting the men's 95kg Group A final from 11am Bahrain time.

Alina Marushchak competes in the women's 86kg event at 3.30am tomorrow, before Gor Minasyan takes part in the men's +110kg division at 1.10pm on the concluding day of weightlifting.

Ingrid Grueso proudly displays her Asian Games bronze medal



# Trap shooters begin Asiad bid

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Bahrain's trap shooters opened their campaigns at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya yesterday, with Saeed Hasan Ali leading the kingdom's challenge in the men's competition.

Ali hit 45 of 50 targets across two opening rounds at Aichi Prefectural General Shooting Gallery, scoring 23 and 22 to sit 20th in a 41-shooter field.

China's Qi Ying and Kuwait's Khaled Almudhaf set the early pace on 49, one ahead of seven shooters tied on 48.

In the women's competition,



Saeed Hasan Ali prepares for a shot

Marwa Buarki and Maryam Al Sulaiti both ended day one on

42. Buarki recorded rounds of

20 and 22 to sit 17th among 27 competitors, while Al Sulaiti opened with 23 before adding 19 to place 20th on countback.

India's Neeru and Qatar's Ray Bassil lead on 48.

Qualification continues today from 4am Bahrain time before the trap events reach their decisive stage.

Final qualification rounds begin tomorrow at 4am, followed by the women's individual final at 8am and men's final at 9.30am. Team medals in both events will also be decided that day.

The shooting programme concludes on Thursday, when the men's 25m rapid-fire pistol competition reaches its final.

## Magomedov bows out of Kurash

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Bahrain's sole entrant Rasul Magomedov saw his men's +90kg kurash campaign at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya end in the round of 16 yesterday.

Magomedov was beaten 10-0 by Mongolia's Duurenbayar Ulziibayar at Aichi Prefectural Martial Arts Hall, bringing the kingdom's involvement in the sport to a close.

Kurash is a traditional Central Asian form of wrestling in

which competitors attempt to throw their opponent to the ground from a standing position.

Ulziibayar was eliminated in the quarter-finals by Uzbekistan's Bekmurod Oltiboev, who went on to claim bronze.

Uzbekistan's Shokhrukhkhon Bakhtiyorov took gold after defeating Tajikistan's Shakarmamad Mirmamadov 5-0 in the final, while Thailand's Kunathip Yea-on secured the other bronze.

Competition continues until Tuesday.

# Habib shines at NBA Academy camp

Bahraini youngster earns All-Showcase Team selection in Abu Dhabi

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Bahraini youngsters Mahdi Habib and Jok James have completed their participation in the NBA Academy Select Showcase in Abu Dhabi, with Habib earning individual honours at the four-day camp.

The programme, held at New York University Abu Dhabi from September 23 to 26, brought together 32 under-18 players rep-

resenting 14 countries across the Gulf, South Asia and Africa.

Habib, captain of the national basketball youth team, was selected to the All-Showcase Team at the conclusion of the camp, according to the NBA Academy's official account.

The duo took part in a comprehensive programme featuring individual skills and fitness training, life-skills sessions and combine testing, as well as evaluation games, team competitions

and a three-point contest.

They were accompanied by senior team assistant coach Leon Subotic, while compatriot Mujtaba Mahmood had also been selected for the programme but was unable to participate due to a recent injury.

The camp was overseen by coaches with previous NBA experience, including Damian Cotter, James Wade, Henry Domercant and Dan Craig, alongside league staff.

Former NBA stars Ron Harper, a five-time champion, and Jason Richardson, a two-time Slam Dunk Contest winner, were also in attendance.

Their involvement continues a recent run of talent from the kingdom featuring in NBA development programmes. Hassan Abdulqader was previously selected for the Basketball Without Borders Next Up camp in Istanbul, organised by the NBA in collaboration with FIBA.



Mahdi Habib, second from right, displays his award

## BIC and national carrier Gulf Air continue long-standing partnership with Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia 2026

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East', and national carrier Gulf Air are continuing their distinguished, long-standing partnership as part of the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia 2026.

The F1 spectacle will be taking place at the iconic Sepang International Circuit (SIC) from 2 to 4 October, and Gulf Air is once again the race's title sponsor, reflecting the strength of its advanced relationship with BIC and F1. This collaboration dates back to the first-ever F1 grand prix held in the region on 4 April, 2004 (04/04/04).

For the race weekend in Malaysia, Gulf Air will be supporting the efforts of Team Bahrain to showcase The Kingdom to fans from across the world. As a major highlight of the F1 weekend at SIC, Gulf Air will be performing its famous fly-past during the pre-race programme on 4 October. The awesome spectacle will add to the excitement of the unique occasion for the benefit of thousands of fans at the venue and millions watching the broadcast from across the world.



Martin Gauss

Ahead of the race weekend, Gulf Air has announced the launch of direct flights between Bahrain and Kuala Lumpur starting 29 September, further strengthening the airline's air connectivity with the Far East while offering F1 fans and travellers a seamless gateway to the Malaysian capital.

Furthermore, as the grand prix's title sponsor, the Gulf Air Fan Zone at SIC will be open to all ticket holders throughout the weekend, bringing fans closer to the action of the race. BIC Chief Executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa commented: "We are extremely proud to be working alongside our colleagues at Gulf Air and their instrumental role as title sponsor of the Formula 1 Gulf

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Air Bahrain Grand Prix, which now goes back more than two decades.

"As representatives of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the motorsport world and beyond, BIC and Gulf Air are delighted to be working together in hosting our grand prix weekend at Sepang International Circuit. It will be an historic occasion for the sport and a chance for Team Bahrain to come together and showcase the Kingdom to

the world as part of this unique race weekend."

Gulf Air Chief Executive Officer Martin Gauss stated: "Our partnership with Bahrain International Circuit and Formula 1 has spanned more than two decades, reflecting a shared commitment to showcasing the Kingdom of Bahrain on one of the world's most prestigious sporting platforms. As the national carrier, Gulf Air is proud to continue serving

as title sponsor of the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix, an association that has become a powerful symbol of Bahrain's global presence and ambition.

"The race weekend in Malaysia marks an exciting opportunity to showcase Bahrain to a global audience while celebrating the launch of our new direct service to Kuala Lumpur. Together with Team Bahrain, we look forward to highlighting the Kingdom's hospitality, connectivity, and international outlook to fans from around the world."

Limited tickets to the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia 2026 remain available at BIC's official website [bahraingp.com](http://bahraingp.com) or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000. Fans are encouraged to purchase their tickets as soon as possible due to the incredible demand.

For more information on the grand prix, visit [bahraingp.com](http://bahraingp.com) or call the BIC Hotline, or follow BIC and SIC on social media.

# Bahrain Surrender Gulf Cup Crown

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Bahrain's Gulf Cup title defence ended last night as a 3-0 defeat to the UAE confirmed their elimination from Khaleeji 27 with one Group B match still to play.

The Reds struggled to trouble a dominant UAE side at Prince Abdullah Al Faisal Sports City Stadium in Jeddah, where Ousmane Camara opened the scoring before substitutes Guilherme Bala and Ali Saleh completed a convincing victory.

The Emiratis controlled the first half and created the better chances, with Ebrahim Lutfalla called upon several times to keep the kingdom within touching distance.

Their pressure finally told in the 29th minute when Yuri Cesar crossed from the right and Camara, under pressure from Amine Bennadi, headed the ball into the turf and into the corner.

Bahrain offered little going forward before the break, while goalkeeper Lutfalla ensured



Sayed Dhiyaa Saeed tracks UAE's Mamadou Coulibaly

they went in only 1-0 behind.

The contest also brought together Croatian coaches Dragan Talajic and Zlatko Dalic, and it was the latter's side who continued to dictate proceedings after the restart.

They came within inches of doubling their advantage in the 52nd minute when Nicolas Gimenez headed a cross from the right against the bar, but Bahrain's reprieve did not last long.

Thirteen minutes later, Marcus Meloni's long ball released Bala, who controlled well before picking out the far bottom corner to make it 2-0.

Saleh put the result beyond doubt in the 87th minute after Waleed Al Hayyam lost possession. Bruno Conceicao sent the substitute clear and he calmly chipped the advancing goalkeeper to complete the scoring.

Afterwards, Talajic apologised to Bahrain supporters for the early exit and acknowledged the disappointment of losing the Gulf Cup crown.

"We hoped to continue the

journey and achieve results that would make them happy, but we have to accept the result and work for the future," he said.

Talajic added that the squad must learn from its mistakes, review what went wrong during the tournament and use the experience to return stronger in future competitions.

Earlier, Qatar beat Yemen 1-0 through Yusuf Abdurisag's 54th-minute goal, securing their place alongside the UAE in Saturday's semi-finals and eliminating Yemen.

Attention now turns to Group A tomorrow, with hosts Saudi Arabia already through and the final last-four berth still up for grabs. They face Iraq at 8.30pm, while Oman take on eliminated Kuwait simultaneously.

Bahrain and Yemen then close their campaigns on Wednesday at 8.30pm, with both sides seeking their first points, while Qatar face the UAE at the same time to determine the final Group B standings.

Saturday's semi-finals will set up the Khaleeji 27 final next Tuesday.

## Manchester City confident of proving innocence, chairman says

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Manchester City remain confident they can prove their innocence in the Premier League's long-running financial rules case, chairman Khaldoon Al Mubarak said, after reports that the club had been found guilty of 114 of 115 alleged breaches.

The club are expected to appeal the ruling by an independent panel. No sanctions have been announced, and the Premier League has declined to



Khaldoon Al Mubarak

comment, saying the process is confidential.

In an open letter to supporters, Al Mubarak said the case was not yet concluded and that

City's position had not changed.

"The Premier League process still has a long way to run, and our confidence and intent in proving the club's innocence is just as strong as when this began," he said.

City have consistently denied wrongdoing since the Premier League brought the charges and reiterated a February 2023 statement on Friday, saying it welcomed scrutiny by an independent commission and pointing to the evidence it had provided to the league.

## Milestone man Kohli powers India to big ODI win over West Indies

AFP | Thiruvananthapuram

Virat Kohli hit a record-extending 55th one-day international century after reaching 15,000 runs to lead India to a dominant eight-wicket win over the West Indies in the series opener yesterday.

Kohli, who hit an unbeaten 139, put on 151 runs for the second wicket with skipper Shubman Gill (110) as India chased down their victory target of 296 with 50 balls to spare in Thiruvananthapuram.



Virat Kohli

Kohli hit the winning six -- the ninth in his 88-ball knock -- as India went 1-0 up in the three-match series, which is a step in the team's preparations for the 2027 ODI World Cup.

The 37-year-old Kohli made the evening his own as he went past 15,000 ODI runs to become only the second batter after icon Sachin Tendulkar to achieve the feat.

"My focus has never really been on these milestones," said Kohli. "It's just understanding the situation along the course of just doing the job for the team. Achievements come along. Obviously, I feel very grateful and very blessed to be in this position for having played for so long."