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Civil society groups given two weeks to regularise status

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Civil society organisations that have not held general assemblies for two consecutive years have been given two weeks to regularise their status.

The Social Development Ministry urged the organisations to convene their general assemblies and complete the required administrative and regulatory procedures.

Boards needing guidance can contact the ministry's relevant department for assistance.

The ministry warned that failure to comply could lead to legal action, including dissolution procedures.

Foreign Ministry develops quality management system



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The Foreign Ministry is working to strengthen its operations and institutional efficiency by adopting the international ISO 9001 quality management standard.

The ministry is coordinating with the Civil Service Bureau to update procedures, build staff capacity and strengthen technical and administrative support.

The implementation plan covers five stages: promoting a quality culture, documenting and improving procedures, training and technical support, internal auditing, and external auditing ahead of international accreditation.

The Civil Service Bureau said the cooperation reflects a unified government effort to adopt institutional systems based on internationally recognised standards. The initiative is intended to support more efficient government performance and continuous improvement across the ministry.

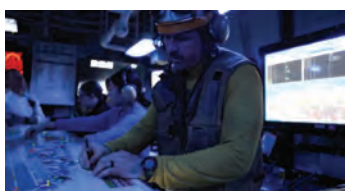
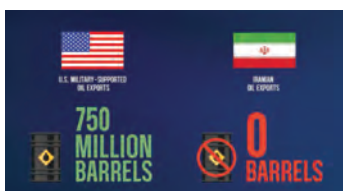
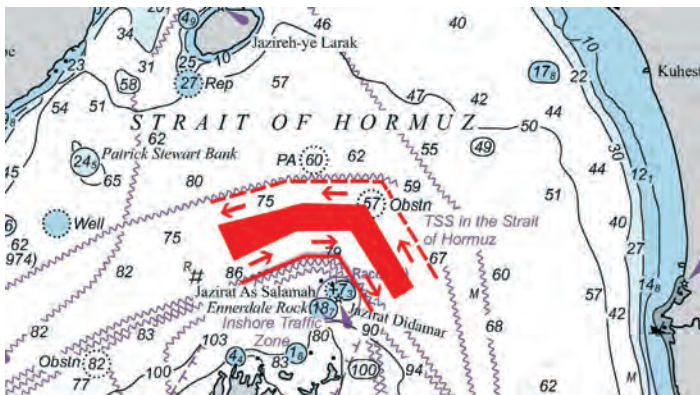
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Mines cleared, Hormuz open

CENTCOM says US forces cleared Iranian mines from the Strait of Hormuz



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US forces have cleared sea mines from internationally recognised shipping lanes in the Strait of Hormuz, while nearly 1,500 commercial vessels have been assisted through the strategic waterway, CENTCOM said.

US Central Command commander Admiral Brad Cooper said US forces had spent

months clearing mines allegedly laid by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, using Navy divers, SEALs and air power from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

"Today international shipping lanes are open and momentum is building," Admiral Cooper said in an operational update.

According to CENTCOM, US forces have provided coordinated

protection to nearly 1,500 commercial vessels, carrying almost 750 million barrels of crude oil destined for global markets.

At the same time, Cooper said Iran has exported zero oil from its shores since the US resumed its naval blockade in mid-July.

He said no ships had entered or left Iranian ports without US permission, except those allowed through on humanitarian grounds.

Since the blockade resumed, CENTCOM said more than 20 US

warships and hundreds of aircraft, supported by thousands of service members, have been involved in the operation. US forces have turned around 75 vessels attempting to breach the blockade and disabled three that failed to comply with orders.

Cooper described the mine-clearing operation as dangerous and complex, but said the international shipping routes are now open.

"We remain vigilant, lethal, and resolved," he said.



US Central Command commander Admiral Brad Cooper

A nation in grief, a region in solidarity

Nepal Ambassador expresses solidarity with flood victims

Ambassador Tirtha Raj Wagle thanks Bahrain for support

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Nepal's Ambassador to Bahrain, H.E. Tirtha Raj Wagle, expressed solidarity with communities affected by the devastating floods in Nepal, describing the loss of life and damage as unbearable.

Speaking to the Daily Tribune, Ambassador Wagle said the country is going through an extremely difficult period and



expressed his sincere appreciation to Bahrain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the people of Bahrain for their support during the crisis.

Meanwhile, the Government of Nepal has established an international donation fund to support disaster rescue, relief and rehabilitation efforts. The fund will help mobilise resources for commu-

nities affected by the floods and assist ongoing recovery operations.

Devastating floods near the border with China this week have killed at least 579 people in Nepal, its disaster authority said yesterday.

Chinese state media earlier confirmed five dead following Wednesday's disaster, taking the total killed to at least 584.

HRH Princess Sabeeka congratulates Sheikhha Fatima on Emirati Women's Day



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HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Consort of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women, congratulated HH Sheikhha Fatima bint Mubarak on Emirati Women's Day.

HRH Princess Sabeeka praised the achievements of Emirati women and their contributions to the UAE's development across various fields.

She also commended Sheikhha Fatima and the General Women's Union for supporting women's participation, excellence and innovation. HRH Princess Sabeeka expressed pride in the progress of Emirati women, describing them as key partners in the UAE's development and a model for Arab women.

Iranian man jailed 10 years for identity fraud

Rehab Mohammad
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A 72-year-old Iranian man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison and permanent deportation after being convicted of using a forged identity for decades to obtain benefits meant for Bahraini citizens.

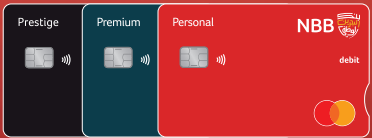
The man, who arrived in Bahrain in 1979 to work, forged a birth certificate in 1983, changing his name, date of birth and mother's name. He then obtained a second personal number and used the identity to secure official documents, employment and social insurance benefits.

He was registered as a Bahraini worker for 31 years, eventually receiving a retirement pension from 2015. Social insurance contributions paid on his behalf during the period totalled BD46,845.270.

He admitted the charges during Public Prosecution investigations, saying he forged the certificate to obtain benefits available to Bahraini citizens. The court also ordered the confiscation of the forged documents and referred the case to the competent civil court.



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Don't fine kind-hearted animal feeders, says welfare chief

Mohammed Darwish
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Bahrain's animal welfare chief is calling for permits and designated feeding sites instead of fines for residents who feed stray animals and birds.

Mahmood Faraj, Chairman of the Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BSPCA), told The Daily Tribune that the law should distinguish between careless dumping and people genuinely trying to help animals.

"You cannot simply impose a law against feeding animals," Mr Faraj said. "People in Bahrain are compassionate by nature. They



Mahmood Faraj,
Chairman of the
Bahrain Society
for the
Prevention
of Cruelty
to Animals
(BSPCA)

want to show mercy and gain reward even through the simplest act."

He acknowledged that some residents leave unsuitable food in public places, creating smells and attracting insects and cockroaches.

"Some people throw food and cooked dishes that are not fit for animals, such as salona, or lamb stew, for pigeons," he said. "That brings insects, bad smells and cockroaches. So I understand why the law was brought in."

But he said the

answer should be control, not a blanket ban.

The BSPCA has proposed permits for regular animal feeders, requiring them to provide the feeding location, photographs and details of the food, while cleaning the site afterwards.

"We want the law changed so it is not harsh on people with a compassionate heart," Mr Faraj said. "We are for cleanliness and against people randomly throwing food for animals anywhere."

The society has also proposed machines at approved feeding points where residents could buy dry animal food, with cats among the main beneficiaries. Municipal workers could then maintain the sites.

Under Bahrain's Public Cleanliness Law, leaving waste



outside approved places can attract fines of BD50 to BD300. The rules have been used when food left in public areas creates rubbish, smells or attracts pests. The BSPCA proposal is now being studied by the relevant authorities.

One fire can turn deadly when escape routes are blocked



FIRE INCIDENTS

AUGUST

A snapshot of recent fires, evacuations and emergency responses across Bahrain.

- AUG 20 — DAMISTAN**
Farm fire spread to a neighbouring house, causing minor damage.
- AUG 18 — AL RAMLI**
A residential fire claimed the lives of a 27-year-old woman and three children.
- AUG 17 — JIDHAFS**
Eighteen women and children were evacuated from a building. No injuries were reported.
- AUG 16 — KARZAKAN**
Civil Defence extinguished a fire at a farm in Karzakan.
- AUG 7 — MANAMA**
A restaurant fire spread to two vehicles. The building was evacuated as a precaution; no injuries were reported.
- AUG 3 — HOORA**
Civil Defence rescued 14 people and extinguished an apartment fire.
- AUG 2 — HOORA**
An apartment fire was extinguished after a multi-storey building was evacuated. Initial findings pointed to an electrical short circuit.



Mohammed Darwish



Fire-hit flat in Ramli sealed off after the deadly blaze
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Residents are being urged to clear corridors, check electrical wiring and keep fire exits accessible after a flat fire in Ramli housing killed a 27-year-old woman and three children.

The Housing and Urban Planning Ministry issued the warning following a series of residential fires, urging residents to check electrical boards and ensure smoke and heat alarms

are working.

The ministry warned that faulty wiring, cluttered corridors and blocked exits can make fires far more dangerous.

gerous by slowing residents trying to escape.

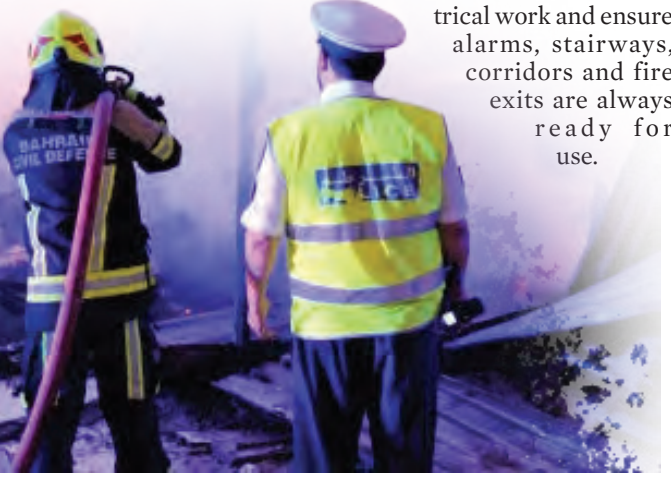
Electrical wiring and distribution boards should be checked regularly, while appliances must meet approved standards and Electricity and Water Authority requirements.

Residents were also told not to store bags, boxes or furniture in corridors, landings or other escape routes.

The ministry warned against handmade locks on emergency stair doors and iron bars or decorative fittings on windows, which could trap residents inside.

Smoke and heat alarms should be tested regularly, as early warnings can give families valuable time to escape and call for help.

Residents were also urged to avoid unauthorised electrical work and ensure alarms, stairways, corridors and fire exits are always ready for use.



Strategic stockpile plan goes beyond food

Mohammed Darwish
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Bahrain's strategic reserves could expand beyond food to include medicines, medical supplies and critical raw materials — helping the country withstand wars, pandemics and supply shocks.

Shura Council Second Deputy Chair Dr Jihad Al Fadhel said the proposed law should allow the stockpile to change as risks and market needs evolve.

"The concept of a strategic stockpile should go beyond food," Dr Al Fadhel said.

Food would remain the priority, but reserves could also cover medicines, medical supplies and raw materials needed to keep key sectors operating during emergencies.

The proposal, first raised before Covid-19 and formally submitted in December 2020, was driven by the strain the pandemic placed on global supply chains.

Dr Al Fadhel said the plan should not impose unnecessary costs on businesses or consumers. "The aim was not to transfer additional burdens to the private sector or make the con-

sumer bear their cost," she said.

Rather than setting fixed stock levels in law, the proposal would allow the goods, quantities and safety reserves to be adjusted through regulations as circumstances change.

"One of the main aims of the proposal is the stability of the local market and commodity prices and the prevention of monopolistic practices, not creating factors that lead to higher prices," she said.

The proposal has been debated twice by the Shura Council and is now moving through the legislative process.



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DR JIHAD AL FADHEL, SHURA COUNCIL SECOND DEPUTY CHAIR



136 services get a digital makeover

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Bahrain has redesigned and developed 136 government services across 22 government entities between January 15 and August 27, 2026, as part of a wider push to make government services faster, simpler and more digital.

The improvements include instant marital status verification through a QR code on marriage certificates and on-line applications and tracking for the Positioning Reference Network.

Other changes are cutting waiting times dramatically. The National Bureau for Revenue reduced tax-payer profile update processing from 30 working days to just five, while the Supreme Council for Environment cut processing time for certain applications from 20 days to seven.

The programme aims to make government services more efficient by reducing processing times by at least 25%, limiting applications to four steps, cutting required documents by 50%, and reducing the number of pages needed to access services by half.



The right job, not just any job

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People with disabilities are being placed in jobs that may not match their abilities, prompting a call for a national database to connect jobseekers with suitable work.

MP Dr Muneer Seroor said employers and training bodies need clearer information about each person's skills, needs and capabilities.

"Many people with disabilities are nominated for jobs that may not suit the nature of their disability," Dr Seroor said.

He gave the example of a deaf person who may not be suited to reception work but could excel in data entry or other

roles that match their skills. Dr Seroor called for a shared national platform to help employers identify suitable candidates and training bodies design programmes around their abilities.

He made the proposal during talks with the Bahrain Deaf Society, where he also highlighted barriers faced by deaf people in employment and wider society.

He said employers and society should focus more on what people with disabilities can do, rather than the limitations of their disabilities.



Dr Muneer Seroor, MP

Bahrain takes chronic disease screening to the community

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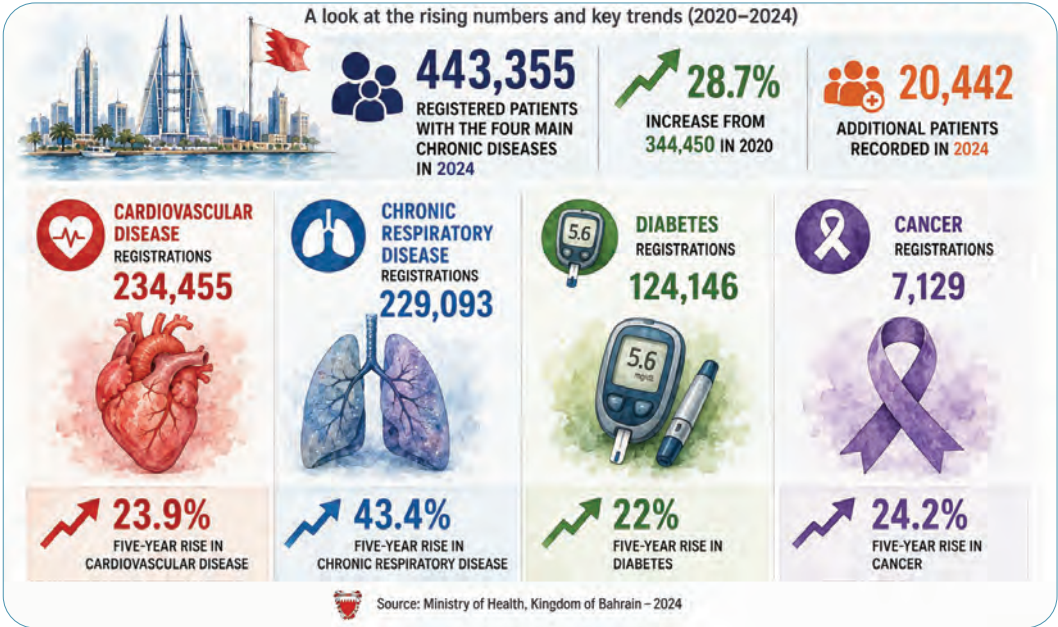
Bahrain is stepping up efforts to detect chronic diseases early by taking preventive health services directly to the community.

The "Our Summer, Prevention" initiative, organised by Primary Healthcare Centres, was held on August 27 and 28 at Marassi Galleria, offering residents health screenings, preventive services and guidance.

Supreme Council of Health Chairman Lieutenant General Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa stressed that early screening can help identify health risks before they become serious, allowing timely intervention and potentially improving quality of life.

Health Minister Dr. Jalila bint Al Sayed Jawad Hassan said initiatives like this encourage people to undergo regular health checks and make preventive healthcare more accessible.

The initiative comes as Bahrain faces a growing chronic disease burden, with 443,355 registered patients across four major chronic diseases in 2024.



MPs push ahead with new small-business fund

Mohammed Darwish
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A proposed national fund aims to create more jobs for Bahrainis and reduce foreign labour dominance in parts of the small-business sector.

Parliament's Financial and Economic Affairs Committee has urged MPs to approve the bill establishing the National Fund for the Care and Support of Small and Medium Enterprises, despite government opposition.

Committee chairman MP Ahmed Al Salloom told The Daily Tribune that SMEs are the "first line of economic defence" as the economy recovers from recent regional tensions.

"Economic recovery does not begin with major projects," he said. "It begins when work-

shops, shops, restaurants, service offices and small factories return to full capacity."

The proposed measures include delaying or rescheduling loan repayments without additional interest, faster government payments to businesses, greater SME access to state tenders and temporary cuts to operating fees.

Al Salloom said cash flow,

rather than businesses' ability to operate, was the main problem.

"These businesses do not need years to return," he said. "They need quick decisions that restore confidence and cash flow."

The government says the proposed fund would

duplicate Tamkeen, which already supports micro, small and medium-sized businesses. Tamkeen says SMEs have received about 98% of all enterprise support through its programmes since its creation.

The government also warned that a new entity could increase public spending and said the proposal lacks sufficient economic and technical studies.



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

Goat milk for babies! Don't make this mistake

Goat milk formula is no closer to breast milk, paediatrician says

Study of 670 babies found no significant difference in growth, safety or digestive symptoms

Hasan Barakat
TDT | Manama

Never give fresh goat milk to a baby under one year old. Some mothers



Dr Ishaq Mubarak

switch their babies to goat milk formula believing it is closer to breast milk. Consultant paediatrician Dr Ishaq Mubarak says that is a misconception. "Nothing is closer to breast milk. Breast milk is breast

milk, and there is no equivalent to it," he said.

On whether goat milk formula is better than cow's milk formula, Dr Mubarak pointed to research rather than anecdotal experiences. A 2023 study published in *Nutrients*, involving 670 infants, compared infant formulas made from cow's milk and goat's milk.

The study found no significant differences in the babies' growth, including height, weight and head circumference, or in safety and digestive symptoms.

The findings also covered symptoms that commonly lead parents to switch formulas, including colic, constipation and

reflux.

Dr Mubarak said some mothers may notice an improvement after switching their babies to goat milk formula, and there is no reason to stop if the baby is doing well. However, he cautioned against assuming that what works for one baby will have the same effect on another.

He also stressed that goat milk formula should not be used as a substitute for specialised formula for babies with cow's milk protein allergy. Parents should seek appropriate medical advice and use the for-



mula recommended for that condition.

Most importantly, parents should distinguish between goat milk formula made specifically for infants and fresh goat milk. Fresh goat milk, like fresh cow's milk, should not be given to babies under one year of age.

US Fed chair says inflation is elevated and ‘concerning’

● The US central bank has missed its long-term two-percent target for inflation for more than five years

● The Fed has held rates steady through 2026, but a growing faction of policymakers have called for interest rate hikes to combat inflation

AFP | Washington, United States

US Federal Reserve Chairman Kevin Warsh said yesterday that high inflation in the world’s largest economy was “concerning,” as he opened a key central bankers’ meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

“On the price-stability side of our mandate, the numbers are more concerning,” said Warsh, according to prepared remarks. He added that he would be “hard pressed” to describe current financial conditions as “restrictive,” a potential hint that interest rate hikes could be on the horizon.

The US central bank has missed its long-term two-percent target for inflation for more than five years, with the latest measure of the Fed’s preferred gauge coming in at 3.7% this week.

Warsh, who has been reticent



US Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent speaks during a press conference in Washington, DC

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to share his views on the economy since he took office, said that the central bank’s “predominant focus right now should be on prices.” “We must be confident that underlying inflation is moving to our objective, clearly and at sufficient speed. Otherwise, we have work to do,” he said.

The Fed has held rates steady through 2026, but a growing faction of policymakers have called for interest rate hikes to combat inflation fueled by US President Donald Trump’s war on Iran and his tariff policies.

At its last meeting in July, the Fed once again held rates, but a quarter of voting members on the rate-setting committee dissented, calling for an imme-

diate hike.

Warsh had positives to note elsewhere in his economic outlook, however.

“I am impressed by the overall performance of the economy, which appears to have strengthened,” he said, noting metrics in business capital expenditures, corporate earnings and consumer spending.

The Fed has a dual mandate to keep long-term inflation to its two-percent target while also delivering maximum employment.

Unemployment has remained relatively steady in the United States over the last year, despite seesawing job growth numbers -- mainly due to demographic

shifts driven by an aging population and lower net immigration.

“On the employment side of the Fed’s dual mandate, our country is doing well,” said Warsh, noting he believed the current unemployment level of 4.1 percent was “consistent with full employment.”

Warsh’s speech also spoke of the effects of Artificial Intelligence technology on the US economy, calling the moment “a hinge point in history.”

The central bank has been investigating the effect of AI on productivity and jobs through a task force formed by Warsh after he took office earlier this year. Notably, Fed Chair Warsh’s speech made no mention of the central bank’s independence, which has been under unprecedented attack by Trump since the latter took office last year.

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Earlier this month, Trump again tried to remove Fed Governor Lisa Cook, while repeatedly attacking her predecessor, Jerome Powell, and pushing for lower interest rates despite high inflation

Canada’s economy rebounds with 3.3% 2nd quarter growth

AFP | Montreal, Canada

Canada’s economy saw vigorous second-quarter growth, in part due to strong exports, demonstrating resilience during the accelerating trade war with the United States, data showed Friday.

According to the Canadian statistical agency, this strong economic recovery was driven notably by a 3.6% rise in second quarter exports, the sharpest increase since the first quarter of 2023.

The biggest addition came from a 27% surge in exports of motor vehicles and light trucks.

An upward revision to GDP figures for the first quarter showed 0.3% growth, rather

than a 0.1% contraction on the back of the 1% decline in the final quarter of last year.

This means the country did not in fact experience a technical recession, which is defined as two consecutive quarterly contractions.

The robust figures come as Canada is confronting its much larger neighbor in a trade war launched by President Donald Trump.

Talks collapsed at the last minute last week, prompting the two longtime allies to slap tit-for-tat tariffs on each other.

Nearly 60% of Canadian imports come from the United States, while about 70% of Canada’s exports head to its neighbor.

Japan spent record \$96 bn in yen interventions: ministry

AFP | Tokyo, Japan

Japan spent 15.4 trillion yen (\$96 billion) to boost the yen between late July and late August, the finance ministry said yesterday, the largest monthly intervention on record.

The Bank of Japan intervenes in the market under the instruction of the ministry to ease economic damage from sharp fluctuations in exchange rates.

The yen has been weakening because of the gap between Japanese and US interest rates, high oil prices and concerns about Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi’s spending plans fur-



ther swelling Tokyo’s enormous debts.

The finance ministry data released on Friday showed that the market interventions happened between July 30 and August 26, but did not specify exact dates.

On July 31, Tokyo and Washington carried out their first joint intervention in 28 years to boost the yen that had hit a four-decade low.

US President Donald Trump confirmed the concerted action aboard Air Force One early this month, calling it a “signal of friendship” with Japan, and “good for the world economy”.

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INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	30.6.26 BHD	31.12.25 BHD
ASSETS		
Cash and other liquid assets	1,338,134	2,317,361
Placements	45,996,866	19,999,083
Loans and advances	2,069,560	2,788,343
Due from related parties	116,172,710	97,333,258
Equipment	235,784	45,082
Other assets	271,619	52,655
Total assets	166,084,673	122,535,782
LIABILITIES		
Deposits from banks	1,311,922	26,131,726
Deposits from customers	59,464,281	68,076,798
Due to related parties	83,702,230	6,673,783
Other liabilities	1,255,385	1,935,959
Total liabilities	145,733,818	102,818,266
HEAD OFFICE ACCOUNT		
Capital funds	20,000,000	20,000,000
Retained earnings / (Accumulated losses)	350,855	(282,484)
Total Head Office account	20,350,855	19,717,516
Total liabilities and Head Office account	166,084,673	122,535,782

INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Six months ended 30.6.26 BHD	Six months ended 30.6.25 BHD
Interest income	2,580,533	1,680,565
Interest expense	1,536,498	891,504
Net interest income	1,044,035	789,061
Net fee and commission (expense) / income	(21,550)	13,030
Net trading income	45,666	-
Foreign exchange income	314,464	254,282
Other income	84,120	12,769
Total income	1,466,735	1,069,142
Staff expenses	186,014	194,344
Premises expenses	19,220	19,180
Depreciation and amortisation	11,898	19,404
Other operating expenses	476,903	261,214
Head office charges	294,257	-
Total operating expenses	988,292	494,142
Net income before provisions	478,443	575,000
Provision charge for expected credit losses	(127,588)	(131,729)
Net income for the period	350,855	443,271
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income	350,855	443,271

INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN HEAD OFFICE ACCOUNT

	Capital funds BHD	Retained earnings BHD	Total BHD
At 1 st January 2026	20,000,000	(282,484)	19,717,516
Transactions with Head Office:			
Reimbursement of losses by Head Office	-	282,484	282,484
	20,000,000	-	20,000,000
Comprehensive income:			
Comprehensive income for the period	-	350,855	350,855
Total comprehensive income	-	350,855	350,855
At 30 th June 2026	20,000,000	350,855	20,350,855
At 1 st January 2025	20,000,000	1,202,384	21,202,384
Transactions with Head Office:			
Transfer of profit to Head Office	-	(1,202,384)	(1,202,384)
Total transactions with Head Office	20,000,000	-	20,000,000
Comprehensive income:			
Comprehensive income for the period	-	443,271	443,271
Total comprehensive income	-	443,271	443,271
At 30 th June 2025	20,000,000	443,271	20,443,271

The interim condensed financial statements have been approved on 20th August 2026 and signed by:-

Mushari AlOtaibi

Asif Saherwala

Acting Head of Retail Banking

Chief Financial Officer - GIB B.S.C. & Group Head of Financial Control

The above has been extracted from the condensed interim financial statements, which have been reviewed by KPMG Fakhro.

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INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Six months ended 30.6.26 BHD	Six months ended 30.6.25 BHD
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income for the period	350,855	443,271
Adjustments for:		
Provision charge for expected credit losses	127,588	131,729
Depreciation	11,898	19,405
Operating income before changes in operating assets and liabilities	490,341	594,405
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Statutory deposit with the Central Bank	658,000	(67,000)
Loans and advances	591,195	(2,642,524)
Due from related parties	(18,839,452)	(4,007,285)
Other assets	(218,964)	54,594
Deposits from banks	(24,819,804)	-
Deposits from customers	(8,612,517)	3,769,785
Due to related parties	77,028,447	10,460,146
Other liabilities	(680,574)	3,588,398
Net cash flows from operating activities	25,596,672	11,750,519
INVESTING ACTIVITY		
Additions to equipment	(202,600)	-
Net cash flows used in investing activity	(202,600)	-
FINANCING ACTIVITY		
Reimbursement of loss / transfer of (profit) from / to Head Office	282,484	(1,202,384)
Net cash flows from / (used in) financing activity	282,484	(1,202,384)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	25,676,556	10,548,135
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 st January	20,988,444	25,039,495
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 th June	46,665,000	35,587,630

Below is a reconciliation between cash and other liquid assets as presented in the statement of financial position to the cash and cash equivalents balances:

	Six months ended 30.6.26 BHD	Six months ended 30.6.25 BHD
Cash and balances with banks	1,338,134	1,963,630
Less: statutory deposits with central banks	(670,000)	(1,076,000)
Add: placements with original maturities of less than three months	45,996,866	34,700,000
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 th June	46,665,000	35,587,630

Syria president
appoints
Kurdish leader
Mazloum Abdi
as his adviser
AFP | Damascus

Syrian President Ahmed Sal-Sharaa appointed Kurdish leader Mazloum Abdi as a presidential adviser, state media said yesterday, days after Abdi announced the dissolution of his Kurdish forces under an integration deal with Damascus.

“Mustafa Khalil Abdi is appointed as adviser to the presidency of the republic,” announced the decree, signed by Sharaa and published by state news agency SANA.

Abdi, who has been known by several different names, was for years the leader of the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), the Washington-backed group at the forefront of the battle against the ISIS group.

Ship pays
record \$5.3
mn to pass
through
Panama Canal:
administrator
AFP | Panama City

A ship carrying liquefied petroleum gas has paid \$5.3 million for priority passage through the Panama Canal, the waterway’s deputy administrator, Ilya Espino de Marotta, said.

South Korean company SK Gas paid the record sum for its ship, the G. Spirit, to transit the waterway on September 1, two days before canal authorities reduce the number of transits due to the El Nino phenomenon, Bloomberg reported.

Cambodia
shuts over 700
cyberscam
locations:
government
AFP | Washington

Cambodia said yesterday it had closed more than 700 online scam centres in a crackdown over the past year, detaining nearly 30,000 suspects including a clutch of senior government officials.

The Southeast Asian country has emerged as a hub for crime syndicates running fake romantic relationship and cryptocurrency investment schemes in which scammers -- some willing, others trafficked -- defraud internet users worldwide.

584 dead as Nepal-Tibet flash
flood rescue efforts continue



Workers repair a section of road leading to Gyirong Port which was damaged after a mudslide two days earlier, in Gyirong County, in China’s western Tibet region

● About 2,400 remain missing

● Rescuers search hydropower tunnel

● India offers specialist assistance

TTT | Agencies

Rescue teams searched yesterday for survivors of devastating floods and landslides in Nepal and Tibet as the threat of further flooding and unstable terrain hampered efforts in some of the worst-hit areas.

The latest figures put the death toll at 584, while about 2,400 people remain missing following the disaster, which swept through communities near the Nepal-China border on Wednesday.

The flooding and landslides destroyed homes, roads and bridges and damaged major infrastructure, including hydropower projects in Nepal. Authorities have warned that continued rain and unstable debris could trigger further flooding and landslides.

In Nepal, army teams were searching for more than 100 people believed to be trapped inside a tunnel at the Trishuli 3A hydropower project in Rasuwa district. Two military helicopters were sent to the area, but rescuers faced difficulties locating tunnel entrances amid widespread destruction.

Nepal’s army said about 350 people had already been rescued from the site under difficult conditions.

India offered to send a specialised tunnel rescue team, drawing on its experience in complex underground operations. New Delhi also said it would provide a medical team and engineers with a portable Bailey bridge.

The scale of damage to Nepal’s power infrastructure was also emerging. The Nepal Electricity Authority said 11 hydropower stations and one solar power station had stopped operating, representing a combined capacity of 431.1 megawatts. Fifteen hydropower projects under construction were also damaged.

Across the border in Tibet, Chinese authorities said rescue operations were complicated by the risk of further flooding from a lake formed by debris upstream of the worst-hit areas.

Rescue operations were temporarily suspended because of concerns that the lake could overflow, although state media later reported that water levels were falling and the immediate risk was easing.

NEPAL-TIBET DISASTER

TSUNAMI-LIKE FLOOD DEVASTATES BORDER REGION

More than **2,400** people are missing and at least **584** were confirmed dead after a devastating, tsunami-like wall of water gouged a path through the border region between Nepal and Tibet, sweeping away entire villages.

Here are the latest developments after Wednesday’s disaster:

THE HUMAN TOLL

CONFIRMED DEAD
584
(547 in Nepal + 5 in Tibet)

Total confirmed dead as of 28 August 2025

MISSING
2,400+
Across Nepal & Tibet, including hundreds of foreigners

1 RESCUERS REACH TIBET EPICENTRE

Rescuers in the autonomous Chinese region of Tibet reached on Friday the main area wiped out by the devastating mudslide, Chinese state media reported.

“At approximately 4:30 pm (0830 GMT) on 28 August, six members of the first response team from the Fire and Rescue Corps of Tibet and 15 members and one dog from the first response team of the Fire and Rescue Corps of Sichuan arrived at the border area... They are the first professional teams to reach the core rescue site,” state news agency Xinhua reported.

2 DEATH TOLL HITS 584

Nepal’s police announced a new death toll of at least 547 people.

Chinese state media has confirmed at least five dead on the Tibet side, taking the total overall to 584.

More than **2,400** people are still missing in total on both sides of the border, including hundreds of foreigners.

3 NEW FLOODS RISK

- Nepal issued a warning to move to higher ground after a dam in Tibet was reported to have burst.
- China also halted rescue efforts, with state media saying a lake formed by immense piles of debris had begun overflowing.
- State media later said the risk from that lake was “decreasing” and rescue operations were proceeding “in an orderly manner”.
- It was not immediately clear if the lake was the same as a debris dam that Nepalese authorities warned had burst.

4 NEPAL APPEALS FOR AID

Nepal appealed Friday for international financial assistance, but said it was coping without foreign rescue teams.

“It is not that we will not need help, but our security network is capable and working effectively right now.”

— Lok Bahadur Chhetri, Foreign Ministry Spokesman

Chinese President Xi Jinping offered Beijing’s help Friday.

5 STRANDED TOURISTS EVACUATED

Rescuers have evacuated 555 stranded tourists from Tibet, Chinese state media reported.

State broadcaster CCTV said that 499 local residents, as well as 555 tourists, had been transported out of the disaster zone as of Friday morning.

It did not specify the tourists’ nationalities.

6 100 TRAPPED IN TUNNEL

The Nepali military has located people trapped in the tunnel of Trishuli 3A hydropower project, where they were working to find a way in to bring out the survivors.

“Two helicopters have been dispatched but it is challenging because it is tough to even locate the entry points of the tunnel,” army spokesman Raja Ram Basnet told AFP.

Some 350 workers and residents have been brought to safety from the site, he added, but efforts were ongoing to rescue more than 100 people trapped in the same area.

7 BODIES FOUND DOWNSTREAM

In India, authorities said they had recovered seven bodies from rivers flowing from Nepal, believed to be flood victims.

porarily suspended because of concerns that the lake could overflow, although state media later reported that water levels were falling and the immediate risk was easing.

China’s President Xi Jinping called for intensified rescue and relief efforts and offered assistance to Nepal.

The disaster has also disrupted travel along a major pilgrimage

route to Mount Kailash, with tourists and pilgrims among those reported missing. Authorities in Tibet said hundreds of people had been evacuated from affected areas.

Trump orders Lake Ontario to be renamed ‘Lake America’

AFP | Washington

US President Donald Trump ordered Lake Ontario to be renamed “Lake America” as he escalated his trade war with Canada, sparking immediate pushback from Ottawa.

Trump stepped up his trolling of Canada by signing an executive order changing the name of the body of water on the border between the North American neighbors.

But Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney swiftly rejected Trump’s move, saying it would be called Lake Ontario “then, now and always.”

The volatile US leader’s move comes after US-Canada trade talks collapsed at the last minute last week, prompting the two



US President Donald Trump (L), alongside Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum, displays an executive order he signed that aims to rename Lake Ontario to Lake America

longtime allies to slap tit-for-tat tariffs on each other.

“We’re going to be changing the name of Lake Ontario effec-

tive immediately to Lake America,” the 80-year-old Republican told journalists as he signed the order at the White House.

Asked by an AFP reporter why he was targeting an ally for punishment instead of America’s adversaries, Trump replied: “The Canadian officials have treated us very badly. They’re nasty people.”

Behind Trump’s desk in the Oval Office were two maps -- one with the words “Lake America” in red over the lake, and the other with the header, “Making the Great Lakes Even Greater.”

Canada strikes back

Lake Ontario is the smallest by surface area of the five Great Lakes, which straddle the bor-

der between the United States and Canada. It borders the Canadian province of Ontario and the US state of New York.

The name change mirrors Trump’s unilateral altering of the name of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America in January 2025 -- a move Mexico has also rejected.

Carney retorted that the name of the lake was 400 years old -- predating the formation of both the United States and Canada -- and came from an Indigenous word meaning “the lake is beautiful, the lake is big.”

“We know that America is changing,” he said in a post on X. “Canadians also know that naming reality means calling it Lake Ontario -- then, now and always.”

1526

Battle of Mohács: In a decisive battle, the Kingdom of Hungary is conquered by the Ottoman Empire led by Suleiman the Magnificent



1825

Portugal recognizes the independence of its former colony Brazil

1842

United Kingdom and China sign the Treaty of Nanking, ending the First Opium War

1949

Soviet Union secretly performs its first successful nuclear weapons test at the Semipalatinsk Test Site in northeast Kazakhstan

King Harald, ‘symbol’ of Norway, dead at 89

Haakon automatically becomes Norway’s new monarch



Mourners lay flowers, candles and Norwegian flags as they gather to pay tribute to King Harald V of Norway who passed away, at the Royal Palace square in Oslo

● Norway mourns its longtime monarch

● Palace flag falls half-mast

● Harald ruled since 1991

AFP | Oslo

Norway’s King Harald has died aged 89, the palace said yesterday, his 53-year-old son Crown Prince Haakon automatically succeeding him on the throne.

“It is with deep sadness that we announce that His Majesty King Harald passed away today. King Harald passed away peacefully at Oslo University Hospital yesterday, August 28 at 6:35 am,” (0435 GMT) it said in a statement.

The flag at the royal palace in Oslo was lowered to half-mast, as crowds streamed to the palace courtyard to pay their respects.

Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store said he had received the news with “deep sorrow”.

“An entire nation mourns, and at the same time remains profoundly grateful for a long life devoted to Norway,” he said in a statement.

“King Harald loved Norway. And Norway loved its king.”

‘Down-to-earth’

Hundreds of flowers had already been laid outside the palace the day before, after it announced the king was in “extremely serious” condition in hospital.

“Of course it’s sad. He’s a symbol of our country. And naturally, it’s sad when something so beautiful comes to an end,” 36-year-old Maja Otvik told AFP in front of the palace.

Vigdis Haug, 65, said she had valued Harald’s ability to unify people.

“I think he has been such a

words he always uses when he gives a speech are so wise and so valuable,” she said.

Haug and others AFP spoke to pointed in particular to Harald’s speech after the neo-Nazi Anders Behring Breivik claimed 77 lives in twin attacks on July 22, 2011, in Norway’s worst massacre since World War II.

Neighbouring Sweden’s King Carl XVI Gustaf called him “an outstanding representative of his country. He gave ‘All for Norway,’” referring to Harald’s royal motto.

Denmark’s King Frederik meanwhile called the late monarch “an extraordinary man”.

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Harald repeatedly ruled out abdication, saying he had taken a lifelong oath before Norway’s parliament

down-to-earth king who has cared about all of us, and the

UK’s King Charles mourns loss of ‘dear cousin’ Harald



Britain’s King Charles III (centre) and King Harald (second left)

The UK’s King Charles III yesterday mourned the loss of his “dear cousin” King Harald of Norway, paying tribute to a “towering figure” who guided his country with “warmth and humility”.

“It is with the most profound sadness that my wife and I have learned of the death of my dear cousin, King Harald V of Norway,” the British monarch said in a statement.

“For 35 years, King Harald served his people with unwavering dedication, guiding

Norway through times of great change with warmth and humility,” he said.

The two men were second cousins once removed, both being descendants of Britain’s King Edward VII.

“As Norway mourns the loss of so towering a figure, my whole family join in remembering a much-loved kinsman and friend whose kindness, compassion and deep sense of duty echoed from across the sea and across the decades,” the king said in a statement.

Bahrain’s Future Skyline Needs to be Green



KOTA SRIRAJ

Bahrain’s Economic Vision 2030 was launched in 2008 as a national strategy to shift the country from an oil-dependent economy to a competitive, environmentally sustainable, and private-sector-led market. As a part of this, Bahrain’s construction sector has rapidly grown to keep pace with the vision. Currently, Bahrain construction market is valued at approximately USD 3.3 billion in 2026 and is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of around 4.13% to 5% through 2031. The sector plays an important role in vision 2023 as it accounts for roughly 7.6 per cent of Bahrain’s real GDP and employs nearly 24 per cent of the private sector labor force.

The construction sector and the building material manufacturers in Bahrain today primarily focus on the use of concrete masonry blocks and interlocking concrete paving bricks for general construction along with specialised refractory bricks for heavy industry. However, as a part of the economic vision 2030, Bahrain must ensure that its future skyline is eco-friendly and to enable that the carbon heavy footprint of concrete blocks and paver bricks need to make way for sustainable and green building materials. Bahrain can indeed be a nation that sets the benchmark in Middle East and across the world for making eco-friendly building materials mandatory at least in a phase-wise manner.

Currently, Bahrain heavily incentivises and regulates sustainable concrete and material usage through the Bahrain Green Building Code. Although this has spurred green buildings and construction practices, Bahrain can further increase sustainability in the sector by regulating the use of carbon heavy Portland cement. In this regard, Bahrain can explore substituting part of the conventional cement-based system with alkali-activated binders. This could help lower the environmental impact of construction materials. Scientists at the University of Sharjah have developed an eco-friendly method to turn desert sand into high-performance construction bricks without using carbon-heavy Portland cement. The scientists used a process that combined raw desert sand with alkali-activated binders made from industrial by-products like fly ash and blast-furnace slag.

Yet another new concept in building material is Mycelium Bricks. Fungal mycelium grown on agricultural waste creates lightweight, highly efficient natural insulation blocks and replaces heavy, polluting cement used in concrete blocks. Similarly, Bahrain can also explore other avenues too such as Hempcrete. Hemp fibres mixed with water and lime is being used to create Hempcrete, a bio-composite. Hempcrete is light weight having excellent insulation and thermal properties that eliminates carbon during its production making it an ideal sustainable building material.

Additionally, Bahrain can encourage the use of recycled steel for structural material for buildings. This reduces steel demand, therefore production and thus reduces carbon load on environment. Similarly, low emission glass can be used on a large scale whenever building elevation and design is being planned. Low emission glass has a microscopic transparent coating on it that controls heat flow which enhances energy performance of the windows thereby reducing air-conditioning needs and thus controlling the carbon emissions. Bahrain can create an Environmental Signature Skyline that is eco friendly.

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New Israeli strikes kill five in Gaza, authorities say

AFP | Gaza City

Israeli strikes killed five people in Gaza yesterday, authorities in the Palestinian territory said, in the latest day of attacks despite international appeals to move ahead on a peace plan.

The civil defense agency, which serves as a rescue service under Hamas, said that the bodies of three people were recovered in pieces after Israeli strikes in the town of Al-Qarara, east of Khan Younis.

Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis named the three people and said they all belonged to the same family, with two aged 42 and one aged 28.

Gaza authorities later reported two additional deaths, including in a drone attack near Gaza City.

The latest deaths came the same day that Israel carried out a rare airstrike in the occupied West Bank, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu saying it killed fighters planning attacks from Palestinian territory.



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It is with great sadness I learnt of the passing of HM King Harald V. My first thoughts go to a nation in grief, to the Royal Family and the people of Norway. King Harald was truly the people’s King, a lifelong defender of freedom and champion of an open Norwegian democracy and society. I wish the Norwegian nation strength at this difficult time.

@kajakallas

02



We’re working hard across the humanitarian community to protect lives after ferocious floods left hundreds killed. In Nepal, UN and NGO teams are moving food, medicine and shelter to communities.

@UNReliefChief

03



#AtlasIAEA is ready to sail. Now it’s time for all hands on deck for a safe, secure and safeguarded nuclear future at sea.

@rafaelmgrossi

04



Economic security is national security. @POTUS is reindustrializing, reshoring, hardening our supply chains, and harnessing the resources of our Hemisphere to power America’s economy.

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6,000 seafarers and 400 ships stranded in Strait of Hormuz

Around 6,000 seafarers aboard 400 ships remain stranded in the Strait of Hormuz, as the ongoing war continues to disrupt maritime traffic through one of the world's most important trade and energy routes, the head of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) said Friday.

IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez, speaking to CBS, said the conflict was causing significant disruption to international shipping and critical supply chains, with consequences extending well beyond the Middle East.

The Strait of Hormuz is a vital route for global energy shipments, carrying large volumes of oil and liquefied nat-



ural gas between the Gulf and international markets. Disruptions in the waterway can therefore affect fuel supplies, shipping costs and commodity prices worldwide.

Dominguez warned that continued restrictions on maritime traffic could create broader economic consequences if vessels and crews remain unable to move safely through the strategic passage.

The situation has also placed thousands of seafarers in difficult conditions, with ships unable to continue their journeys amid ongoing security concerns.

The IMO has repeatedly stressed the need to protect seafarers and maintain safe passage through international waterways, particularly as geopolitical tensions increasingly affect global maritime trade.

Saudi Crown Prince receives written message from Bangladesh PM

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has received a written message from Bangladeshi Prime Minister Tarique Rahman concerning bilateral relations and ways to further strengthen cooperation between the two countries.

The message was received on Thursday by Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan during a meeting with Bangladesh's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Humayun Kabir, according to the Saudi Press Agency.

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the 23rd extraordinary session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Jeddah.

During the meeting, the two sides reviewed Saudi-Bangladesh relations and discussed



Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan receives the message from Bangladeshi State Minister for Foreign Affairs Humayun Kabir.

opportunities to enhance cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

They also exchanged views on regional and international developments and issues of common concern.

The meeting reflects contin-

ued efforts by Riyadh and Dhaka to strengthen their bilateral partnership and expand cooperation on matters of shared interest, while supporting broader coordination within the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.

Kuwait explores alternative oil export routes with Saudi Arabia and UAE

Kuwait is exploring alternative routes for exporting its crude oil as disruptions to shipping through the Strait of Hormuz prompt Gulf countries to reassess their energy infrastructure.

According to Reuters, the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) is in discussions with Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates about expanding existing pipeline networks to accommodate additional Kuwaiti crude exports.

The initiative aims to reduce Kuwait's dependence on the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial energy route through which a significant share of global oil shipments has traditionally passed.

The disruption caused by the Iran war has affected regional trade and energy flows, with shipping activity through the waterway remaining heavily



impacted for much of the past six months.

The discussions form part of wider efforts by Gulf states to strengthen the resilience of their trade and energy networks. Countries in the region are considering increased investment in oil pipelines, ports, railways and other infrastructure that could provide alternative routes for moving energy and goods.

For Kuwait, developing addi-

tional export options could provide greater flexibility during future disruptions and reduce the risks associated with relying heavily on a single maritime chokepoint.

The broader infrastructure push reflects growing efforts across the Gulf to strengthen supply chains, protect energy exports and ensure continued access to international markets during periods of regional instability.

UAE presidential adviser says realistic assessment of negotiating leverage is key to protecting national interests

Diplomacy and negotiation require a careful balance between flexibility and firmness in protecting national interests, UAE Presidential Diplomatic Adviser Dr Anwar Mohammed Gargash said on Friday.

In a post on X, Gargash

stressed that successful negotiations depend on a realistic assessment of the leverage available to each side, rather than exaggeration or escalation.

He warned that diplomatic efforts can falter when negotiators misjudge the balance of power or fail to understand the

circumstances they face.

Gargash said effective diplomacy requires realism, measured performance and a clear understanding of national interests, concluding with a proverb urging negotiators to avoid being either too rigid or too yielding.

The Buzz

Avengers, Assemble Again!

‘Endgame Encore’ will feature new footage, a special introduction and a new post-credits scene

Marvel fans are getting another chance to experience one of the biggest films in cinema history as ‘Avengers: Endgame’ returns to theatres worldwide on September 25 in a special ‘Avengers: Endgame Encore’ edition.

FACT BOX

1 SCREENX EXPERIENCE
Experience *Avengers: Endgame* in ScreenX, an immersive 270° panoramic format that extends selected scenes from the main screen onto the theatre's side walls.

2 EXCLUSIVE FIRST LOOK
The Encore edition includes an exclusive first look at *Avengers: Doomsday*, giving fans a glimpse of what's coming next in the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

will return with upgraded visuals, new footage connected to the upcoming ‘Avengers: Doomsday’, a custom introduction and a new post-credits scene. Marvel has also released a new trailer announcing the theatrical return.

For audiences looking for a more immersive experience, the film will also be available in premium formats including Infinity Vision-certified screens and ScreenX. ScreenX expands the movie beyond the main screen onto the auditorium's side walls, creating a 270-degree panoramic viewing experience. Infinity Vision is a premium cinema certification covering larger, brighter and more immersive presentations, including ScreenX auditoriums.

The Encore edition runs for approximately 3 hours and 5 minutes, with additional



Endgame to Doomsday. Audiences watching in select premium formats will also receive an additional Doomsday sneak peek.

Directed by Anthony and Joe Russo, Endgame concluded the Infinity Saga following the devastating events of Avengers: Infinity War. The film brought together the surviving Avengers for a final battle against Thanos and became a global box-office phenomenon, earning more than \$2.799 billion worldwide.

With Avengers: Doomsday scheduled for December, the Encore release gives fans a chance to revisit the story — this time with a few new pieces of

material designed to connect the Marvel puzzle.

Released in 2019, Endgame

‘Transformers’ voice legend Peter Cullen dies at 85

Canadian actor was best known as the iconic voice of Optimus Prime for more than four decades

Canadian voice actor Peter Cullen, best known for giving life to the heroic Autobot leader Optimus Prime in the Transformers franchise, has died at the age of 85.

Cullen died on Wednesday at his home in Los Angeles, his agent Kevin Motley confirmed. His family said he passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones. No cause of death has been disclosed.

Cullen first voiced Optimus Prime in the original

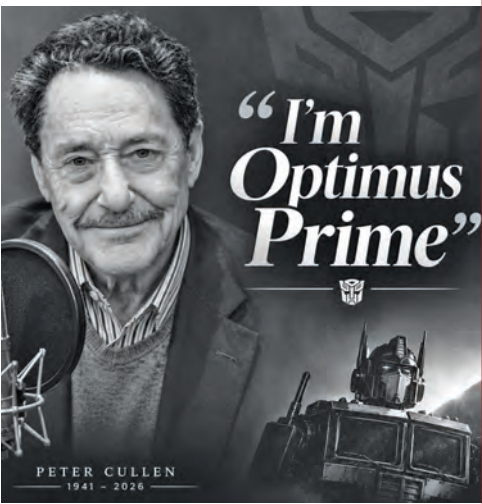
animated series The Transformers, which debuted in 1984. His deep and commanding voice became closely associated with the character, and he later returned as Optimus Prime for Michael Bay's live-action film series beginning in 2007. He continued voicing the character across subsequent films and other Transformers projects, including Rise of the Beasts in 2023.

Beyond Transformers, Cullen was widely recognised

as the voice of Eeyore in the Winnie the Pooh franchise. His other credits included KARR in Knight Rider and vocal effects for the creature in the 1987 film Predator.

Born in Montreal, Cullen built a career spanning decades and became one of the most recognisable voices in animation and popular culture.

His family has asked fans to honour his legacy through compassion, integrity and service to others.



‘The Incredibles 3’ puts the Parr kids in the spotlight

The Parr family is heading back into action as Pixar has revealed new details about ‘The Incredibles 3’, with the next generation of superheroes set to take centre stage.

The film was among the major announcements at Disney's D23 Entertainment Showcase in Anaheim, where Pixar Chief Creative Officer Pete Docter offered fans an early look at the upcoming sequel. The third instalment is scheduled to arrive in cinemas in June 2028.

This time, the story will place Violet and Dash at the heart of the action. The siblings are eager to prove that they are ready to become fully fledged superheroes, but their parents are not convinced. The two begin secretly

heading out at night to protect the city, creating new problems for the family.

Their younger brother Jack-Jack is also expected to play an important role, with the family struggling to control his increasingly unpredictable powers.

The return of superheroes has also created a new challenge for Mr Incredible and the rest of the family. A new Superhero League is being established now that superheroes are once again legal, bringing a new generation of powered individuals into the world.

But not every superhero will necessarily be a hero. Pixar has teased a powerful new supervillain who is described as being more powerful than

the entire Parr family and other superheroes combined. The villain's identity has not yet been revealed.

‘The Incredibles 3’ will continue the story of the Parr family more than a decade after the original 2004 film and ten years after Incredibles 2. The first sequel

became one of Pixar's biggest box-office successes, while the franchise remains one of the studio's most popular superhero properties.



With Violet, Dash and Jack-Jack taking a bigger role, the third film looks set to pass the superhero spotlight to the next generation of the Parr family.

‘Toy Story 5’ to arrive on Disney+ in September

Pixar's beloved toy characters are returning to screens as ‘Toy Story 5’ arrives on Disney+ on September 23. The film, released in cinemas in June, continues the adventures of Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Jessie, Rex and the rest of the gang after the events of Toy Story 4.

This time, the toys face a new challenge: technology. Bonnie, now

eight, gets a tablet named Lilypad, creating a clash between digital entertainment and traditional play.

The film explores themes of technology versus imagination, loneliness and belonging, while taking Bonnie and her toys into new environments, including school and playdates.

New characters, including Blaze,

also join the adventure alongside the returning favourites.

Ahead of the streaming release, Disney+ has premiered a music video featuring Taylor Swift's ‘I Knew It, I Knew You’ from the film's soundtrack.

All previous Toy Story films and related content are also available on Disney+.



‘Emily in Paris’ to end with Season 6, premiering December 24

Final chapter takes Emily Cooper to Greece and Monaco as Netflix unveils first-look images

Netflix has confirmed that ‘Emily in Paris’ will return for its sixth and final season on December 24, 2026, bringing Lily Collins' fashion-loving marketing executive Emily Cooper back for one last European adventure.

The final season will continue the series' mix of romance, career challenges, friendship and glamorous travel, with the story moving beyond Paris to Greece and Monaco before returning to the French capital. Netflix has released a new set of first-look photographs offering a glimpse of Emily's adventures in Greece.

The new images also hint at the return of Gabriel, Emily's longtime love interest. At the end of Season 5, Gabriel invited Emily to join him on a yacht in Greece after learning that she was single. The new season appears set to explore whether their complicated relationship could take another turn.



Meanwhile, Emily's best friend Mindy faces her own romantic complications after becoming engaged to Nicolas, while Alfie remains in the picture.

Series creator Darren Star has described the final season as the biggest Emily in Paris experience yet, with multiple European locations adding to the show's travel-driven appeal.

After six seasons, Emily's Paris story is finally heading toward its last chapter — but not before one more stylish trip across Europe.

San Francisco turns into a Pokémon paradise as Worlds 2026 and PokémonXP begin



San Francisco has transformed into a giant Pokémon celebration as the 2026 Pokémon World Championships and PokémonXP officially get underway, bringing thousands of players and fans to the city from August 28 to 30.

The main competitions are taking place at the Moscone Center, where top players from around the world are battling for World Championship titles across the Pokémon Trading Card Game, video games, Pokémon GO and Pokémon UNITE. The combined prize pool exceeds \$2 million.

Adding to the excitement is PokémonXP, a new fan-focused event running alongside the championships. It offers workshops, panels, interactive experiences, merchandise and activities designed for Pokémon fans beyond the competitive arena.

Howard Street becomes Rayquaza Road

One of the most visible transformations has taken place on Howard Street beside the Moscone Center. The road has temporarily been renamed ‘Rayquaza Road’, featuring

Pokémon-themed photo opportunities, food vendors, product demonstrations and special displays.

Fans can help create a life-sized LEGO Rayquaza, while full-scale models of Koraidon and Miraidon are also among the attractions.

The Pokémon celebration has also reached Oracle Park, where Pokémon-themed activities and a drone show added to the opening festivities.

A major moment for competitive Pokémon

The 2026 championships also mark the competitive debut of Pokémon Champions, adding another major title to the tournament lineup. The event is expected to bring nearly 3,000 competitors to San Francisco.

With competitions, fan experiences, exclusive merchandise, cosplay, panels and Pokémon-themed attractions spread across downtown San Francisco, the city is effectively becoming a Pokémon hub for the weekend.

The event runs through August 30, with the championship finals scheduled at Chase Center on Sunday.

‘Find your own room’: Japan says can’t handle added Asian Games numbers



Torch relay ignites for 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya

AFP | Tokyo

Japanese organisers have told late additions to next month’s Asian Games to find their own accommodation, saying they don’t have the money or space to deal with ballooning participant numbers.

About 15,000 athletes and officials were initially expected at the Games, which are being held in Nagoya and the wider Aichi area from September 19 to October 4.

That was already more than the Olympics, but the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) last week put the number at 17,000 -- 11,000 athletes and 6,000 officials.

There is no dedicated athletes’ village, organisers instead relying on a cruise ship, temporary wooden containers and hotels.

In March, the OCA added tennis and padel to the sporting programme.

Organising committee president Hideaki Omura told reporters that they had “neither the manpower nor the budget to make the necessary arrangements” for extra participants.

“The host city agreement specifies a delegation of 15,000 people,” Omura, who also serves as the governor of Aichi Prefecture, said this week.

“We have not set aside a budget for any more than that. There is simply nowhere for them to stay.”

Organisers have opted for temporary athlete accommodation to cut costs, hiring the Italian cruise ship Costa Serena for the event.

Between 4,000 and 5,000 athletes will stay on the ship, while a further 2,000 athletes and officials will stay in the shipping container-style huts.

The rest will be in hotels, including in Tokyo, where swimming, diving and equestrian events will take place.

Muharraq Held by Al Ahli in Bahrain Clasico

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Champions Muharraq were forced to settle for a 1-1 draw with old rivals Al Ahli in the Bahraini Clasico yesterday night after the sides traded control of a draining season opener at Bahrain National Stadium.

Sayyed Hashim Isa put Al Ahli ahead in the 27th minute before Abdulwahab Al Malood struck in the 43rd, scoring the Wolf’s first goal of the new Nasser bin Hamad Premier League campaign.

Al Ahli had the better of the first half and could have gone into the break ahead by far more. They ruled midfield, created three clear chances in addition to the goal and repeatedly found room through Miguel Correa on the flank and Hashim Isa through the middle.

Muharraq made little in reply until Al Malood drew them level shortly before half-time.

The mood then turned heated. Al Ahli coach Jorvan Vieira, who had already been booked, was shown a red card in first-half stoppage time after protesting refereeing decisions following Muharraq’s equaliser.

The balance of the match swung after the break. Heavy humidity and heat began to

take their toll on Al Ahli, while Muharraq took charge and pushed for a winner.

The champions passed up four chances in the second half, with Da Costa Junior wasting one of the best in the 76th minute as Al Ahli dug in to protect their point.

There was lengthy added time at both ends of the match, with the referee allowing nine minutes beyond the 45 in each half.

The draw leaves both clubs with one point from the opening round. Muharraq came into the new season after winning a second straight league crown last term, taking their record tally to 35, before adding the King’s Cup to complete the domestic double.

The match also marked a long-awaited return for Bahrain goalkeeper Ebrahim Lutfallah, who started for Al Ahli against Muharraq, the club from whom he is on loan.

Lutfallah had not played a competitive match for 268 days after suffering a knee injury for Bahrain against Iraq in the Arab Cup on 3 December last year. He later underwent surgery followed by months of treatment and rehabilitation.

His comeback carried another twist. Lutfallah was Al Ahli’s hero against Muharraq in the 2024 King’s Cup final,



Muharraq’s Rezende moves possession through midfield

saving their first two penalties as Al Ahli won the shoot-out 4-2 after a 1-1 draw.

Muharraq had since turned the tables, beating Al Ahli 2-1 in last season’s King’s Cup

semi-final on their way to the trophy.

Al Ahli newcomer Miguel Correa was booked in the 15th minute, while Baqer Al Asfour saw yellow in the 70th.

Amil Tutic earns combat sports legend’s nod as Balkan MMA’S next star



Manama

Amil Tutic is beginning to attract the kind of attention that can reshape the trajectory of a promising career.

The Bosnian prospect has already made an impression, but one of the Balkan region’s most celebrated combat sports figures believes his ceiling could be even higher.

Tutic will have another opportunity to build on that momentum on September 5 when he faces hometown favorite Ivan Kiš in a three-round super welterweight bout on the supporting card of BRAVE CF 108 at the legendary Pula Arena in Croatia.

Miran “Slo Rocky” Fabjan

will be among those watching closely.

The Slovenian veteran was recently asked on a podcast who he believes could emerge as the next flag-bearer of Balkan mixed martial arts following his own colorful career in kickboxing and MMA.

His answer was Tutic. “Amil Tutic, probably. He has that feeling... He has something about him,” Fabjan stated.

The endorsement carries added weight because Fabjan has shared the mats with the young Bosnian and has seen firsthand the qualities that are beginning to set him apart from the region’s rising contingent.

The 21-year-old has competed across the welterweight and super welterweight divisions



while representing Bosnia and Herzegovina.

His combat sports foundation was forged in kickboxing, where he competed extensively in point fighting and low kick under the World Association of Kickboxing Organizations.

Since transitioning into the all-encompassing sport, Tutic has broadened his repertoire by incorporating Brazilian jiu-jitsu and judo-based grappling. That blend has produced a multifaceted arsenal, allowing him to pose threats both on the feet and on the canvas.

He first drew wider attention with his BRAVE CF debut in November 2025 when he took on Slovenian standout David Forster. The closely contested encounter went the distance, with Tutic narrowly falling short on

the scorecards.

The setback proved to be only a detour.

The two met again at BRAVE CF 106 this past June, this time in a 77.5-kilogram catchweight contest.

Their rematch unfolded as another grueling three-round affair, but the outcome favored Tutic. He edged Forster by unanimous decision, leveling their series and showcasing the growth made since their initial duel.

More importantly, the victory reinforced his place among BRAVE CF’s bright talents and paved the way for an exclusive multi-fight contract with the promotion.

Now, Tutic heads into BRAVE CF 108 with another chance to build on that ascent.

Juve’s Yildiz to miss ‘several months’ with foot injury



Kenan Yildiz in action (file photo)

AFP | Rome

Turkish attacker Kenan Yildiz will undergo an operation on his foot after picking up an injury during Juventus’s opening match of the Serie A season, club affairs officer Giorgio Chiellini said yesterday.

“There will be official announcements in the coming days, but Kenan is set to undergo surgery and will be out of action for several months,” former Italy international Chiellini told Sky Sport Italia on the sidelines of the Europa League draw.

“It’s a serious injury, but it won’t have a lasting impact on his career.”

Yildiz injured his left foot last Sunday during Juve’s 1-0 away win to newly-promoted

Frosinone, before being substituted in the 69th minute.

According to the Italian press, the 21-year-old has fractured his fifth metatarsal, which will require surgery expected to take place early next week. He is expected to be sidelined for between two to three months.

Yildiz is regarded by Juve as the undisputed star of their team. He scored 10 goals in 36 league matches last season and took part in the 2026 World Cup, where Turkey were knocked out in the group stage.

The Old Lady finished sixth in Serie A last season and this term will play in the league phase of European club football’s second-tier competition against Real Sociedad and Celta Vigo, amongst others.

Bahrain to the World Cup

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

World-bound Bahrain hit back from 15-14 down at half-time to beat Saudi Arabia 30-28 on yesterday, grab a 2027 World Championship place and storm into the Asian youth handball semi-finals in Amman.

Mohammed Al Marzooq was named Man of the Match after helping Bahrain turn the quarter-final around and seal their fifth straight win of the tournament.

The red warriors now face Iran at 6pm Bahrain time on Saturday, with victory sending them into Monday's Asian final.

Saudi Arabia had the edge at the break, but Bahrain came out with far greater bite in the second half. They wiped out the one-goal gap, went in front and held firm in the dying minutes to win by two.

Iran earned their semi-final place with a 36-24 win over Uzbekistan. The sides had been locked at 13-13 at half-time before Iran pulled away.

Bahrain go into Today's clash with a perfect record. Five games. Five wins.



Young warriors celebrate after booking their World Championship spot

They began by crushing India 51-20, then sailed past hosts Jordan 41-19 and saw off Uzbekistan 36-28.

South Korea came next, with Bahrain winning 35-27 after leading 15-11 at the break, before Saudi Arabia became their fifth victim on Yesterday .

Bahrain have scored 193 goals and let in 122 across those five games. Now Iran stand between them and the Asian final.



Ali Hasan muscles through the Saudi defence



Mohammed Al Marzooq collects his Man of the Match award

Bournemouth, Sunderland to face AC Milan in Europa League



UEFA Europa League and Conference League trophies are displayed ahead of the draw

AFP | Monaco

English duo Bournemouth and Sunderland were both handed a glamour tie against AC Milan among their eight matches in the Europa League as the draw for this season's league phase took place yesterday.

Bournemouth are featuring in a continental competition for the first time after finishing sixth in last season's Premier League, and can look forward to hosting seven-time European champions Milan on the south coast of England.

The team coached by Marco Rose will also play home games against Czech club Viktoria Plzen, Sturm Graz of Austria and Israeli champions Hapoel Be'er Sheva.

In addition, they will go to Spain twice to take on Real Sociedad and Celta Vigo, as well as visiting Sparta Prague and last year's Norwegian Cup winners Lillestrom.

Sunderland's seventh-placed finish in last season's Premier League gave them European football for the first time since 1973, and their supporters can

look forward to a trip to San Siro.

They will also visit former UEFA Cup winners Anderlecht, have home games against Dutch side AZ Alkmaar, Dinamo Zagreb and Levski Sofia, and play two Polish clubs in the shape of Jagiellonia Bialystok and Lech Poznan.

In addition, they will visit Torreeense, the tiny second-division side who were shock winners of last season's Portuguese Cup.

Torreeense are from the town of Torres Vedras, 50 kilometres north of Lisbon, but are set to host European matches at the Estadio do Algarve, just outside Faro.

Like their fellow English sides, last season's UEFA Conference League winners Crystal Palace were among the third pot of seeds.

Now coached by Frenchman Pierre Sage, the South London club will face Real Sociedad, Sparta Prague, Lech Poznan and German outfit Hoffenheim at home.

They will go to Lyon, Salzburg and Jagiellonia, and also head to Istanbul to take on Besiktas.

Arteta braced for 'tough' Martinelli, Jesus exits from Arsenal



Gabriel Martinelli and Gabriel Jesus celebrate during a match (file photo)

AFP | London

Mikel Arteta revealed he has had difficult conversations with forwards Gabriel Martinelli and Gabriel Jesus as both Brazilian internationals appear set to depart Arsenal.

"It's inevitable, at some point you need to have certain discussions and say certain things that sometimes are tough," said Arteta.

Martinelli left training early on Thursday amid speculation he is set for a move to

Saudi side Al Hilal for a fee that could reportedly rise to £50million (\$68 million).

"I think everybody knows and recognises how much we love Gabi (Martinelli). Whatever the outcome is, it will be because everybody agrees to that," added Arteta.

Jesus has fallen well down the pecking order during an injury disrupted time in north London and was not even included in training on Thursday as he enters the final 12 months of his contract.

Late Surge Lifts Bahrain Past UAE

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A 30-point fourth-quarter burst carried Bahrain from four points down to an 83-80 win over hosts UAE yesterday, making it two wins from two in the FIBA Asia Cup 2029 Pre-Qualifiers in Dubai.

Trailing 57-53 after three quarters, Bahrain outscored the UAE 30-23 in the last 10 minutes to complete the comeback at Sheikh Saeed bin Maktoum Sports Hall.

Mustafa Rashed led Bahrain with 28 points, five rebounds and five assists. JaKarr Sampson added 21 points and 14 rebounds, while Ahmed Haji scored 19. The trio accounted for 68 of Bahrain's 83 points.

The win took Bahrain to four points from two games after Thursday's 106-62 rout of Oman. The UAE and Kuwait have five points each from three matches, with two wins and one defeat



Ahmed Haji slips past the defence at the rim

apiece.

Bahrain opened a 26-16 lead after the first quarter, but their scoring dried up in the second. They managed only five points as the UAE scored 22 to go into half-time 38-31 ahead.

Bahrain cut the gap after the break, taking the third quarter 22-19 before turning the game in the fourth.

They shot 46 pc from the field, making 31 of 66 attempts, compared with the UAE's 28 from 76 for 36 pc. Bahrain also outrebounded the hosts 48-38 and made 23 of 44 two-point attempts.

Mohammed Buallay collected 10 rebounds, while Bahrain finished with 18 assists and 15 turnovers.

DeMarco Dickerson led the UAE with 27 points, three rebounds and four assists.

Bahrain have Saturday off before facing Nepal on Sunday in their third Group A match.