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Probe underway after Bahraini goes missing in sea accident



H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin
Abdullah Al Khalifa

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Investigations are under-
derway into the circum-
stances of the maritime
incident that occurred on
October 20, which resulted
in a Bahraini citizen going
missing.

This was confirmed by
His Excellency General
Shaikh Rashid bin Abdul-
lah Al Khalifa, Minister of
Interior.

He expressed his sym-
pathy to the family of the
missing sailor, noting that
search operations are con-
tinuing to locate him.

The Interior Minis-
ter stressed the impor-
tance of cooperation
from seafarers with the
Coast Guard by following
safety instructions and
guidance to ensure their
protection.

H.E. General Shaikh
Rashid bin Abdullah also
highlighted the continued
development of the Coast
Guard's capabilities and
resources to enhance the
safety of all seafarers.

Red Cross 'received' hostage coffin

AFP | Jerusalem

The Israeli military said
yesterday that the Red
Cross had received a coffin
containing the remains of a
hostage held in Gaza, as part
of a ceasefire deal.

"According to information
provided by the Red Cross, a
coffin of a deceased hostage
has been transferred into its
custody and is on the way
to IDF troops in the Gaza
Strip," the military said.

An informed source in
Hamas confirmed the in-
formation to AFP.

"The body of an Israeli
captive that was recovered
today in the Gaza Strip has
been handed over to the Red
Cross," the source said.

HRH Prince Salman directs higher government support to reduce housing beneficiaries' monthly instalments

Royal order expands options to better meet citizens' needs

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His Royal Highness
Prince Salman bin
Hamad Al Khalifa, the
Crown Prince and Prime Min-
ister, has directed a reduction
in the maximum monthly in-
stalments for Mazaya Program
beneficiaries by increasing gov-
ernment financial support.

HRH Prince Salman also in-
structed the Ministry of Housing
and Urban Planning to diversify
housing options to better meet
citizens' needs and aspirations.

HRH the Crown Prince and
Prime Minister made the direc-
tives as he chaired the weekly
Cabinet Meeting at Gudaibiya
Palace yesterday.

The Cabinet expressed its
gratitude to the private sector
for its continued support in ad-
vancing housing services and
projects.

Progress

The Cabinet reviewed the
progress of implementing HRH
Prince Salman's directives to the
Ministry of Labour to provide
three job opportunities for every
registered Bahraini jobseeker
before the end of the year.

This aligns with the aim of His
Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al
Khalifa to facilitate opportuni-
ties for citizens.

The Cabinet expressed its ap-
preciation to the Ministry of La-
bour for its efforts in conducting
more than 15,000 interviews
with candidates and in offering
three job opportunities to over
2,000 citizens who are regis-
tered and seeking employment.

It also commended the Min-
istry for successfully employing
1,000 registered job seekers.

In this regard, His Royal
Highness directed the contin-
uation of these efforts to offer
job opportunities to jobseekers
registered with the Ministry.

Hosting

The Cabinet welcomed Bah-
rain's hosting of the 3rd Asian
Youth Games, held under the

patronage of HM the King.

It commended the role of His
Highness Shaikh Nasser bin
Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majes-
ty the King's Representative
for Humanitarian Works and
Youth Affairs, Chairman of the
Supreme Council for Youth and
Sports, in strengthening the
Kingdom's youth and sports
sector.

The Cabinet also noted the
support of His Highness Shaikh
Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa,
First Deputy Chairman of the
Supreme Council for Youth and
Sports (SCYS), President of the
General Sports Authority (GSA),
and President of the Bahrain
Olympic Committee (BOC), in
ensuring the success of this ma-
jor event.

It wished the participating
teams and athletes every success
in the competitions.



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet Meeting

HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman arrives in Saudi for FI19



On behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, yesterday arrived in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to lead the Kingdom of Bahrain's delegation at the 2025 Future Investment Initiative (FI19), held in Riyadh. Upon arrival, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman was received by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Deputy Governor of Riyadh Region. His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman was accompanied by an official delegation consisting of HE Noor bint Ali Al-Khulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development, HE Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Khalid Ebrahim Humaidan, Governor of Central Bank of Bahrain, Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat), Shaikh Fahad bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Policies and Coordination Director General at the Prime Minister's Office, and Shaikh Ali bin Abdulrahman bin Ali Al Khalifa, Ambassador of Bahrain to Saudi Arabia.

A model of cooperation and coordination




His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, emphasised that the historic relationship between the Kingdoms of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia represents a distinguished model of cooperation and coordination that continues to benefit both nations and their peoples. HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with His Royal Highness Prince Turki bin Mohammad bin Fahd bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Minister of State and a Member of the Council of Ministers of Saudi Arabia, at Gudaibiya Palace. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted the depth of the bilateral relations, which under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, continue to be strengthened. During the meeting, both parties discussed the latest regional and international developments, as well as issues of common interest.

Key partner in progress



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, underscored the pivotal role of the private sector as a key partner in advancing the Kingdom of Bahrain's comprehensive development. HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with Ahmed bin Salman Al-Musallam, Speaker of the Council of Representatives, and Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of the Shura Council, along with their deputies, several members of both Councils, and Sameer Abdulla Nass, Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, at Gudaibiya Palace. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister expressed his appreciation to the private sector for its role in supporting national initiatives, particularly in providing employment opportunities in line with the directives issued to the Ministry of Labour to offer three job opportunities for every registered Bahraini job seeker. His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, and several senior officials also attended the meeting.




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MP Dr Maryam Al Dhaen praised directives by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to lower the maximum instalment cap for the Mazaya housing programme and widen the scope of housing solutions.

Dr. Al Dhaen said the move reflects the government's ongoing commitment to easing citizens' living burdens and enhancing family stability. The directive, the MP noted, continues the leadership's humanitarian and developmental



MP Dr Maryam Al Dhaen

approach by placing citizens at the centre of national planning.

She added that the new measures will empower Bahraini youth and families to achieve home ownership, expand private-sector partnerships, and reinforce social and economic security in line with Vision 2030.

Two held over gold jewelry theft

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The Public Prosecution has launched an investigation into a reported gold theft involving two Arab suspects, a man and a woman.

This was confirmed by the Chief Prosecutor of the Capital Governorate.

According to the report received from Al-Naeem Police Station under the Capital Governorate Police Directorate, the suspects allegedly stole gold jewelry by surprising a shop worker and replacing the items with counterfeit gold.

The stolen jewelry was then reportedly taken to another

gold shop, where it was sold for profit.

Interrogation

The Public Prosecution immediately initiated investigations upon receiving the report, interrogating the suspects.

During questioning, the accused reportedly confessed to the theft, admitting that the robbery had been pre-planned.

Following the confessions, the Public Prosecution ordered pretrial detention for both suspects.

Investigations are ongoing in preparation for their referral to criminal trial.

iGA specialised training sessions



In line with the Kingdom of Bahrain's efforts to accelerate digital transformation and adopt advanced AI and data-driven solutions, the Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA), in collaboration with Microsoft, organised a series of specialised training sessions on the Fabric data management platform. The platform unifies diverse data tools and services in a single, user-friendly environment to help organisations collect, manage, and analyse data for informed decision-making. Fabric platform also features advanced AI-powered analytics tools and interactive dashboards that help teams access information faster and with greater accuracy.

Bahrain-US strategic partnership



Major General Shaikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Deputy Chief of Public Security, received Vice Admiral Curt Renshaw, Commander of the US Naval Forces Central Command and the US Fifth Fleet, at the Coast Guard Base. The Deputy Chief of Public Security welcomed Vice Admiral Renshaw and noted the strong cooperation and strategic partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United States across various domains. The discussion covered areas of joint cooperation and coordination in maritime and security sectors, including a review of topics of mutual interest, with a focus on enhancing maritime security efforts in the region.

Two ‘police officers’ face trial for assault and theft

Mohammed Darwish
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Two men who posed as a police officer and accomplice are on trial for assaulting a motorist and stealing BD96 through a phone app.

The First High Criminal Court opened the case and kept both in custody.

The next hearing is set for 2 November.

According to the case file, the driver pulled over when the second defendant signalled him to stop.

He got into the car, said he was a police officer, searched the vehicle and took the driver's phone.

Motorist

The suspect then told the motorist to head to a nearby dirt lot, where the first defendant



was waiting.

There, the first defendant demanded the PIN for one of the victim's financial applications. The driver refused.

He was punched on the shoulder and neck and slapped on the left cheek, prompting him to give up the PIN.

Investigators say the second defendant used it to move BD96 to his own account through the app.

Slap

In questioning, the first defendant said he went with his co-accused into the victim's

car to ask for money linked to a visa and admitted slapping the victim.

Checks with the financial company showed the second defendant as the beneficiary of the transfer.

A record search found the first defendant had been charged before in a separate narcotics case.

Indictment

The indictment states the second defendant entered the victim's car, claimed to be a police officer, took the phone and demanded the PIN, while the co-defendant's assault stopped the victim from resisting.

It also alleges unlawful access by the second defendant to the victim's information-technology system.

The case returns to the First High Criminal Court on 2 November.

Court orders partner to pay BD13,423 over undelivered car

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

A civil court has ordered a man to pay his business partner BD13,423 after a two-car import deal from the United Arab Emirates broke down when a second vehicle was not handed over.

The order includes costs and BD50 in lawyers' fees.

The partners had agreed to bring in two luxury cars for resale in Bahrain. One Range Rover arrived and was passed to the claimant.

The second car, although brought in, was neither delivered nor repaid despite attempts to settle the matter informally.

For the claimant, lawyer Siddiq Al Mawali filed the case with copies of exchanged electronic messages and sought BD13,423, plus fees and expenses, or failing that a referral to inquiry.



She said her client had paid BD13,423 under the deal to bring cars from the UAE and that the defendant neither handed over the second car nor returned its price.

The court heard two witnesses.

Agreement

The first, called in to translate between the parties, said there was an agreement to buy two luxury cars; that the claimant paid more than BD26,000 in

total; and that the defendant admitted receiving the money and asked for time to sell the cars and return the price.

The second said the defendant owns a car trading and import company, asked the claimant for funds to import vehicles, received BD13,400, travelled to the UAE and sent photos of both cars.

Total price

She added the pair agreed a total price of BD26,500, which the claimant paid in cash by instalments, and that she was



The court noted the defendant offered no proof of payment or discharge.

present at the deal.

The court said it was satisfied with the witnesses.

It found the agreement and the debt proved, and noted the defendant offered no proof of payment or discharge.

It ordered him to pay BD13,423 to the claimant, together with costs and BD50 in lawyers' fees.

Focus on Bahrain success in combating human trafficking

● Committee discusses key initiatives aimed at improving working conditions

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The National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons held its regular meeting to review the Kingdom of Bahrain's achievements in combating human trafficking and discuss key initiatives aimed at improving working conditions.

Chaired by H.E. Nibras Talib, Chief Executive Officer of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) and Chairman of the Committee, the meeting highlighted Bahrain's continued success in maintaining its Tier 1 ranking in the US Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report for the eighth consecutive year—a testament to the Kingdom's sustained commitment to protecting human rights and ensuring a fair labor environment.



H.E. Nibras Talib, chairs the committee regular meeting

The meeting also noted the recognition of the Public Prosecution's Anti-Trafficking Division, which received the Award of Excellence from the International Association of Prosecutors in appreciation of its distinguished efforts in promoting justice and safeguarding victims of trafficking.

Talib affirmed that these achievements serve as both an

incentive and a responsibility to intensify efforts to enhance Bahrain's stable and equitable work environment.

He praised the collective efforts of government entities operating within an integrated institutional framework that supports protection, prevention, and effective judicial enforcement.

During the meeting, Talib re-

viewed several initiatives undertaken by the LMRA to promote fair labour practices and raise awareness of best practices.

Among these initiatives is the upgraded Wage Protection System, which prioritizes safeguarding the rights of national workers and ensuring stability in a just and secure work setting.

Fun and learning

Seef Mall organises ‘Safahat’ Book Fair featuring major publishing houses



A lively cultural event offering engaging art workshops and reading sessions for both children and adults

● **Held for second consecutive year with vibrant cultural and entertainment programme for all**

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Seef District is organising “Safahat” Book Fair for the second consecutive year. Running until November 30, the event offers a lively cultural atmosphere that celebrates reading, creativity, and community, welcoming book enthusiasts of all ages. Safahat Book Fair brings together a curated selection of publishing houses and leading libraries, showcasing a wide range of publications in both Arabic and English across literary, scientific, and cultural genres.

Moreover, the fair will feature book signings with Bahraini and Gulf authors, alongside a diverse agenda of cultural and entertainment activities. Highlights include arts and crafts workshops, storytelling sessions for children on weekends, and family-friendly activities designed to combine knowledge with fun.

Wahaj Association is partnering in the organisation of engaging cultural and interactive programmes, including art workshops and reading sessions tailored for people of determination.

Experience

This initiative will allow them to participate and enjoy an inspiring experience embodying the values of solidarity and creativity in society. Commenting on the occasion, Mr Duaij Al Romaihi,



MR DUAIJ AL ROMAIHI, CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER AT SEEF PROPERTIES

Chief Commercial Officer at Seef Properties, stated, “We are pleased to organise the Safahat Book Fair for the second consecutive year, which reflects Seef Properties’ vision to transform our malls into vibrant hubs of culture, intellect, and inspiration. We believe in the importance of culture and its role in building an informed and creative society. Thereby, we are committed to creating spaces that foster interaction, learning, and a love of reading across all generations.”

Al Romaihi added, “Safahat provides a vital platform for cultural dialogue and knowledge exchange between writers and readers, while also showcasing Bahraini and Gulf talent. We invite everyone to visit the exhibition and participate in its activities, which provide an exceptional blend of culture and entertainment at Seef Mall.” Safahat Book Fair is located near Gates 1 and 10 of Seef Mall – Seef District. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., with free admission for all visitors.

Housing Ministry to start receiving Tamooh applications

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Her Excellency Amna bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning, announced that the ministry has completed its preparations to begin receiving applications for the Tamooh (Ambitions) programme from next Thursday. This is in line with the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to lower the maximum monthly instalments for beneficiaries of the Mazaya programme by increasing the government’s financial support,



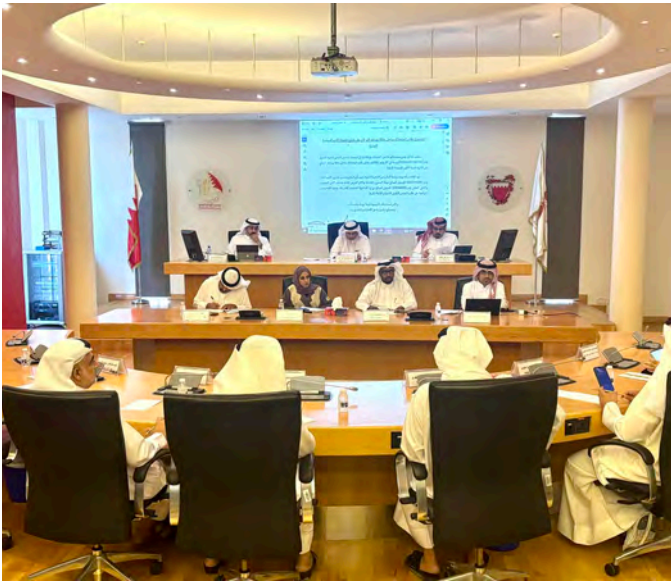
H.E. Amna bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi

and to direct the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning to diversify housing options and solutions that meet citizens’ aspirations. Al Rumaihi expressed gratitude to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for the

continued support for the social housing sector, and to HRH Prince Salman for the directives to develop housing programmes and services and expand the range of options available to citizens, contributing to social stability and the provision of suitable housing for Bahraini families. She said that citizens wishing to benefit from the Tamooh programme may submit their applications via the government e-portal or the ministry’s website. The Minister noted that the programme allows beneficiaries of Tas’heel and Tas’heel+ financing, as well as previous

beneficiaries of financing for purchasing ownership apartments, to obtain an additional government-subsidised financing of BD20,000 to move to a larger property. Regarding the programme mechanism, she said that Tamooh, which was first announced during the Innovation Summit in the Social Housing Sector in April, enables beneficiaries of Tas’heel and Tas’heel+ financing to apply for an additional subsidised financing of BD20,000 after ten years from the date of their main financing, should they wish to sell their apartment and purchase a larger property that meets their needs.

Muharraaq seafront and extra parking approved



Muharraaq Municipal Council session in progress

● **Busaiteen bus stop set for upgrade**

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

The Muharraaq Municipal Council yesterday approved taking the Halat Bu Maher seafront for public use, upgrading Busaiteen’s bus stop, setting aside land for a new events hall and enlarging parking in Block 216. It also recorded a ministry refusal to freeze the Arad plan and urged firmer controls on stray animals after spending of about BD209,000 a year. Councillors said the shoreline move on Shaikh Khalifa Al Kabeer Higheay will preserve and improve access for residents and visitors. The public transport waiting point on Al Ghous Highway in Busaiteen is to be refurbished to give passengers a safer, more comfortable stop. A Busaiteen plot will be registered to the Sunni Waqf Directorate ahead of a small retail cluster, and land in Block 1 will be reserved for a multi-use events hall serving Muharraaq. Members backed outdoor canopies for school entrance

es across the governorate to shield pupils from summer heat and winter rain.

Execution

Abdulqader Al Sayed called for quick execution and pressed for clean, watertight campuses during the rainy season. To ease congestion, the council discussed expropriating a site to expand car parks in Block 216. Fadhil Al Oud said the move sits alongside the planned events hall and would serve residents in Muharraaq, Samaheej and Al Dair. On green space, members debated taking a plot in Block 242 in Arad for public benefit.

Reply

The council then noted the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs’ reply on Arad Plan No. 242: the plan cannot be frozen as it was adopted by Decision No. 619 of 2025 and published in the Official Gazette, Issue 3817, on 19 June 2025, after presentation to the council and approval by the The Higher Committee for Urban Planning. The ministry said it will consider citizens’ complaints within the law, including the Expropriation Law for Public Benefit or, where needed, re-planning.

Bahrain invests in programs to empower young citizens

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The Kingdom of Bahrain is committed to empowering young people of all abilities, Her Excellency Rawan bint Najeed Tawfiqi, Youth Affairs Minister, has affirmed. This came as H.E. Tawfiqi received the Micro Art Training Centre team, who won first place in the fine arts category at the Awladna International Forum for Arts of the Gifted, held in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

The Minister said that this achievement reflected the creativity and determination of Bahraini youth. She noted that such accomplishments demonstrate Bahrain’s growing presence on the international cultural stage and the success of national efforts to support inclusion through the arts. Tawfiqi commended the team for its inspiring performance, adding that nurturing

The Forum serves as an important global platform for showcasing creativity, exchanging ideas, and celebrating the talents of people with disabilities.

artistic and creative talent, particularly among young people with disabilities, is a key priority for the ministry’s youth development programmes. Dr. Zainab Swar, Director of Micro Art Training Centre, expressed appreciation for the ministry’s continued encouragement, saying that its support has helped drive the potential of young artists and enabled them to achieve outstanding results that bring pride to Bahrain.

Enhancing women empowerment



The Equal Opportunities Committee at the Royal Humanitarian Foundation held its regular meeting, chaired by Yousif Fouad Al ‘Muharraqi, Assistant Secretary-General for Human and Financial Resources, to discuss the committee’s initiatives and work plan in line with the Foundation’s strategic direction aimed at supporting and empowering Bahraini women, and strengthening its active partnership with the Supreme Council for Women. Al ‘Muharraqi commended the efforts of the Supreme Council for Women, chaired by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, for its national initiatives dedicated to empowering Bahraini women and enhancing their role as key partners in national development, decision-making, and leadership

Mumtalakat and SandboxAQ

announce strategic partnership

To Catalyse Bahrain's Biotech Ecosystem

Manama

Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company ("Mumtalakat"), the sovereign wealth fund of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and SandboxAQ, a global leader in artificial intelligence and quantum techniques, today announced that they have entered a strategic partnership to catalyse a cutting-edge biotech ecosystem in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

In this partnership, Bahrain is licensing SandboxAQ's software and expertise in quantitative AI to identify and develop targets and novel therapeutics. The collaboration is expected to create over \$1 billion in value for the Kingdom through new biotech assets.

The collaboration will help position Bahrain as a regional biotech hub, with a joint research committee guiding a three-year program aimed at developing valuable new drugs.

HE Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, CEO of Mumta-



lakat commented: "This partnership with SandboxAQ marks a significant milestone in our mission to diversify Bahrain's economy and foster a thriving health sector. By combining our national resources with SandboxAQ's world-class expertise in AI and large quantitative models to create new and innovative drugs, we are laying the foundation for a new era of innovation in the health sector and economic growth in the Kingdom."

Jack Hidary, CEO of SandboxAQ, added: "We are honored to partner with Mumtalakat and the Kingdom of Bahrain to catalyze a new IP-generating biotech economy. Our collaboration will harness the power of AI to accelerate drug discovery and will attract more investment to the Kingdom."

This partnership aligns with Mumtalakat's strategy and ongoing efforts to optimise, enhance and diversify its portfolio, ensuring sustainable long-term financial returns.

EU to host Chinese officials for rare earth talks: Costa

AFP | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

A Chinese delegation will head to Brussels in the coming weeks for talks on export curbs Beijing has imposed on rare earths, European Council President Antonio Costa said yesterday.

China, the world's top producer of rare minerals crucial to the auto, electronics and defence industries, announced earlier this month new measures to limit their export. The move has



Although China produces about 60-70% of the world's rare earth minerals, the largest known reserves are actually in countries like Brazil, Vietnam, and Russia—meaning global supply is more widely distributed than many realise. Yet, refining and separation of these minerals are so complex and environmentally challenging that China still dominates the processing stage, controlling nearly 90% of global refining capacity.

Prime Minister Li Qiang on the sidelines of an Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit in Malaysia.

The top European official told reporters that "we are very con-

cerned about the trade relationship with China," particularly the export controls on critical raw materials. "A high-level delegation from China is going to Brussels in the coming weeks,

and we hope to address this in the proper way," he said.

Costa did not specify what actions the European Council could take to counter China's curbs, and said he hoped that the

planned visit "could overcome these problems".

The European Union says the new Chinese controls have forced some of the companies to halt production.

"With China, we want to have good trade relations. But in fact, we have some problems that we raised and we need to address," Costa said.

"China knows very well what kind of problems we are facing and what China needs to do to overcome this situation."

ASRY Happiness Committee visits Muharraq Social Welfare Centre



Manama

Marking the International Day of Older Persons, the Happiness Committee of the Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard Company (ASRY) paid a special visit to the Muharraq Social Welfare Centre. The event was held at the center's premises in Muharraq Governorate.

Fatema Al Majid, ASRY's Corporate Communications Man-

ager, stressed the importance of actively embedding the principles of community partnership, considering it a key pillar of institutional success. She added that marking the International Day of Older Persons is in line with ASRY's continuous support for the community and its institutions, encourages a culture of giving and respect towards the elderly, and upholds the social solidarity ideals that are fundamental to Bahraini society.



Bede Bahrain launches 'Ta'leem'

The First Financing App in the Kingdom to Offer Educational Finance with Flexible Payment Options

● Parents and students can finance up to BD 2,500 for tuition and other educational expenses.

● Tailored repayment plans align seamlessly with each institution's academic calendar, allowing families to settle fees conveniently over a 12-month period.



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Bede Bahrain, the innovative microfinance solutions app, has announced the launch of its latest offering, "Ta'leem." As the first financing app in the Kingdom to introduce this service, Ta'leem is a groundbreaking educational finance service designed to empower parents and students with a flexible, reliable solution for managing academic fees in various educational institutions.

With Ta'leem, parents and students can finance up to BD 2,500 for tuition and other ed-

ucational expenses, providing essential support throughout the academic journey. Bede tailored repayment plans align seamlessly with each institution's academic calendar, allowing families to settle fees conveniently over a 12-month period.

A.Nasser Al-Rayes, CEO of Bede Bahrain, expressed, "Education is one of the most invaluable investments a family can make. At Bede, we are dedicated to alleviating the financial challenges associated with this commitment. With Ta'leem, we empower parents while ensur-

ing that schools and educational institutions receive consistent and timely tuition payments."

Bede continues to drive innovation that simplifies access to financing, providing customers with solutions and tools that meet and exceed their expectations in a digital economy. The App offers a straightforward registration process with minimal requirements. Users can apply for any sort of financing in just a few minutes from anywhere and at any time throughout the week, making the process a seamless and comfortable experience.

Batelco by Beyon's App Integrates with National eKey 2.0 System

To Deliver Faster and More Secure Checkout Experiences

Manama

Batelco by Beyon has announced the integration of Bahrain's national eKey 2.0 system into the Batelco App, enabling citizens and residents to subscribe to

Aseel Mattar, General Manager Consumer at Batelco



new mobile lines through a faster, more convenient, and highly secure checkout experience.

Through this upgrade, Batelco becomes the first communication provider in Bahrain to integrate the eKey 2.0 system directly into its mobile app for new line subscriptions. Accordingly, users no longer need to scan their ID cards for verification

when subscribing to a line, as they can instantly confirm their identity biometrically using eKey 2.0.



This ensures a seamless and highly secure digital journey, reaffirming Batelco's leadership in delivering innovative and trusted digital services. This enhancement is part of Batelco's ongoing efforts to elevate the digital customer experience and support Bahrain's eGovernment and digital transformation vision.

Aseel Mattar, General Manager Consumer at Batelco, commented, "At Batelco, we continuously strive to enhance our customers' digital experience by introducing advanced solutions that make every interaction easier and more secure. The integration of the national eKey 2.0 within the Batelco App transforms the process of subscribing to a new mobile line, combining both security and convenience for our customers, while supporting Bahrain's national digital agenda."

The deployment of eKey 2.0 is part of Bahrain's wider digital-transformation strategy. It aims to simplify, secure, and accelerate user access to services, whether governmental or commercial. By providing a trusted digital identity layer, eKey 2.0 enables organizations to reduce authentication friction, enhance user experience, and meet compliance requirements for identity verification.

HSBC flags \$1.1 bn charge linked to Madoff fraud

London, United Kingdom

HSBK bank yesterday revealed a financial charge of \$1.1 billion linked to money sought by a European fund caught up in the late Bernard Madoff's huge investment fraud.

The London-headquartered lender revealed the fallout amid a Luxembourg lawsuit brought by Herald Fund dating back to 2009, when Madoff was sentenced to 150 years in prison for running a pyramid-style scheme.

HSBC said it was setting aside \$1.1 billion in a provision to be included in its third-quarter results due Tuesday. Its share price was down around one percent in early London deals following the news.

It comes after HSBC on Friday lost part of an appeal in a Luxembourg court ruling.

The bank on Monday said "the eventual financial impact could be significantly different" to the money it is setting aside.

New Yorker Madoff conned tens of thousands of people around the world by running a shell pyramid, or Ponzi, scheme -- where new clients' capital was stolen to pay off existing clients and create the illusion of returns, until it collapsed.

His fraud was revealed during the financial crisis in 2008 when he was unable to satisfy growing client demands to withdraw their investments, and many lost their savings or were unable to retire.

Madoff died in prison in 2021 following chronic kidney failure.



Bernie Madoff's Ponzi scheme—worth an estimated \$65 billion on paper—was the largest financial fraud in history, yet it was run from just one floor of his New York office. Despite the vast scale, Madoff kept operations surprisingly simple, using fake account statements and spreadsheets instead of sophisticated technology to deceive investors for decades.

Top US, India officials discuss ties as trade rift drags on

AFP | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio met with India's foreign minister yesterday, as the two countries push trade talks and ease tensions over Washington's punishing tariffs.

Few details were released, but Rubio's meeting with Subrahmanyam Jaishankar is the highest-level contact since the United States imposed sanctions last week on Russian oil companies, a key source of India's crude supplies.

Jaishankar posted a photograph on social media showing him smiling and shaking hands with Rubio, saying he "appreciated the discussion on our bilateral ties as well as regional and global issues".

The meeting took place on the sidelines of a Southeast Asian summit in Malaysia, which US President Donald Trump attended in person and Indian



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed by video link.

Relations between Washington and New Delhi plummeted in August after Trump raised

tariffs to 50 percent, with US officials accusing India of fuelling Russia's war in Ukraine by buying Moscow's discounted oil.

Trump, who spoke to Modi

last week by telephone, has claimed that the Indian leader has agreed to cut Russian oil imports -- something New Delhi has not commented on.

Australia sues Microsoft over 'misleading' AI offer

Sydney, Australia

Australian watchdog accused Microsoft on Monday of misleading people into paying for its AI assistant Copilot.

The authority said it had filed a suit in the Federal Court against Microsoft Australia and its parent Microsoft Corp.

The software giant is accused of making "false or misleading" statements to around 2.7 million Australians who subscribe by auto-renewal to Microsoft 365 plans, which

include a suite of online Office services.

Microsoft allegedly told customers that they had two options: either pay extra for Microsoft 365 services integrated with Copilot, or cancel their subscriptions altogether.

But there was a partly hidden third option -- visible only when people started to cancel -- of sticking to existing "Classic" plans without Copilot for the original price, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission said in a statement.

General Assembly Bahrain wins dual honours at 17th HRM Summit Awards 2025

Manama

General Assembly Bahrain has announced its recognition with two prestigious accolades at the 17th Annual HRM Summit, Awards & Expo 2025, held in the presence of His Excellency Mr. Yousif bin Abdul Hussain Khalaf, Minister of Legal Affairs and Acting Minister of Labour. The HRM Summit Awards are widely regarded as one of the Middle East's most credible platforms for recognizing organizations that have demonstrated exceptional impact in human capital development.

General Assembly Bahrain earned both the Training Excellence Award and the Innovative Training Program Award. The dual recognition underscores their continued contribution to shaping Bahrain's digital workforce by delivering programs that combine global best practices with national priorities in workforce development.

Winning the Training Excellence Award reflects General Assembly Bahrain's consistent delivery of high-quality, industry-aligned programs that combine rigorous instruction



with measurable employment enablement success. The Innovative Training Program Award recognizes GA Bahrain's ability to go beyond traditional training models through flexible formats such as full-time and part-time bootcamps, and career development tracks in Python, Java, and Data Science, serving learners at every stage from students and job seekers to career changers and professionals, supported by collaborations with industry-integrated employer partners that promote critical thinking and real-world skill application.

Together, these awards highlight GA Bahrain's growing impact as a catalyst for Bahrain's tech and digital workforce transformation, empowering more than 2,100 Bahrainis through 13 programs across 79 cohorts since 2022. With consistently high graduation and strong post-program outcomes within 9 months of completion, GA has demonstrated strong learner satisfaction and tangible career advancement. Its practitioner-led, project-based approach and continuously updated curriculum covering emerging fields such as artificial

intelligence and machine learning continue to redefine how professional education adapts to employer and learner needs.

Ahlam Oun, Director of General Assembly Bahrain, commented on the achievement: "These awards represent an important milestone in our journey to build a world-class talent ecosystem in Bahrain. They reflect the consistency and quality of our delivery, and our efforts to push boundaries and evolve how learning happens. This recognition belongs equally to our learners, instructors, and partners who share our belief that Bahrain's talent can compete on a global stage."

These honors mark another year of achievement for General Assembly Bahrain, which continues to play a pivotal role in shaping a resilient, future-ready talent pipeline that directly supports Bahrain's Vision 2030. General Assembly Bahrain remains committed to expanding access to training that equips learners with relevant, job-ready capabilities that meet employer demand, positioning them as employees of choice.

Trump in Japan as hopes grow for China trade deal

● **Most Japanese imports into the United States are subject to tariffs of 15%**

● **Trump is due in South Korea on Wednesday for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit**

AFP | Tokyo, Japan

Optimism grew Monday that Donald Trump and China's Xi Jinping will end their bruising trade war during talks this week, as the US president touched down in Tokyo on the latest leg of an Asian tour.

Trump said en route to close US ally Japan that he was hopeful of a deal when he sees Xi on Thursday, while also indicating he was willing to extend his trip in order to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

"I have a lot of respect for President Xi and we are going to I think... come away with a deal," Trump told reporters on Air Force One, adding that he aimed to go to China "in the earlier part" of 2026.

The optimism boosted stock markets, with Japan's Nikkei surpassing 50,000 points for the first time.

As dozens of people gathered



US President Donald Trump meets with Japan's Emperor Naruhito at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo

at Haneda Airport to take photos, the presidential plane -- also bearing Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent -- landed at sunset.

Sporting a golden tie, Trump boarded a helicopter to take him into the bright lights of the Japanese metropolis in time for an evening audience with the emperor.

"A great man," Trump said afterwards.

On Tuesday, Trump was expected to meet new conservative Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi and make a speech on the USS

George Washington aircraft carrier, docked at the US naval base Yokosuka.

"I hear phenomenal things. (Takaichi) was a great ally and friend of Shinzo Abe, who was my friend," Trump said, referring to the assassinated former premier.

'Framework consensus'

Trump's Asia trip, his first tour of the region since returning to office, kicked off in Malaysia on Sunday with a flurry of agreements on the sidelines of an Association of Southeast Asian

Nations (ASEAN) summit.

He also moved to mend fences with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, but not with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, ruling out a meeting any time soon.

"Canada has been ripping us off for a long time and they're not going to rip us off any more," Trump said.

The greatest prize for Trump -- and for global markets -- remains a China deal.

Trump is due to meet Xi on Thursday in South Korea for their first face-to-face talks since

the 79-year-old Republican's return to the White House.

Before Trump's arrival in Malaysia, Bessent and China's Vice Premier He Lifeng held two days of trade talks, seeking an agreement to avoid additional 100 percent tariffs due to come into effect on November 1.

Negotiators from Beijing and Washington have both confirmed a "framework" has been agreed.

"The two sides... reached a framework consensus on reciprocal solutions to current pressing economic and trade issues," China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi said, according to a state media readout of his Monday call with Rubio.

Earlier on Air Force One, Bessent said they had "a framework for President Trump (and) President Xi to decide".

'Hot' trucks

On Friday, Takaichi announced in her first policy speech that Japan would be spending two percent of gross domestic product on defence this fiscal year.

But Washington, which has around 60,000 military personnel in Japan, wants Tokyo to spend more, potentially matching the five percent of GDP pledged by NATO members in June.

Most Japanese imports into the United States are subject to tariffs of 15%, less painful than

the 25% first threatened.

However, Trump also wants Japan to import more American products like rice, soybeans and cars, including "hot" Ford F-150 pickup trucks.

Questions also surround Japan's commitment to invest \$550 billion in the United States, as specified in their July trade deal.

"What I expect is that, since he (Trump) is someone who acts decisively, things might move in a positive direction for Japan," said Tokyo resident Sayaka Kamimoto, 45.

Kim meeting?

Trump is due in South Korea on Wednesday for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit, and will meet President Lee Jae Myung.

Trump has also fuelled speculation that he could hold face-to-face talks with North Korea's Kim while on the Korean peninsula.

The two leaders last met in 2019 at the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ), the border area separating the two Koreas.

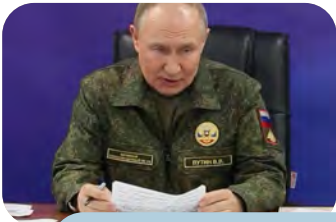
"I would love to meet with him if he'd like to meet. I got along great with Kim Jong Un. I liked him. He liked me," Trump said on Air Force One.

Asked if he would extend his trip to enable a meeting, he said: "Well, I hadn't thought of it, but I think the answer would be yeah, I would, I would do that, sure."

News in brief

◆ Russian President

Vladimir Putin signed a law yesterday terminating an already defunct plutonium disposal agreement with the United States that aimed to prevent both sides from building more nuclear weapons. The Plutonium Management and Disposition Agreement, signed in 2000 and amended in 2010, committed Moscow and Washington to reduce their vast Cold War-era stockpiles of plutonium by 34 metric tonnes each and use it for nuclear power instead. US officials estimated the agreement would eliminate the material needed to produce the equivalent of around 17,000 nuclear weapons. Putin had already suspended Russia's participation in the agreement in 2016, when ties were fraying with Trump's predecessor Barack Obama. The law that Putin signed on Monday, approved by Russian lawmakers earlier this month, is a formal "denunciation" of the agreement.



Putin terminates plutonium disposal agreement with US

◆ Putin hosts N.Korea top diplomat, hails deepening Pyongyang ties

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Monday that his country's ties with North Korea were developing "as planned", as he hosted North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui in the Kremlin. Choe passed on "warm wishes" from North Korean leader Kim Jong Un after she had earlier hailed the "spiritual closeness" between Moscow and Pyongyang during a meeting with her Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov.

The visit is the latest in a flurry of diplomatic exchanges between the two countries and comes just days after Kim pledged to advance military ties with Moscow.

◆ **Exiled Venezuelan** opposition figure Leopoldo Lopez yesterday denounced President Nicolas Maduro's plan to strip him of his nationality as an "act of profound arbitrariness" with no constitutional basis. The Venezuelan government said Saturday that Maduro had asked the Supreme Court to revoke Lopez's citizenship for allegedly supporting a US military invasion of the country. The move comes as Maduro is under growing pressure from the United States, which has deployed warships to the Caribbean after conducting a series of attacks on suspected drug-smuggling vessels. "Maduro, in another act of profound arbitrariness, announced that he is going to strip me of my nationality," Lopez said at a news conference in Madrid, where he has lived in exile since 2020. "That proposal has no grounding in the constitution."

Venezuela opposition figure condemns Maduro's plan to strip nationality



SPOTLIGHT

Donald Trump reveals he underwent MRI scan

Washington, United States



US President Donald Trump said yesterday he had received an MRI scan during a recent hospital visit, providing an explanation for the first time for why he underwent a second medical exam in a year.

The Republican billionaire -- who turns 80 in June -- has been accused of a lack of transparency over his health, and his surprise trip to Walter Reed medical center on the outskirts of Washington earlier in October fueled further speculation about his physical condition.

"I did. I got an MRI. It was perfect," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One Monday.

"I gave you the full results. We had an MRI, and the machine, you know, the whole thing, and it was perfect," he added.

MRI -- or magnetic resonance imaging -- scans are used to diagnose a range of conditions, from tumors, strokes and multiple sclerosis to much less serious complaints like muscle tears and inflammation.

Trump -- the oldest person ever inaugurated as US president -- declined to say on Monday why he had received the screening, referring reporters to his doctors. "Nobody has ever given you reports like I gave you. And if I didn't think it was going to be good, ei-

ther, I would let you know negatively, I wouldn't run, I'd do something," Trump said.

"But the doctor said some of the best reports for the age, some of the best reports they've ever seen."

During his second term, Trump has appeared regularly with bruising on his right hand, sometimes concealed with heavy makeup. The White House said it was linked to the aspirin he takes as part of a "standard" cardiovascular health program. The administration announced in summer that the president had been examined for swelling in his legs and diagnosed with chronic venous insufficiency.

The common vein condition -- which can also cause cramping and changes in the skin -- affects the valves in certain veins, allowing blood to collect, and can be treated with medication or medical procedures.

The administration said at the time of his second check-up that his lab results -- including heart screening -- were within normal limits, and there were no signs of arterial disease or deep vein thrombosis.

"President Trump continues to demonstrate excellent overall health," his doctor, Navy Captain Sean Barbabela, wrote in a letter released by the White House.

Afghanistan, Pakistan truce talks reach third day

The talks in Istanbul aim to establish long-term peace

● **Pakistan's Defence Minister warned failure to reach a deal could lead to "open war"**

● **Kabul denies harbouring militants**

● **Days of fierce clashes killed dozens on both sides**

AFP | Kabul, Afghanistan

Afghanistan and Pakistan held a third day of negotiations in Istanbul yesterday, seeking a lasting truce after their bloodiest clashes in years.

Fighting between the South Asian neighbours broke out after explosions in Kabul on October 9.

The Taliban government blamed the blasts on Pakistan and launched a retaliatory border offensive.

Days of fierce clashes killed dozens on both sides in their deadliest row since the Taliban returned to power in 2021.

The one-time allies have had frosty relations since the Taliban's return, with Islamabad accusing Kabul of harbouring militant groups that stage cross-border terror attacks.

After an initial 48-hour ceasefire between the warring neighbours lapsed, a second truce emerged on October 19 following talks in Doha, mediated by Qatar and Turkey, though its terms remain unclear.

The talks in Istanbul, which began Saturday, aim to establish long-term peace.

"The second phase of nego-



Armed Taliban security personnel keep guard near the closed gate of the zero point border crossing between Afghanistan and Pakistan at Spin Boldak district in Kandahar province

tiations is ongoing; we cannot predict the outcome and must wait for the end of the meeting," Taliban government spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told AFP on Monday.

"The only solution to resolve the recent issue with Pakistan is dialogue and understanding," he added.

A Pakistani security source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said on Sunday that "further progress in the talks depends on the positive attitude of the Afghan Taliban."

The source accused Taliban negotiators of showing "stubbornness and a lack of seriousness".

Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif had warned on Saturday that failure to reach a deal

could lead to "open war".

"We have the option, if no agreement takes place, we have an open war with them," he said.

Pakistan has demanded "verifiable action" against the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), which it says launches attacks from Afghan soil.

Kabul denies harbouring militants and insists on safeguarding Afghanistan's territorial integrity.

Speaking on the sidelines of a summit in Malaysia while signing a ceasefire between Thailand and Cambodia, US President Donald Trump reiterated his offer to help mediate.

He said he could "solve the Afghanistan-Pakistan crisis very quickly".

The border between the two neighbours has been closed for two weeks, with only Afghans expelled from Pakistan allowed to cross.

Gul, a 25-year-old driver who only gave his first name, said that in the town of Spin Boldak on the Afghan side of the border "there are 50 to 60 trucks, some with apples, others with pomegranates and grapes. The fruit is rotting."

"We wait and call on the government to reopen" the border, he said.

According to figures the United Nations mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) provided to AFP on Monday, the violence killed at least 50 Afghan civilians and wounded 447 others in one week.

Israel says against 'hostile' Turkey participating in Gaza security force

● **Under a US-brokered ceasefire between Hamas and Israel, a coalition of mainly Arab and Muslim nations is expected to deploy forces**

AFP | Budapest, Hungary

Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said Monday that only countries that are "at least fair" to Israel could send troops to secure war-torn Gaza, ruling out Turkey's participation.

Under a US-brokered ceasefire between Hamas and Israel, a coalition of mainly Arab and Muslim nations is expected to deploy forces in the Palestinian territory devastated by conflict since the October 7, 2023 Hamas

Lifts state of emergency for communities neighbouring Gaza

Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel has lifted the state of emergency for areas near the border with Gaza for the first time since Hamas's October 2023 attack, Defence Minister Israel Katz announced yesterday.

"I have decided to adopt the (Israeli military's) recommendation and to lift, for the first time since October 7, the special state on the home front," a statement from Katz's office said.

The decision "reflects the new security reality in the

attacks across the border.

Turkey has been keen to join a

south of the country" and came as a ceasefire that began on October 10 largely continued to hold.

The state of emergency, which was active up to 80 kilometres from Gaza in southern Israel, granted authorities special powers to maintain public order and ensure civilian safety. The same state of emergency was temporarily expanded to the whole of Israel in June 2025 after Israeli strikes on Iran that prompted retaliatory missile launches from the Islamic republic.

planned international stabilisation force, an idea Israel firmly

opposes. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday said that Israel would decide which countries it would allow to join the security force.

"I would say that countries that want or are ready to send armed forces should be at least fair to Israel," Saar said at a press conference alongside his Hungarian counterpart.

"During the last four years and even before that, Turkey, led by (President Recep Tayyip) Erdogan, led a hostile approach against Israel, (that) included not only hostile statements, but also diplomatic and economic measures against Israel," he said.

"So it is not reasonable for us to let their armed forces enter (the) Gaza Strip, and we will not agree to that, and we said it to our American friends," he added.

Christopher Columbus sights Cuba and claims it for Spain under the name "Juana"

The first university in the Americas, the Universidad Santo Tomás de Aquino, is established in Santo Domingo



Faraday, the Blacksmith's Boy Who Changed the World

The Peruvian cities of Lima and Callao are demolished by an earthquake, killing 18,000

Michael Faraday demonstrates his dynamo invention, an electric generator

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Delighted to meet FM Motegi Toshimitsu of Japan. Held wide-ranging discussions on our bilateral ties. Agreed to work closely to implement the joint vision for the next decade of our cooperation. Also exchanged perspectives on the global situation and our Indo Pacific co-operation.

@DrSJaishankar

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Welcome the Joint Declaration between Cambodia & Thailand, as a means to consolidate the July ceasefire. I also welcome the agreed efforts to relieve the suffering of civilians & hope that this Declaration will pave the way for sustainable peace.

@antonioguterres

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The United States congratulates Timor-Leste on its historic accession as the 11th member of @ASEAN. We look forward to deepening our cooperation with Timor-Leste through our shared vision for peace, stability, and prosperity in Southeast Asia.

@SecRubio

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I want to express my particular gratitude to the United Kingdom and France: there is a decision from France to provide Ukraine with additional Mirage fighter jets and air defense missiles, while the UK will continue to assist us with air defense by supplying missiles and producing interceptor drones – thank you for that.

@ZelenskyyUa

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Ten people go on trial over online harassment of French first lady

The presidential couple filed a US defamation lawsuit in July

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● The first lady was absent as the trial opened at a Paris criminal court

● Among the defendants is Aurelien Poirson-Atlan, 41, a publicist known on social media as "Zoe Sagan"

AFP | Paris, France



French President Emmanuel Macron (L) and French President's wife Brigitte Macro

Ten people went on trial in Paris yesterday charged with sexist online harassment of Brigitte Macron, in the latest case linked to unsubstantiated gender claims thrown at the French first lady in France and beyond.

The trial comes after she and President Emmanuel Macron filed a defamation lawsuit in the United States at the end of July, in connection with a rumour amplified and repeated online that Brigitte Macron was assigned male at birth.

The unsupported claim has long targeted the presidential couple, alongside criticism of their 24-year age gap.

The first lady was absent as the trial opened at a Paris criminal court for 10 defendants -- eight men and two women, aged 41 to 60 -- accused of cyber-harassment targeting Brigitte Macron.

If convicted, they face up to two years in prison.

They have been accused of making numerous malicious comments about Brigitte Macron's gender and sexuality, even equating her age difference with her husband to "paedophilia", according to prosecutors.

The French first lady filed a complaint in August 2024 that led to an investigation into cyber-harassment and arrests in December 2024 and February 2025.

Brigitte Macron's lawyer did not respond to AFP queries.

Among the defendants is Aurelien Poirson-Atlan, 41, a publicist known on social media as "Zoe Sagan" and often linked with conspiracy theory circles.

US lawsuit

The defendants also include a woman already the subject of a libel complaint filed by Brigitte Macron in 2022: Delphine J., 51, a self-proclaimed spiritual

medium who goes by the pseudonym Amandine Roy.

In 2021, she posted a four-hour interview with self-described independent journalist Natacha Rey on her YouTube channel, alleging Brigitte Macron, whose maiden name is Trogneux, had once been a man called Jean-Michel Trogneux -- the name of her brother.

The two women were ordered to pay damages to Brigitte Macron and her brother in 2024 before the conviction was overturned on appeal. The first lady has since taken the case to the country's highest appeals court.

Emerging as early as Emmanuel Macron's election in 2017,

the claims have been amplified by far-right and conspiracy theorist circles in France, and in the United States, where transgender rights have become a hot-button issue at the heart of American culture wars.

The presidential couple filed a US defamation lawsuit in July against conservative podcaster Candace Owens, who produced a series titled "Becoming Brigitte", claiming she was born a man.

The couple are planning to offer "scientific" evidence and photos proving that the first lady is not transgender, according to their US lawyer.

Several of those set to be tried in Paris shared posts from the US influencer.

In one, a defendant shared claims of "2,000 people" ready to go "door-to-door in Amiens (the presidential couple's hometown) to get to the bottom of the Brigitte affair".

Other high-profile women in the political sphere, including former US first lady Michelle Obama, US ex-vice president Kamala Harris and New Zealand ex-premier Jacinda Ardern, have also been the target of disinformation about their gender or sexuality.



Brigitte Macron, France's First Lady, was Emmanuel Macron's high school drama teacher before they became a couple. Despite a 24-year age difference, their relationship endured public scrutiny and became one of France's most talked-about love stories.

US Navy helicopter, jet crash into South China Sea

Washington, United States

Two US Navy aircraft crashed into the South China Sea in separate incidents on Sunday, officials said, with no fatalities reported.

The first crash involved a MH-60R Sea Hawk helicopter, which "went down in the waters of the South China Sea while conducting routine operations from the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz," according to a statement from the US Navy's Pacific Fleet.

All three crew members aboard the helicopter were recovered by search and rescue teams, the statement said.



A half-hour later, according to the Navy, a Boeing F/A-18F Super Hornet fighter jet crashed into the South China Sea, also "while conducting routine operations" from the USS Nimitz.

The Navy's statement said

both crew members aboard ejected themselves from the vessel and were safely recovered. "All personnel involved are safe and in stable condition," the US Navy said. "The cause of both incidents is currently under investigation."

Pentagon chief Hegseth set for multi-country Asia tour

Washington, United States

US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth will visit four Asian countries in the coming days, the Pentagon announced Sunday, his third tour of the "priority" region where Washington is urging increased spending by allies to counter China.

The Pentagon said in a statement that Hegseth would make stops in Japan, Malaysia, Vietnam, and South Korea, without specifying exact dates or how long each visit would be.

Trump rules out vice presidential run to stay in power after 2028

Aboard Air Force One, Undefined

Donald Trump said yesterday that he would not run for vice president in the 2028 American election, a move some supporters suggest would allow him to skirt term limits and stay in the White House.

The US Constitution limits presidents to two terms, and Trump began his second in January.

However, some of his advocates have suggested the Republican could skirt the rule by becoming vice president and then stepping back into a vacated top job.

Asked whether he would run for vice president in November 2028, Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One that he "would be allowed to do that".

But he added: "I wouldn't do it... I think it's too cute. It wouldn't be right."

Trump, who served his initial term from 2017 to 2021, often mentions that his supporters have called for him to govern beyond his current tenure, despite the constitutional restriction.

The 79-year-old tycoon has also recently displayed red hats emblazoned with the slogan "Trump 2028" on a desk in the Oval Office.

US President says Russia missile testing not 'appropriate'

Aboard Air Force One, Undefined

US President Donald Trump said yesterday the announcement by his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin of a nuclear-powered cruise missile test was not "appropriate".

"He ought to get the war (in Ukraine) ended. A war that should have taken one week is now soon in its fourth year. That's what he ought to do instead of testing missiles," Trump told journalists aboard Air Force One.

Putin on Sunday announced the successful final test of the Burevestnik missile, which he said has "unlimited range".

Trump had promised to quickly end the Ukraine war upon his return to the White House in January, but talks between Moscow and Kyiv have stalled despite the US president's mediation efforts.



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WHO Bahrain Commends RCSI Medical University of Bahrain's International Community Engagement Programme

Manama

26 October: The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) – Medical University of Bahrain welcomed a delegation from the World Health Organization (WHO) Country Office in Bahrain to its campus to explore opportunities for collaboration in health education and development.

Dr Assad Hafeez, Acting WHO Representative in Bahrain, was welcomed by Professor Sameer Ootom, President of RCSI Medical University of Bahrain, accompanied by members of the University management and student representatives. Dr Naeema Al-Qasser was also present during the meeting.

The visit featured an overview by Mr Fadi Ghosn, Head of Recognition, Careers & Alumni, highlighting the University's community engagement initiatives and its partnership with Operation Childlife—a humanitarian programme providing specialist surgical care and training in developing regions, led by Professor Martin Corbally, Head of the Department of Surgery. Discussions also explored opportunities for future collaboration between WHO and RCSI Medical University of Bahrain, building on shared priorities



and contributing to the enhancement of global health communities.

Students who recently took part in an Operation Childlife

mission to Jordan, organised in collaboration with the Bahrain Red Crescent Society and the Jordan Red Crescent Society, shared their experiences dur-

ing the visit. Their reflections highlighted how clinical training and humanitarian service are seamlessly integrated into RCSI Medical University of

Bahrain's approach to developing compassionate, globally minded healthcare professionals.

Dr Hafeez stated: "I would

like to congratulate RCSI Medical University of Bahrain and Operation Childlife for their outstanding efforts and commitment to improving health outcomes. The work being carried out here demonstrates the power of collaboration in strengthening health systems for universal health coverage.

WHO looks forward to collaborating with RCSI Bahrain on initiatives which promote, provide and protect health."

Professor Ootom added: "It was an honour to welcome the World Health Organization delegation to RCSI Bahrain. Our discussions reflected a shared commitment to advancing public health, promoting sustainable development, and supporting initiatives that contribute to broader health advancement and community resilience across the region. We extend our sincere thanks to the WHO for their continued guidance and partnership, which reinforce our efforts to make a meaningful social impact."

This visit reaffirms the shared commitment of RCSI Medical University of Bahrain and the WHO to promoting public health through collaboration, innovation, and sustainable development.

New Millennium School, Bahrain hosts its Model United Nations Conference

Manama

New Millennium School, Bahrain, opened its doors to the eleventh 'NMMUN Conference', on 24th and 25th October, 2025. The New Millennium Model United Nations Conference (NMMUN), hosted over 420 attendees, from schools across Bahrain. The conference hosted 14 councils like the UN Security Council, Federation Internationale De l'Automobile, Boardroom, UN Human rights council and many more. The theme chosen for this year's NMMUN Conference was "Cras Vindicare: Reclaiming Tomorrow," which encapsulated the spirit of resilience, responsibility, and renewal. The delegates debated over different issues plaguing the world today, rose to the challenge of reimagining the world, finding unity amidst diversity, and shaping a future founded on justice, peace, and progress. A variety of important resolutions were passed by the Councils.

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This was followed by the Secretary General delivering their opening speech. The conference was officially declared open with the introduction of the chairs to the delegates.

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iGA and Microsoft Partner to Boost AI & Data Skills for Government Staff



The Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA), in collaboration with Microsoft, recently held specialized training sessions on the new Fabric data management platform. The goal is to accelerate digital transformation and data-driven decision-making across Bahrain's public sector. iGA Government Systems Support & Maintenance Director Hesham Ebrahim AlHashemi highlighted that the training, attended by IT and data specialists, is a key part of Bahrain's commitment to staying at the forefront of AI and data analytics. The Fabric platform unifies diverse data tools and leverages advanced AI for faster, more accurate insights, enhancing government efficiency and service delivery, in line with Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030

Marine Resources Director General Meets with Professional Fishermen's Association President



Mr. Mohammed Yousef Al-Assam, Director General of Marine Resources (Supreme Council for the Environment), recently met with Mr. Ibrahim Mohammed Al-Buainain, Chairman of the Professional Fishermen's Association. The meeting affirmed the commitment to sustained cooperation with civil society to ensure the sustainability and protection of marine wealth in Bahrain. They discussed proposals from the association aimed at developing the fishing sector and preserving this vital profession as a key part of the Kingdom's economic and social heritage

Harmony Celebrated



Devotees in Bahrain gathered at Nurana Beach in Budaiya to celebrate Chhath Puja, a four-day festival dedicated to Lord Surya and Chhathi Maiyya, reflecting the Kingdom's enduring culture of peaceful coexistence and respect for all faiths. The occasion saw families from across India, who are working and living in Bahrain, come together in harmony, offering heartfelt prayers to the setting sun and participating in the traditional rituals of the festival. The ceremony was further honoured by the attendance of Satyendra Singh, Chairman of the Bihar Foundation, who joined the devotees and underscored the spirit of community and cultural unity. (Pics credit: Anchalo Bensiger)

Bahrain Expatriate Nominated to Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church Managing Committee



Shaj Babu, a three-decade resident of Bahrain and member of the St. Peters Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, has been nominated to the Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church Managing Committee. The nomination was made by His Beatitude Catholicos Aboon Mor Baselios Joseph Bava, Catholicos of the East and Metropolitan of Malankara. Shaj Babu is a native of Pallikkara in Ernakulam, Kerala

ICAB Toastmasters Celebrates 20th Anniversary with World Champion of Public Speaking



The ICAB Toastmasters Club marked its 20th Anniversary on October 24, 2025, with a grand celebration in A'Ali, featuring a keynote by the 2025 World Champion of Public Speaking, TM Sabyasachi Sengupta. ICAB President TM Sandip Jain presided over the event, which was attended by over 80 members and guests, including CA Vinit Maroo (Chairperson of ICAI Bahrain), DTM Khaled Jalal (District 20 Director), DTM Abdulla Madan (D20 CGD), and TM Priyanka Purohit (Division A Director). TM Sabyasachi energized the audience by sharing the six powerful tools that led to his world title. The celebration, which included congratulatory video messages from past presidents and a cake-cutting ceremony, showcased two decades of ICAB's commitment to public speaking excellence and mentorship

Y.K. Almoayyed & Sons Supports Breast Cancer Awareness Walk



As part of their corporate social responsibility, over 30 employees from Y.K. Almoayyed & Sons group of companies participated in the Breast Cancer Walk organized by the Bahrain Cancer Society on Friday, October 24, at Water Garden City. The initiative aimed to raise vital awareness about breast cancer and emphasize the importance of early detection among the community and employees

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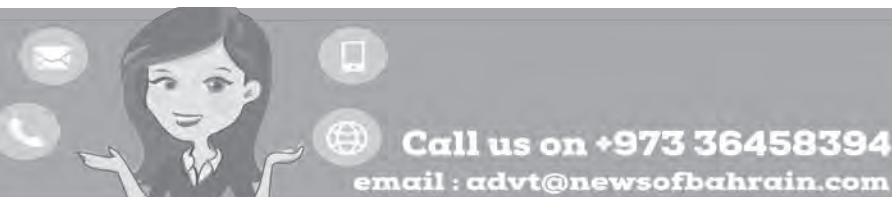
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INTEGRATED FACILITY MANAGEMENT W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17400407 or profice@almoayyedcg.com

ICICI BANK LIMITED has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAD / CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT / DIVISION, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36609106 or adminbahrain@icicibank.com

Almoayyed Air Conditioning W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of PROJECTS CO-ORDINATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17400407 or profice@almoayyedcg.com

INTERNATIONAL MARKETING COMPANY W.L.L. CLEANTEC has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36636640 or HAN-ANKHALAF84@GMAIL.COM

THE KASHMIRI GENERAL TRADING has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66914266 or EVERGREENDOCUMENT@GMAIL.COM

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ALLAQ RESORT COMPANY BSC CLOSED SOT-ITEL BAHRAIN ZALLAQ THALA has a vacancy for the occupation of TRAINEE COMPUTER PROGRAMMER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17631660 or ahmed@jazayani.com

Mandi Land Restaurant has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17240012 or AWALI@BATELCO.COM.BH

SAUDI GEOPHYSICAL CONSULTING OFFICE COMPANY BRANCH OF A FOREIGN COMPANY has a vacancy for the occupation of TRADE / VOCATIONAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33326575 or PUBLCRELATION@SAUDIGEOPHYSICAL.COM

THREE LIONS TRADING COMPANY WLL has a vacancy for the occupation of ELECTRICAL WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39652299 or TAWFIG1959@GMAIL.COM

LULU CONTRACTING CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17720648 or INFO@LCMWLL.COM

ZORELL SERVICES CO W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR(INTERNAL WORKS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33807122 or GULLSHAHEEN34@GMAIL.COM

JASS JAZZ INTERNATIONAL W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35002840 or PUREMIND.BH@GMAIL.COM

PERFECT FIT TRADING has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33225479 or ABDUL_636@HOTMAIL.COM

Modern Global Cleaning Co.W.L.I has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17211008 or AW-ALSERV@BATELCO.COM.BH

YOUNG JIN ENTERPRISE COMPANY LIMITED has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(DOCKER), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17700711 or JEONG.DONGJIN.0102@GMAIL.COM

Al Ameen Transport has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17722778 or ALAMEEN1@BATELCO.COM.BH

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SKY DOT TRADING COMPANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES REPRESENTATIVE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39812665 or MOHAMMEDAL8705@GMAIL.COM

SHADOW TECH TRADING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17456268 or SHADOW-TECHADV@GMAIL.COM

BANADORA RESTAURANT has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER (RESTURANTS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17217333 or mashtan.hotel@yahoo.com

TREE TOP EVENTS AND TRADE SHOWS W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE BOY / FARRASH, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33489919 or DUNYAKHAMIS86@GMAIL.COM

AYYAN COMPUTER SERVICES CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32080463 or SD2833358@GMAIL.COM

Roz Bonairi Restaurant has a vacancy for the occupation of COOK(GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 34467713 or FATI-MA_ALSELAITI@HOTMAIL.COM

GULFEX TRADING & MANAGEMENT CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES EXECUTIVE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39883113 or afaaco@live.com

ALDEERAH GROUP MANAGEMENT W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36462010 or INFO@ALDEERAH.INFO

Arkan Ithad Development Co. W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER(FOOD DISTRIBUTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 13300444 or HROFFICER@AIMS-BAHRAIN.COM

THE ROASTARY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of COFFEE SERVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39406006 or BH.ROAST@GMAIL.COM

SWIFT MANPOWER W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36666427 or HAMADALKHALIFA23@GMAIL.COM

DARWHA PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36940229 or AKRAAMM311@GMAIL.COM

AL ADEEL CONSTRUCTION BAHRAINI PARTNERSHIP CO has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33371333 or ALIALI3332010@GMAIL.COM

SAIRA FASHIONS has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17533125 or GOLDEN-GROUPBAH@GMAIL.COM

RENDEZVOUS has a vacancy for the occupation of COOK(GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17258900 or KARIMA@CINECO.NET

CAPITAL FACILITIES MANAGEMENT W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 77132211 or operations@cfmbahrain.com

MOHAMMED ALAWI EBRAHIM NASSER has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(GARDENING), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36681223 or XBAHRAIN@HOTMAIL.COM

GULF IN CART W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32222055 or FGROUP.BH@GMAIL.COM

EXTRA CLEAN LAUNDRY has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(LAUNDRY), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36655269 or NEDHALY974@GMAIL.COM

CAA BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37678005 or MAB76055@GMAIL.COM

IMRAN NOOR TRADITIONAL BAKERY has a vacancy for the occupation of BAKER(GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 35435266 or BALOSHIG2266@GMAIL.COM

UNIQUE FACILITY SERVICES W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33306469 or CHIRIVELLAHARIKZ@GMAIL.COM

COMBI SUPERMARKET WLL has a vacancy for the occupation of CASHIER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39817261 or mohd.akter1974@gmail.com

PAK ASIA CAFETERIA has a vacancy for the occupation of FOOD SERVICE WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35614641 or MYKHAN20441@GMAIL.COM

MAHAIL MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES REPRESENTATIVE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37262842 or SOHAILBUSINESS.BH@GMAIL.COM

CHOWCHUK RESTAURANT W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of ACCOUNTANTS, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32055523 or AAMIRCHAND83@GMAIL.COM

AL MADINA CAR AUTO SERVICES has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(SALES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 34306903 or ALABERT1@HOTMAIL.COM

AL RAQYA FURNITURE has a vacancy for the

occupation of UPHOLSTERER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17229691 or AL-RAQYA@OUTLOOK.COM

PLUS MEDIA TWO FOR MARKETING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of MARKETING SPECIALIST, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33144457 or ASSAD.LIUBING@GMAIL.COM MARHABA MATHAI AND SWEETS has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39282283 or FISALJASSIM57@GMAIL.COM

GAWCHIA RESTAURANT has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39454526 or JAMALSODA@GMAIL.COM

RED SPARK SERVICE W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(SALES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 35621909 or TASAWARJUTT025@GMAIL.COM

MASTER TOUCH EQUIPMENT RENTING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 32302725 or NOORGAZI@GMAIL.COM

PARADISE HAVEN TRAVEL has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36778384 or PHARMINGROUP@GMAIL.COM

AMWELL MIDDLE EAST W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17730871 or amwellmd@amwellme.co

AFAAQ ALKALIJ EXCAVATION & BUILDING EQUIPMENTS RENNTAL W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of SERVICEMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 13644244 or m.anan@afaqaqbh.com

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DREAM PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17700211 or HRD@DREAMGROUP.BH

JERY AL SHAIK COLD STORE has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17211001 or MODAWIB@HOTMAIL.COM

ALBAIJAN TRADING EST. has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17735347 or MWMATTAR@HOTMAIL.COM

EJAZ SUPER BLUE SERVICES W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35142724 or IJAZRANA009@GMAIL.COM

Burj Al Tameer Scaffoldings W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of SCAFFOLDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38887099 or INFO@ALTAMEERBH.COM

AL SHUMOE CARPENTRY WORKSHOP has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39939229 or kalla_7amood_710@hotmail.com

MEDMAK INTERNATIONAL COMPANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33244850 or ALZIAFSD@GMAIL.COM

MODERN MECHANICAL ELECTRICAL & TRANSPORT CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17708888 or lmra@mmtc.com

MAGIC SHINE CLEANING CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17345051 or info@magicshinebh.com

COURIERX W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38870666 or HAMAD@COURIERX.COM

PROCESSING AND TRADING COMPANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of STORE-KEEPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17227474 or riyad@dabagco.com

SWASTON MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34129693 or ZIDIMAHAR441@GMAIL.COM

ALMATALA CONTRACTING ESTABLISHMENT has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39458212 or ABDULAZIZJABER4455@HOTMAIL.COM

NEW LINE FOR ORGANIZING EXHIBITIONS AND CONFERENCES has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66669990 or iprojects.groupint@gmail.com

NOUR CARGO HANDLING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33243624 or safehullah@gmail.com

MOHAMED JALAL CONTRACTING CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of STEEL CHIPPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17536956 or RASHID_BUALI@JALAL.COM

ALAHLAM TECHNICAL & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17785335 or HAMED_996@HOTMAIL.COM

PHOENIX ONE CAFE has a vacancy for the occupation of RECEPTIONIST, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66663367 or Fatima.Meftah@hotmail.com

BAHRAIN PIPES B.S.C CLOSED has a vacancy for the occupation of PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR & GEN. FOREMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17551111 or MOHAMED.ABUALI@HAJIHASSAN.COM

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Arkan Ithad Development Co. W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER(FOOD DISTRIBUTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 13300444 or HROFFICER@AIMS-BAHRAIN.COM

MS MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37541000 or sanghamaninder7@gmail.com

ALHAJ HASSAN GROUP B.S.C CLOSED has a vacancy for the occupation of PLANT / UNIT OPERATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17551111 or hr.admin@haji hassan.com MAGIC SHINE CLEANING CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17345051 or info@magicshinebh.com

ABU RAKAN FURNITURE W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33319201 or WAJDIYO@GMAIL.COM

SHAN SCRAP has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17771700 or ykahmed@yahoo.com

EASY CAR ACCESSORIES W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of DECORATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36347399 or MUHAMMADTANVEERG2024@GMAIL.COM

INFRACORP B.S.C Closed has a vacancy for the occupation of EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39450254 or ssharif@gh.com

ASESORIA INTEGRAL W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of ADMINISTRATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32110606 or JALEEL.TALAQ@GMAIL.COM

LAK BEAUTY LOUNGE has a vacancy for the occupation of BEAUTICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33212517 or BUHIJ33@GMAIL.COM

KALILAH & DOMNAH TAILORING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of TAILOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33538927 or EBRAHIM_DHAIF@HOTMAIL.COM

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PINK PANTHER TRADING BAHRAINI PARTNERSHIP COMPANY has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34343413 or ALi86.AR-MANI@GMAIL.COM

GREEN WAY PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISING COMPANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(PRESS MACHINE), suitably qualified applicants can contact 34245978 or ARIZONASERVICES33@GMAIL.COM

PAPA KANAFa AND JUICE TIME W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36309300 or ahmed.hosni.info@gmail.com

JAVAIID INTERIOR DECORATION W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of PAINTER(BUILDING DECOR), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33488085 or USMANJAVI2003@GMAIL.COM

AL FOWZ KINDERGARTEN has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32144111 or RAWAAI-SA@GMAIL.COM

Indian Delights Restaurant Co. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CHEF, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17250300 or deepa161@yahoo.com

DANUBE HOME W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36280063 or karthikeyan.dakshinamoorthy@aldanube.com

KINGDOM BUILDING PAINTING CONSTRUCTION has a vacancy for the occupation of STEEL FABRICATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17640222 or KBPC2004@GMAIL.COM

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CASABILLA REAL ESTATE COMPANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES AGENT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36760636 or casabilla2@gmail.com

WAQAR GENAREL TRADING & FOOD STTAUF W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37337802 or HARISJUTT298@GMAIL.COM

COLORCRETE INTERIOR DECORATION W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33343815 or MUHAMMEDFAIZAL214@GMAIL.COM

First Choice Cleaning Services Co. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36491411 or MURTAZAWALI100@GMAIL.COM

OCEAN SPA W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of MASSEUR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33305676 or ANDY-HOPPE080@GMAIL.COM

IBS OFFICE SUPPORT W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of DATA ENTRY OPERATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39331003 or AISPACEBH@GMAIL.COM

ALSARH CARPENTRY has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39691858 or BABUKC95@YAHOO.COM

GAD ALKHAIR TRADING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33306237 or HASSANBEH99@GMAIL.COM

K R K AIR CONDITION W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66301366 or RA-JENDRAKUMARNAIR@YAHOO.COM

HAZRO FOOD TRANSPORTATION has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER(FOOD DISTRIBUTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33748890 or HZRSWEETS@GMAIL.COM

1991 LAUNDRY has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(LAUNDRY), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39333951 or AW.AL-BASTAKI@GMAIL.COM

AMAL WORLD SPA has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33755539 or AMALMOUR-ABBI@GMAIL.COM

PUNJAB CONSULTANCY AND VISITOR SERVICES W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES AGENT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39806111 or PUNJABLINTRASEL@GMAIL.COM

BEN EID TOWERS CLEANING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17250078 or KEHF-2011@HOTMAIL.COM

SITRA MEAT FACTORY. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of FOOD SERVICE WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17332252 or gm@sitrafactory.com

ALMUHARRAQ PICKLES AND SPICES FACTORY WLL has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER/PACKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17333664 or almuharraq.pickle@gmail.com

ALBANAFSAJ ANTIQUE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17675002 or ALJUMAIRI.FURNITURE.FACTORY@HOTMAIL.COM

ADEL ALHADDAD CONTRACTING BAHRAINI PARTNERSHIP COMPANY has a vacancy for the occupation of CONSTRUCTION WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 13106833 or S1619515@GMAIL.COM

DELMA TRADING AND CONSTRUCTION W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(-CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17611997 or DELMASER@GMAIL.COM

ARABIAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICES COMPANY W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of RIGGER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17473262 or AWALSERV@BATELCO.COM.BH

FILIPINAZ RESIDENTIAL & HEALTHCARE SERVICES has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39581236 or PESO.BAHRAIN@GMAIL.COM

JW EVENTS AND DOCUMENT CLEARANCE has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(SALES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 38888675 or ABDUL-MUNEER@HOTMAIL.COM

AL AHMAD MOBILE PHONE W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33117948 or SA4812094@GMAIL.COM

ABDULLA MOHAMED FATHI EBRAHIM RADHI (188589) has a vacancy for the occupation of SECRETARY, suitably qualified applicants can

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KUWAIT COMMUNICATIONS W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17300186 or jaleel682003@gmail.com

DSV SOLUTIONS B.S.C CLOSED has a vacancy for the occupation of STOREKEEPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17461000 or bincy.varghese@dsv.com

BROWN STONE CLEANING has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17710533 or ABU-FAIZANAC@GMAIL.COM

BLACK TOUCH SERVICES W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 35002840 or TWOEURO.B.H@GMAIL.COM

AL SHAHBAZ EVENT MANAGEMENT SERVICE W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of DECORATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39510793 or IBNZAHID991@GMAIL.COM

N. A.HUSAIN ABDULLA ATTORNEY&CONSULTATION has a vacancy for the occupation of SECRETARY, suitably qualified applicants can contact 175401779 or NIHAD.ALSARRAJ@GMAIL.COM

ALNAINOON Alternative Medicine center has a vacancy for the occupation of MASSEUR(MEDICAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17590855 or A.ALNAINOON@GMAIL.COM

BLACK HORSE SALON has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17320959 or ALAYAM11237@GMAIL.COM

S K T RESTAURANT W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38991700 or noora.jasim98@gmail.com

TEAM MARKHOR W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36625559 or JABEN98@GMAIL.COM

HUSAIN ALI AHMED ALI YUSUF has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33555166 or HGO-OD8908@GMAIL.COM

ASPIRE JEWELLERY DESIGN W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33623680 or SHAH.VIRK2@GMAIL.COM

NAEEM & HARIS SCRAP W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER/PACKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36556643 or muhammadjamshaidbh1974@gmail.com

RUKUN ALYAQEEEN INTERNATIONAL W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of ELECTRICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17718033 or BHABANI.MISHRA@rayinternational.bh

KHALIFA FOR WASHING AND POLISHING CARS W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33186767 or PCAMOHAMED2020@GMAIL.COM

CRYSTAL CLEAR CLEANING SERVICES has a vacancy for the occupation of MANAGER (MARKETING), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39823888 or VISTOCONSULTANCY80@GMAIL.COM

ALMIQAT RESTAURANT has a vacancy for the occupation of SHAWARMA WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38160888 or AL.MIQAT@YAHOO.COM

FAST APPROACH TECHNOLOGIES W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of COMPUTER OPERATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17171964 or YUSUFSURFACE@HOTMAIL.COM

ALKUWAITI FOR ALUMINIUM has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(GLASS CUTTING), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17612254 or alkuwaiti74@gmail.com

HIRAYA TUITION AND SKILLS CENTER has a vacancy for the occupation of RECEPTIONIST, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36051951 or HIRAYABH@GMAIL.COM

HASHOR SILVER W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33027245 or SADAQAT.SHATTI@GMAIL.COM

WUB CO W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33729935 or WUBCO86@GMAIL.COM

SUPER ASIA INTERNATIONAL W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33881499 or SHAHZAIBVIRIL44@GMAIL.COM

TRIDENT CLEANING SOLUTION ESTABLISHMENT has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 37707040 or MOHAMMED-MOBEE@GMAIL.COM

Ten days to BIC’s endurance spectacle

Bahrain International Circuit gears up for the WEC’s thrilling season finale on November 7-8

- Features eight-hour day-to-night endurance race
- Includes stunt shows and family entertainment
- Hypercars and LMGT3 lead grid
- Porsche Carrera Cup returns as support

Manama

Only 10 days are left until the Spirit of Le Mans lights up the track at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in this year's Bapco Energies 8 Hours of Bahrain.

The highly anticipated event takes centre stage at ‘The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East’ on 7 and 8 November as the eighth and final round of the 2025 FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC).

The race weekend will be headlined by a stacked WEC grid of Hypercars and LMGT3 contenders – featuring motoring’s most advanced technology and bearing the liveries of many of the industry’s biggest brands.

Biggest names in action

These ultra-quick cars are piloted by some of the biggest names in all of motor racing, who will be battling it out in varying conditions, with the eight-hour main event – the WEC’s only race of its duration – flagging off under the afternoon sun



but then wrapping it up at the chequered flag under lights at night.

Aside from the WEC, there will also be plenty of support race action in the Porsche Carrera Cup Middle East, as well as non-stop family entertainment on both days – ensuring that there is something for everybody.

Off-track attractions

The off-track attractions feature stunt shows, a monster truck display as well as a monster truck passenger experience. There are also pro racing simulators, a kids’ play area with colourful shows and fun activities, roaming entertainers from all over the world, and so much more. All these experiences are included as part of the

WEC ticket.

BIC is calling on race fans across the Kingdom to purchase their tickets today for the WEC spectacle, which will be crowning the series’ newest Hypercar and LMGT3 champions.

WEC is one of the most prestigious series in all of motor racing, and tickets to the event offer tremendous value for an occasion of its calibre – rates that cannot be matched anywhere else in the world for a world championship event under the Federation Internationale de l’Automobile (FIA).

Grandstand seats cost just BD5.5 for adults and BD2.75 for children for both days of racing and family entertainment. They can be bought online at bahraingp.com or by calling the

BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.

Fans are urged to secure their tickets as soon as possible due to high demand, especially with the WEC’s growing popularity amongst fans both from Bahrain and worldwide.

Hospitality packages are also available to enjoy the event from BIC’s luxurious suites. These are priced at BD290 per person, excluding VAT, for the two days.

Unique open paddock access

All those attending the race weekend will also be able to experience the open paddock – an offering unique to BIC’s annual WEC event. Fans will be able to cross the BIC tunnel from the vending area and access the paddock, which is where the WEC’s star drivers and their teams call

YOU KNOW WHAT

Fans get unique access to the open paddock, allowing them to cross the track tunnel and see the teams and star drivers up close in their garages

home for the duration of the meeting.

All tickets purchased will make a lasting impact off the track as BIC and Bapco Energies are collaborating again to bring back the ground-breaking Green Ticket Initiative.

For every WEC ticket sold, a proportion of the revenue, matched by Bapco Energies, will be donated to a fund which will directly support the planting of new mangroves in Bahrain. BIC recently completed the donation of 5,000 new mangrove trees based on last year’s Green Ticket Initiative campaign.

Bapco Energies is marking a special milestone at this year’s Bapco Energies 8 Hours of Bahrain. They are celebrating their 10th anniversary as title sponsors of the race, which also features Beyon as a support partner.

For more information on the upcoming WEC season finale or other events and activities at BIC, visit bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline.

Full Card announced for BRAVE CF 101 on November 9

FIGHT CARD

MAIN EVENT
FLYWEIGHT BOUT
IDRISOV vs FERREIRA

CO-MAIN EVENT
LIGHTWEIGHT BOUT
GITINOV vs ASKER
CATCHWEIGHT 75KG BOUT
BOUGHANEM vs ZEIDAN
FLYWEIGHT BOUT
YERENGAPOV vs SHAMMADOV
SUPER WELTERWEIGHT BOUT
GUSEINOV vs NEDAL

PRELIMS
BANTAMWEIGHT BOUT
LIK HARU vs AWAN
SUPER WELTERWEIGHT BOUT
K. JANAH vs WAHEED
SUPER LIGHTWEIGHT BOUT
MARHOON vs IBRAHEM
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- Muhammad Idrisov vs. Marciano Ferreira main event
- Ramazan Gitinov features in co-main event
- Card showcases Bahrain’s rising MMA stars
- Part of KHK Legacy series

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BRAVE Combat Federation (BRAVE CF), the world’s fastest-growing and most global mixed martial arts organization, has officially

revealed the complete lineup for BRAVE CF 101, taking place at the Khalifa Sports City Arena in Isa Town, Bahrain, on Sunday, November 9.

Marking the return of the iconic KHK Legacy series, BRAVE CF 101 arrives just two days after the historic BRAVE 100, underscoring the promotion’s relentless momentum as it continues to elevate Bahrain’s stature as a true epicenter of global combat sports.

Mohammed Shahid, President of BRAVE Combat Federation, stated:

“Bahrain has always been at the forefront of developing mixed martial arts—not just in the region, but globally. BRAVE CF 101 will once again demonstrate why this nation continues to push the sport forward. We’ll see the very best of Bahrain go

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The event lands just two days after BRAVE 100 – delivering back-to-back shows that highlight Bahrain’s rapid rise as one of MMA’s most influential global hubs

up against the very best of the world, showcasing the spirit, skill, and evolution of MMA right here in the Kingdom.”

The premium live event promises an enthralling night

BRAVE CF 101 Fight Card
Flyweight Bout Muhammad Idrisov vs. Marciano Ferreira
Lightweight Bout (#3) Ramazan Gitinov vs. Nursultan Asker
73-KG Catchweight Bout Youssef Boughanem vs. Anthony Zeidan
59-KG Catchweight Bout Dias Yerengaipov vs. Bayram Shammadov
Super Welterweight Bout Murad Guseinov vs. Ali Hussein Nedal
Bantamweight Bout Punyajit Likharu vs. Aqib Awan
Super Welterweight Bout Khalifa Janahi vs. Ahmed Waheed
Super Lightweight Bout Ali Hasan Marhoon vs. Youssef Ibrahim
Super Welterweight Bout Abdulrahman Ali Janahi vs. Montazer Muhammad
Amateur Featherweight Bout Yousif Mohammed Kurdi vs. Ahmed Adel Ganzoury

of action, showcasing Bahrain’s finest homegrown talents alongside a roster of world-class international athletes, all set to deliver another unforgettable spectacle under the BRAVE CF banner.

Headlining the evening is a high-stakes flyweight showdown featuring Bahrain’s own Muhammad Idrisov, who aims to climb the divisional ladder and solidify his standing among the elite. Across the cage stands Brazil’s Marciano Ferreira, a dynamic and explosive competitor whose fast-paced offense guarantees a captivating main event from the opening bell.

In the co-main event, No. 3-ranked lightweight contender Ramazan Gitinov – a technically brilliant representative of Bahraini MMA – faces off against Turkish newcomer Nursultan Asker, whose debut promises fireworks in a clash of elite-level skill and heart.

The rest of the card highlights BRAVE CF’s commitment to nurturing future stars. Rising talents such as Murad Guseinov, along with former Bahraini amateur standouts Khalifa Janahi, Ali Hasan Marhoon, and Abdulrahman Ali Janahi, are all booked to step inside the cage, eager to make their mark on the global stage.

Top Performers Claim Medals At Youth Games

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

Day three of the Asian Youth Games in Bahrain offered fans a full slate of action across multiple venues, with medal matches, standout performances, and strong showings from the host nation keeping excitement high. Isa Sports City Hall D delivered fast-paced badminton matches, where early contests highlighted both emerging talents and seasoned favorites. Bahrain's Ali Alashoor and Fatima Hasan fell 21-8, 21-15 to Sri Lanka's Pamudu Randiligama and Sithuli Ranasinghe in mixed doubles, while Ali was outplayed 21-5, 21-9 by Philippine Cris Ivan Dosano in boys' singles. Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong, and the Philippines claimed decisive wins, with Sri Lanka's Sithuli Ranasinghe (21-4, 21-12) and Philippine Eve Bejasa (21-9, 21-4) asserting dominance in girls' singles.

The intensity carried over to Khalifa Sports City, where U17 girls' futsal saw Bahrain struggle against Chinese Taipei, falling 0-8 despite strong showings from Noreen Elmarsafawy, Ameena Aldoseri, and Mariam Hamada in goal. The match highlighted the gulf in finishing but also highlighted Bahrain's willingness to compete against top-tier opponents, while Iran and China played to a 2-2 draw in an earlier contest.

At Exhibition World, the boxing quarterfinals impressed across several weight categories. Bahrain's Almudhahki Abdulrahman was outpointed 5-0 by Tajikistan's Abubakr Azizov in the boys' 60kg division, as India, Kazakhstan, North Korea, Uzbekistan, and China recorded emphatic wins. The strategy in these bouts mirrored the high stakes seen on the equestrian track, where UAE's Mohammed Umair Al-Rashedi and Khalifa Alghfeli sprinted to the finish in 45 seconds in the Boys' 500m camel race. Bahrain's Faisal Almoammari claimed fifth, proving the host nation's competitiveness in regional endurance events.

Digital arenas at Exhibition World also impressed spectators, as Boys' Street Fighter 6 1v1 action combined speed and strategy. Hong Kong's Chan Pak Yin and Taiwan's Lin Jun-xi dominated their groups, while Bahrain's Faisal Alnafisi secured key wins, reflecting the host nation's growing esports presence.

Handball at Umm Alhasam Sports Hall continued the theme of strong tactical play, with Iran, China, and India posting dominant wins. The energy from these fast-paced matches carried over to Khalifa Sports City, where the medal finals in swimming thrilled spectators. In the Boys' 50m Freestyle, China's Yushuguang He touched first in 22.88 seconds, narrow-



Swimming medalists share a moment of sportsmanship on the podium



Bahrain's Abdulrahman AlMudhahki resting during his boxing bout yesterday



Bahrain's Ali Ashoor on the court during the badminton event

ly ahead of Singapore's Tedd Chan (23.39) and UAE's Hussein Shawky (23.43). Hong Kong's Sum Yiu Li claimed gold in the Girls' 50m Freestyle with 25.59, out-touching China's Zhiyu Zhang and Gilaine Ma. Iran's Mohammadmahdi Gholami captured the Boys' 100m Butterfly in 54.75, while China's Siyao Li won the Girls' 100m Butterfly in 1:00.51. Taiwan's Yu-teng Huang and China's Mingxia Sun dominated the Boys' and Girls' 200m Backstroke, respectively, while Korea's Seungwoo Ko surged

late to win the Boys' 400m Freestyle, with China's Fuzhen Yang taking the Girls' title. The relay events added drama, with Korea claiming the Boys' 4x100m Freestyle Relay in 3:24.89, and Hong Kong winning the Girls' 4x100m Freestyle Relay in 3:45.60.

Weightlifting at Exhibition World rounded out the day with impressive displays of strength. China's Lan Xinyi (girls' 48kg) and Kazakhstan's Alikhan Askerbay (boys' 71kg) took gold, while Vietnam's Nguyen Thanh Duy dominated boys' 65kg.



Action from Camel Racing event



Action from a table tennis match



Action from a Girl's Boxing match

China's Zhang Qiaochu wins Boys' Cycling Time Trial gold

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China's Zhang Qiaochu powered to victory in the Boys' Individual Time Trial at the Asian Youth Games Bahrain 2025, completing the NBH Loop course in 21:45.65 with an average speed of 45.8 km/h.

He edged out Hsieh Chih-hsiang of Chinese Taipei, who took silver in 21:47.64, while Thailand's Kittaphat Homkajorn earned bronze in 21:50.39—a close battle among the top three, separated by less than five seconds.

Riders faced early-morning humidity and light winds on the



Medal-winning cyclists celebrate on the NBH Loop podium

fast Bahrain circuit, demanding careful pacing and control. Shoislom Shoakmalov of Uzbekistan finished fourth in 22:25.78, and Falah Alnuaimi of the United Arab Emirates came fifth in 22:34.34.

India's Aditya Jakhar, Vietnam's Tran Khoi Minh, and Indonesia's Hukman Al Fazl followed closely, with Saudi Arabia's Taha Alkhalifah and the Philippines' CJ Cabreross completing the top ten.

Bahrain's Hasan Thamer, representing the host nation, placed 17th with a time of 23:52.33. The result added another strong performance for China, continuing their success across the Games.



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Heartbreak for Bahrain as China Takes 3x3 Basketball Gold

Hussain Almaskati

Bahrain's boys' 3x3 basketball team fought all the way to the final buzzer yesterday at the third Asian Youth Games, ultimately settling for a 19-17 silver medal loss to China in a heart-stopping gold medal match at the BBA Arena. Every possession mattered, and the home team showed the tenacity that had carried them undefeated through the tournament. China's last-second three-pointer ultimately sealed the game.

The Bahrainis, unbeaten in the tournament up to the final, had entered the match brimming with confidence. They had beaten China in their last preliminary game on Sunday, and the encounter carried extra weight: China had eliminated Bahrain from the U16 Asia Cup in September, giving the final an added layer of rivalry and a chance for revenge.

The final itself was a tense, back-and-forth affair. Bahrain jumped out early through Hasan Abdulkadir and Somto Patrick Onoduanyi, who dominated inside the paint, while Yousif Yaqoob Meshael and Sergej Sceckic provided scoring from the perimeter. Despite their intensity, a series of fouls allowed China to capitalize at the free-throw line, keeping the match incredibly tight.

With seconds remaining, Bahrain clawed back to tie the score following a crucial timeout, igniting the home fans and sending the game into its final dramatic moments. But China responded immediately with a clutch three-pointer, reclaiming the lead and ultimately securing the gold. The close defeat left the Bahrainis visibly dejected as they made their way to the podium for their runners-up medals.

Speaking exclusively to the Daily Tribune, Bahrain's talisman Hasan Abdulkadir reflected on the encounter:

"The game was good, we were playing as a team. But they shot better threes. We tried to play together to get back into it, and



Bahrain's quartet displays Asian Youth Games silver



Bahrain's Abdulkadir takes crucial free throw shot



Abdulkadir speaks after silver medal finish

we did, but the last shot went their way. We beat them earlier in the tournament, which gave us confidence, but that's basketball and anything can happen."

China's Tong Yu Zheng, speaking through a translator, praised Bahrain's effort while reflecting on the tournament. "Bahrain is a very strong team. They showed great personal ability in the early game, but today we maintained

our momentum. I like Bahrain, good country, good people, good experience," he told TDT.

Bahrain Olympic Committee President HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa congratulated the team, noting the historic nature

of the medal: "Congratulations on the silver medal. This is the first Asian Basketball silver for Bahrain, and our players gave their all. China is a very strong team, and our boys performed admirably. This result should

be motivation for them in future tournaments."

The silver medal caps a remarkable run for Bahrain, who had previously dismantled Saudi Arabia 20-11 in the quarterfinals and Qatar 21-10 in the semifinals. Despite the heartbreak in the

final, their performance shows they remain a formidable force in Asian youth basketball.

The girls' 3x3 basketball finals also concluded yesterday, with Chinese Taipei taking bronze over Thailand 20-11, while Iran edged China 15-14 to claim gold.

Medal Standings

All disciplines

RK	NOC				T
1	CHN	42	33	14	89
2	UZB	14	5	11	30
3	THA	13	12	6	31
4	KAZ	11	9	20	40
5	IRI	10	10	19	39
6	UAE	7	6	5	18
7	TPE	6	7	13	26
8	PHI	6	6	7	19
9	IND	3	10	11	24
10	KSA	3	4	7	14
11	IRQ	3	4	4	11
12	BRN	3	3	1	7



Tong shares thoughts after China's gold win



China, Bahrain, Qatar celebrate medals

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