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### AMF Marks 50 Years



Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa attended the Arab Monetary Fund's (AMF) Golden Jubilee celebration marking 50 years since its establishment. Held under the patronage of UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the event coincided with the 17th Ordinary Session of the Council of Arab Finance Ministers, hosted by the UAE in Abu Dhabi.

### Scent Arabia Returns

Scent Arabia 2026 will return to Bahrain from November 24 to 28 at Exhibition World Bahrain under the patronage of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister. The specialised fragrance exhibition will feature more than 30 perfume brands and companies covering oud, bakhoor, home fragrances, cosmetics, skincare, hair-care and bodycare.

The event will also introduce a new beauty pavilion, expanding its range of products and experiences for visitors.

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## National Unity Key to Bahrain's Resilience

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Bahrain reaffirmed its full support for Saudi Arabia's security and sovereignty, as the Cabinet condemned continued attacks by the Iranian-backed Houthi militia against the Kingdom.

The Cabinet, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, described the attacks as a dangerous escalation and a violation of the UN Charter and international and humanitarian law. It stressed that Saudi Arabia's security is an integral part of Bahrain's national security and backed all measures Riyadh took to protect its territory, citizens and residents.

The Cabinet also reviewed national efforts to address the effects of the Iranian aggression against Bahrain, including compensation for citizens whose homes and vehicles were damaged. It praised the efforts of Bapco Energies and Alba em-



ployees in maintaining operations and supply chains during the crisis.

During the meeting, HRH Prince Salman emphasised that protecting Bahrain's national unity, security, stability and assets is a shared responsibility. He also praised cooperation between the executive and legislative authorities following their joint meeting on national crisis preparedness and service continuity.

The Cabinet further marked World Teachers' Day by commending Bahraini educators for their role in preparing future generations and supporting the Kingdom's development.

### Cabinet Approvals

- Regulating the sale of goods under a restricted retail system.
- Signing an environmental cooperation agreement with Yale University's biodiversity centre.
- Supporting SME guarantees through an agreement with Al Baraka Islamic Bank.
- Setting medical examination rules and procedures for prospective spouses.

### Reports Reviewed

- Interior Minister's official UAE visit.
- Bahrain's participation in the UN pandemic preparedness meeting.
- Participation in the UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.
- Bahrain's participation in the Social Housing Innovation Summit.
- October 2026 ministerial engagements and visits by allied-country ministers.

## Future of Housing in Focus Today

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New housing projects, financing opportunities and expanded options for citizens are set to take centre stage today as the second Housing Innovation Conference and Exhibition 2026 opens at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre.

Held under the patronage of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the five-day event is organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning and Eskan Bank, in cooperation with the GCC General Secretariat. It forms part of the fourth GCC Housing Week, which runs until October 3.

The event is expected to feature the signing of agreements in the housing sector and the announcement of new housing projects and options for citizens. The accompanying exhibition will also offer visitors access to housing projects, locations, details and financing conditions, alongside exclusive offers from participating



A picture from the last year's Housing Innovation Conference and Exhibition

banks and developers.

The conference brings together officials and experts from Bahrain and GCC countries, as well as representatives from government institutions, financial institutions and private developers. Discussions will focus on the future of so-

cial housing, housing finance, private-sector participation, digital transformation, modern construction technologies and the development of integrated urban communities.

The five-day exhibition brings together housing authorities, banks, developers

and home-service providers under one roof, with participating GCC countries also presenting their housing projects and experiences.

Bahrain will additionally host the 24th meeting of GCC Housing Ministers as part of the week's programme.

### Book Highlights Development



Information Minister Dr. Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi received writer and journalist Osama Al Majed, who presented him with a copy of his latest book, "From Vision to Achievement". Dr. Al Noaimi praised the book's focus on Bahrain's development and the national achievements highlighted in its pages.

### Music Festival Returns



Bahrain International Music Festival, organised by the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, begins on October 2. The festival opens with Bahraini artist Khalid Al Sheikh's "Tathakkarni" concert at Bahrain National Theatre, followed by a programme of musical and vocal performances through October and November.

### Bahrain-Indonesia Ties



Indonesia and Bahrain have strengthened more than four decades of relations built on mutual respect, shared values and expanding cooperation, Indonesian Ambassador to Bahrain Ardi Hermawan said during a reception in Manama marking Indonesia's 81st Independence Anniversary.

He invited Bahraini businesses to attend the 41st Trade Expo Indonesia from October 14 to 18, which is expected to feature around 1,500 companies and target transactions worth USD17.5 billion.

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# The Eye Infirmary Achieves NHRA Diamond Accreditation



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Marking 10 years since its inception, The Eye Infirmary has been awarded the prestigious Diamond Accreditation status—the highest tier of national recognition—by the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA). This dual achievement honors both the Seef and Janabiya branches of the specialized eye care center.

The official certificates were presented by Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Al-Ansari, CEO of the NHRA, who praised the vital role of private health institutions in raising service quality, institutional governance, and patient safety across the Kingdom. The NHRA accreditation is granted for four years to anchor principles of quality and excellence.

Statement from Founder & CEO, Dr. Saad Al Khalifa: “Receiving the Diamond

“Receiving the Diamond Accreditation for both our branches is a proud milestone as we celebrate a decade of excellence.”

— DR. SAAD AL KHALIFA, FOUNDER & CEO, THE EYE INFIRMARY



Accreditation for both our branches is a proud milestone as we celebrate a decade of excellence. This double achievement belongs entirely to our remarkable team's dedication and synergy. For 10 years, we have committed to advanced, patient-centric care, and this honor reaffirms that our services align with the highest standards.”

# RHF Starts Jerusalem Education Endowment



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The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) laid the foundation stone for the “Bahrain Endowment for Education and Orphans” project in Jerusalem, in cooperation with the Jerusalem Empowerment and Development Fund.

RHF Acting Secretary-General Eng. Ebrahim Dalhan Aldoseri laid the foundation stone during the Foundation's delegation visit to Jerusalem.

The project follows a coop-

eration agreement between the RHF and the Jerusalem Empowerment and Development Fund and will benefit Dar Al-Tifl Al-Arabi Girls' School in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood.

The endowment aims to support the school's educational and orphan-care services by contributing to its operational costs, expanding educational opportunities and strengthening its ability to continue providing services.

Aldoseri said the project reflects Bahrain's commitment to humanitarian and development initiatives focused on education, orphan care and human development.

He described the project as the first endowment initiative of its kind in Jerusalem, adding that it represents an extension of Bahrain's efforts to support the Palestinian people.

Aldoseri said the initiative reflects the RHF's approach of moving beyond immediate humanitarian assistance towards sustainable development projects designed to create lasting benefits for individuals and communities.

# 289 Spaces Set for Food Trucks

New regulation drive gives operators until January to complete requirements and secure approved locations

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The Northern Municipal Council reviewed new measures to regulate Bahrain's food truck sector, giving operators until January 2027 to meet the required conditions.

Northern Area Municipality Director General Eng. Mohammed Saad Al Sahli said 289 designated spaces have been allocated nationwide for food trucks, with applications for locations handled online.

The sector expanded rapidly during the COVID-19 pandemic, with around 400 commercial registrations issued by January 2022, compared with about 150 trucks registered with the General Directorate of Traffic.

Authorities said the new system will use existing health, Civil Defence, Traffic and municipal requirements rather than introduce additional regulations. Health and Civil Defence inspections will be followed by vehicle checks from Traffic, while municipalities will approve locations after the requirements are completed.

A six-month grace period and awareness campaign are currently under way; compliance will become mandatory afterward.

## Key Issues Discussed at Northern Council Meeting

- Pedestrian safety and the traffic light on Shaikh Hamad Street
- Fatal pedestrian accident in Hamad Town
- Converting unused plots in Aali into public parking
- Registering a Hamad Town park and playground under the municipality's purview
- Maintenance work at Jasra coast and park
- Auction process for abandoned vehicles
- Disputed water bill and service concerns
- Road damage caused by repeated infrastructure works

### Competition

Northern Municipal Council members have raised concerns about competition between established restaurants and independent food truck operators as Bahrain moves to regulate the sector.

Council member Basem Ali Abuidrees questioned the policy allowing some businesses with existing restaurant commercial registrations to operate food trucks.

He argued that small independent operators could face difficulties competing

with larger restaurants with significantly higher revenues and established operations.

Director General confirmed that some commercial registrations currently allow their holders to operate food trucks, noting that the issue of fair competition was separate from the regulatory process.

Members also called for more designated food truck locations, including in Saar and Hamad Town, to reduce the need for operators to travel to locations such as Malkiya and Abu Subh.

# Flooding Problem Enters Ninth Year

Northern Municipal Council members have renewed calls for permanent solutions to flooding problems affecting several areas, saying some locations have remained unresolved for years.

Council member Abdullah Mubarak Al Qubaisi said around 30 flooding points identified over the past eight years still require permanent solutions.

He said authorities continue



Abdullah Mubarak Al Qubaisi

and pumps while the same locations remain affected during heavy rainfall.

Al Qubaisi called for a dedicated budget to address the problem permanently, highlighting areas including Al Lawzi and parts of Hamad Town.

He said the council had been receiving explanations about temporary solutions since 2018 and urged authorities to move towards long-term infrastructure measures.

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## What Happens to Bahrain’s Leftover Food?

Saving Food Before It Reaches the Bin



● **Bahrain throws away more than 400 tonnes of food every day, with daily waste rising to over 600 tonnes during Ramadan.**

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More than 400 tonnes of food are thrown away in Bahrain every day, with the amount rising above 600 tonnes during Ramadan, according to the Supreme Council for Environment.

The scale of household waste is also significant. The UN Environment Programme’s Food Waste Index estimates that Bahrain generates 132kg of household food waste per person each year, the highest figure among Arab countries. The annual waste is estimated at around 146,000 tonnes, with a value of about BD95 million.

Food accounts for around half of the waste deposited at the Askar landfill, highlighting the scale of the challenge.

One of the main efforts to recover edible surplus is led by the Conserving Bounties Society, which operates the Bahrain Food Bank. Established in 2014, the society collects untouched surplus food from hotels, restaurants, supermarkets, weddings and corporate events before repacking and distributing it to families

and low-income workers.

The society rescued 230 tonnes of food last year, compared with 183 tonnes in 2024, working with 66 hotels, restaurants, supermarkets and cafés.

Muharraq Municipality has also joined the effort through an agreement with the society to encourage businesses to donate suitable surplus food. Plans also include converting food unsuitable for redistribution into fertiliser.

Another approach involves surplus food apps, which allow restaurants, cafés and bakeries to sell unsold products at discounts of up to 70 per cent.

While rescue efforts are expanding, reducing waste at its source remains crucial. Buying only what is needed, planning meals, storing food properly and using leftovers can help households reduce the amount reaching landfills.



Members of the Conserving Bounties Society pack untouched surplus food left over from an event

## New Rules Guide Bahrain Staff Probes

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New procedures have been introduced for investigating government employees who are not in senior positions, setting out how investigations should be conducted and the responsibilities of government entities, employees and the Civil Service Bureau.

The Chairman of the Civil Service Bureau, Shaikh Duaij bin Salman Al Khalifa, issued Decision No. (4) of 2026 on Civil Service Instructions for investigation procedures involving employees who are not in senior positions and those considered equivalent.

The instructions aim to organise the work of investigation committees responsible for examining alleged violations by employees.



Shaikh Duaij bin Salman Al Khalifa

They also explain the roles of the investigation committee, the government entity, the Civil Service Bureau and the employee, as well as the safeguards that must be provided to employees during an investigation.

Under the instructions, the Civil Service Bureau will provide technical and legal advice to officials and relevant staff in government entities on how to apply the instructions and the accompanying guide.

Government entities must form an investigation committee through a decision by the competent authority. They must also check the job levels of the committee’s chairperson and members before issuing the decision to form the committee.

The government entity must notify the employee of the decision to investigate and take the necessary action based on the committee’s recommendations, in line with the Civil Service Law and its Executive Regulations.

If the committee recommends a salary deduction of more than one month up to dismissal from service, the employee must be referred to a disciplinary board through a decision issued by the Chairman of the Civil Service Bureau. The referral decision must clearly state the actions

attributed to the employee.

The instructions also require disciplinary penalties to be entered into the Human Resources Management Information System (Horison) after approval by the competent authority.

Employees must cooperate with the investigation committee, including signing to confirm that they have received the notice of their investigation, the violations they are accused of and the date of the investigation. They must also attend when summoned and answer the committee’s questions.

At the end of the investigation, the employee must sign the investigation record. If the employee cannot read or write, their right thumbprint will be used instead of a signature after their statements have been read to them.

## 22 heroin capsules hidden inside body

Asian man gets life sentence and BD10,000 fine

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An Asian man attempted to smuggle 22 capsules filled with heroin into Bahrain after being recruited by an international drug trafficking network, according to case records.

The man arrived in Bahrain by air after agreeing with a person in his hometown

to swallow the capsules and deliver them to another person in Bahrain in return for foreign currency. The person also paid for his flight tickets and accommodation.

Upon his arrival at Bahrain International Airport, the man was stopped and subjected to a detailed inspection through the red channel. He later admitted that he had swallowed the drug capsules.

During medical proce-

dures, he passed 22 capsules containing heroin from his body. Police also found BD275 in his possession.

During questioning, the man said he initially swallowed 16 capsules before taking the remaining capsules. Investigations indicated that he had been recruited to transport the drug shipment to Bahrain for payment.

The Public Prosecution charged him with import-

ing and possessing heroin for the purpose of trafficking without legal authorisation and referred him to the High Criminal Court.

The court sentenced him to life imprisonment, fined him BD10,000 and ordered his permanent deportation after serving his sentence.

The man appealed the ruling before the High Criminal Court of Appeal, which upheld the original judgment.

## MPs Push to Scrap 32-Fils Power Band



Five MPs have lodged a Parliament bid to scrap the 32-fils electricity band charged to Bahrainis in their first home once monthly use passes 7,000 kWh, saying long months of air-conditioning can push families into the top tier.

The plan would make the third band, which starts at 5,001 kWh, the final tier with no upper limit and no rise beyond its 16-fils rate.

The current four-band scale was brought in under a ministerial resolution issued in February. It charges 3 fils per kWh for the first 3,000 kWh, 9 fils from 3,001 to 5,000, 16 fils from 5,001 to 7,000 and 32 fils above 7,000.

The proposal comes from Strategic Thinking Bloc MPs Khalid BuAnaq, Zainab Abdulameer, Ahmed Al Salloom, Hisham Al Awadhi and Mohammed Al Maarifi.

Mr BuAnaq said large families and relatives sharing the same home can also be pushed into the top band because of higher household use.

‘Many Bahraini families see their electricity and water bills jump as soon as they enter the fourth band, leaving them with monthly payments beyond what they can afford,’ he said.



“Electricity bills can surge in the fourth band”

KHALID BUANAQ, MP

He said low- and middle-income families are among those hit when several people live under one roof.

Under the MPs’ plan, all electricity use above 5,001 kWh would stay on the third-band rate of 16 fils per unit.

EWA says government electricity and water support is given to eligible Bahrainis on their primary residence account, subject to its eligibility rules.

Mr BuAnaq said Bahrain’s long hot months mean air conditioners often have to run for long periods.

‘Air conditioning is a basic need for healthy living,’ he said.

The proposal will go before the relevant parliamentary committee for study.

## MPs Focus on Hormuz Economic Impact

Higher shipping, insurance and supply costs caused by disruption in the Strait of Hormuz will be high on Parliament’s economic agenda when MPs return, with further aid possible for businesses hit hardest by the strain.

MP Ahmed Al Salloom, chairman of Parliament’s Financial and Economic Affairs Committee, said the scale and duration of the damage would determine the need for more support.

Any new help, he said, should be tied to real losses, keeping Bahrainis in work and allowing firms to keep trading.

‘If shipping, insurance and supply costs remain high, or some sectors are shown to have been hit harder, there will be a need for further targeted packages based on clear criteria,’ Mr Al Salloom said.

He said the committee had approved a proposal to put BD200 million into the market through banks to help affected sectors and ease pressure on company finances.

The aim, he said, was to give viable firms access to funding so they could meet running costs and retain Bahraini workers.

Government measures introduced during the crisis included paying the April 2026 wages of insured Bahrainis in private-sector companies through the Unemployment Insurance Fund.

Tamkeen also offered grants and finance through programmes aimed at small, medium and micro businesses hit by the disruption.

Mr Al Salloom said more than 7,000 Bahraini companies had benefited from Tamkeen support.

He said emergency aid should later give way to longer-term steps such as credit guarantees, debt rescheduling and wider sources of supply.



“We need permanent GCC logistics agreements.”

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

The proposed national fund for small and medium-sized enterprises would be part of that work.

Mr Al Salloom said the fund could offer cheaper finance, credit guarantees and working capital to firms that struggle to borrow from banks or do not have the guarantees lenders seek.

Supply routes will also come under close watch.

He said Bahrain’s road link with Saudi Arabia had proved crucial during the disruption, with some cargo sent through Red Sea ports before being moved overland through Saudi Arabia.

Urgent goods had also been flown in.

Mr Al Salloom called for permanent GCC deals for logistics emergencies, faster routes for food and medicines and a joint system to track stocks and shipments.

He also called for more import sources, greater storage space and minimum stock levels for basic goods.

The committee’s work in the fifth session will also cover public debt, government finances, living costs, private-sector wages, the proposed SME fund and changes to the Consumer Protection Law.

## Annual Grant Proposed for Bahraini Retirees

Bahraini retirees would get a yearly cash grant to help ease rising living costs and the loss of annual pension increases under a proposal lodged in Parliament by MP Dr Munir Seroor.

The proposed ‘Annual Loyalty Grant’ would be paid once a year under rules drawn up by the government. It would sit outside the pension system and would not replace either the retirement pension or any future annual rise.

Dr Seroor said retirees had spent decades serving the country and building its institutions, while many now face higher household bills and pensions that buy less than they once did.

He said the grant would give them extra help each year and recognise the years they had spent in work.

The proposal also leaves the door open for the payment to become part of a wider scheme giving retirees benefits and services through government bodies and private firms.

Dr Seroor said its main aims were to soften the effect of suspended pension rises, help families meet higher costs and give retirees greater access to leisure, tourism and other services in Bahrain.

He said such spending would also feed money into tourism, leisure and service businesses.

The explanatory memo-



“The payment would remain separate from annual pension increases.”

- DR MUNIR SEROOR, MP

random says the payment would remain separate from pension rights.

“The grant is not a replacement pension or the retirement pension or the annual increase,” it says, describing it as an independent measure to recognise Bahraini retirees and improve their quality of life.

Dr Seroor said the proposal was built on the principle that people who had given years of service should continue to be recognised after retirement.

The proposal, filed under Article 68 of the Constitution and Article 12 of Parliament’s internal regulations, will go to the relevant parliamentary committee for study before MPs are asked to vote on it.

# Al Salam Bank Introduces 0% Profit Grace Period for Social Housing Financing under the Government Land Development Programme

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Al Salam Bank announced a range of exclusive offers and benefits for Social Housing beneficiaries, coinciding with its participation as Platinum Sponsor of the Social Housing Innovation Summit 2026, as part of its commitment to providing flexible financing solutions that facilitate citizens' journey towards homeownership.

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, Al Salam Bank will offer eligible beneficiaries purchasing off-plan units within selected Government Land Development Programme (GLDP) projects a 0% profit grace period until the project's agreed completion date, for a maximum of 12 months. The grace period will apply to both the main subsidized Tasheel or Tasheel+ financing and any eligible additional financing, during which beneficiaries will not be required to make any payments and no profit will be charged. The initiative is designed to provide greater financial flexibility by allowing beneficiaries to be-

gin their financing repayments closer to the completion and handover of their new homes.

Commenting on the occasion, Her Excellency Mrs. Amna bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning, said: "We continue to advance the Social Housing ecosystem by strengthening partnerships with the private and banking sectors, contributing to the availability of more diverse and flexible financing solutions for citizens and expanding their options for suitable homeownership. The Social Housing Innovation Summit represents an important platform for showcasing innovative initiatives and solutions that support the continued development of the housing sector, and we are pleased to see initiatives from banking institutions that support beneficiaries and fa-

cilitate their journey towards homeownership."

Mr. Anwar Murad, Group Deputy Chief Executive Officer – Banking at Al Salam Bank, said: "Our participation in the Social Housing Innovation Summit reflects our commitment to continuously developing financing solutions that complement the initiatives of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning and Eskan Bank, while adding value for beneficiaries. Through the 0% profit grace period initiative, we aim to provide eligible beneficiaries with greater flex-

ibility during the construction phase of their homes, allowing their financial commitments to commence closer to the handover of their properties. We have also introduced a comprehensive range of benefits and offers during the Summit to make the Social Housing financing experience more convenient and flexible."

Abdulla Taleb, General Manager of Eskan Bank, said: "We welcome initiatives that contribute to the development of housing finance solutions and provide greater flexibility for

citizens benefiting from Social Housing programmes. This initiative reflects our continued collaboration with our banking partners to facilitate the homeownership journey and deliver solutions that address beneficiaries' needs throughout its different stages."

In addition to the main initiative, Social Housing applicants will benefit from a range of exclusive offers provided by Al Salam Bank during the Summit, including eligibility to participate in the Bank's Financing Settlement Campaign, with dedicated prizes for qualifying Social Housing beneficiaries. Eligible Tasheel+ beneficiaries will also have access to higher additional financing amounts with reducing monthly instalments. Other benefits include waivers of property valuation fees, fire in-

surance fees, down payment requirements and administration fees, alongside loyalty reward points, a quick and convenient approval process, competitive financing profit rates and special profit rates on Al Salam Life Planning Account for Tasheel and Tasheel+ beneficiaries

Beneficiaries will also have access to a complimentary BHD 50 voucher upon redemption, subject to the offer's terms and conditions as part of the additional benefits accompanying the Bank's financing solutions during the Summit.

Visitors to Al Salam Bank's booth at the Summit will also have the opportunity to win instant cash prizes and receive special financing discounts by depositing a minimum of BHD 50 into their Danat account.

Al Salam Bank invites visitors to the Social Housing Innovation Summit 2026 to visit its booth and learn more about the available financing solutions and exclusive offers, while engaging with the Bank's team to explore options that suit their homeownership needs and plans.



Anwar Murad, Group Deputy Chief Executive Officer-Banking at Al Salam Bank



Amna bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning



Abdulla Taleb, General Manager of Eskan Bank

## Bahrain Chamber Board Approves Appointment of Sectoral Committee Chairs for the 31st Term

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The Board of Directors of the Bahrain Chamber, chaired by Nabeel Khalid Kanoo, has approved the appointment of the chairs of the sectoral committees for the 31st administrative term. The appointments form part of the Chamber's efforts to complete its committee structure and strengthen their role as specialised platforms for engaging with business owners, identifying the needs and challenges of economic sectors, and presenting views and recommendations that contribute to improving the business environment and enhancing the competitiveness of the national economy.

The appointments include Mrs. Dima Rasool Al Haddad as Chair of the Commercial Markets Committee; Mr. Ali Abdulhussain Makki as Chair of the Traditional Markets Committee; Dr. Ahmed Abdulkarim Al Koofi as Chair of the Education and Training Committee; Dr. Abdullah Abdulrahman Al Hamed as Chair of the Technology, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation Committee; Mr. Mohammed Abdulali Al-Aali as Chair of the Industry and Sustainable Energy Committee; Mr. Hussain Isa Al Samaheji as Chair of the Hospitality, Tourism and Promotion Committee; and Mr. Uzair Mohammed Osman as Chair of the Real Estate and Construction Committee.

The appointments also include Dr. Lamia Ahmed Mahmood as Chair of the Healthcare Sector Committee; Mr. Khalid Ali Rashed Al Amin as Chair of the Food Sector Committee; Mr. Ammar Ahmed Al Fardan as Chair of the Pearls, Gold and Jewellery Committee; Mr. Nader Yousif Rahimi as Chair of the Finance, Insurance and Tax Committee; and Mr. Mohammed Ali Al Muslim as Chair of the Transport and Logistics Services Committee.

On this occasion, Kanoo congratulated the newly appointed committee chairs, wishing them



success in carrying out their responsibilities over the next four years and expressing his confidence in their contribution to supporting the Chamber's Board of Directors in serving the private sector and strengthening its role as a key partner in Bahrain's economic development.

He affirmed that the formation of the committees followed a comprehensive review of their names, mandates and criteria for selecting their chairs and members, aimed at strengthening the representation of economic sectors and benefiting from relevant expertise and competencies. He noted that the committees will play a key role in monitoring challenges and opportunities, anticipating emerging economic trends, and putting forward initiatives and recommendations that support the growth, sustainability and competitiveness

of their respective sectors.

He added that the Chamber relies on the committees to strengthen direct engagement with business owners, listen to their views and proposals, and translate them into practical recommendations to be discussed with the relevant authorities, contributing to practical solutions and the development of the business environment. He noted that the establishment of the Pearls, Gold and Jewellery Committee and the Traditional Markets Committee reflects the Chamber's commitment to supporting promising sectors, while also developing sectors associated with the Kingdom of Bahrain's rich commercial and cultural heritage and enhancing their sustainability.

Kanoo affirmed that the committees represent a key pillar in shaping the Chamber's policies



Mr. Nabeel Khalid Kanoo

and initiatives. He added that the Board of Directors will work closely with the chairs and members to follow up on their outputs and assess their impact, ensuring that recommendations are translated into actionable initiatives and strengthening the Bahrain Chamber's role as an effective representative of the private sector and a supporter of sustainable economic development.

## BIS Hosts Parent Orientation on CBSE Updates for Grade IX



Bhavans Bahrain Indian School (BIS) organised an insightful Parent Orientation Programme for Grade IX, familiarising parents with the latest CBSE academic updates, curricular changes and emerging learning opportunities. Principal Mr Saji Jacob highlighted key provisions, including the Third Language, Advanced Mathematics and Advanced Science, along with skill-based learning initiatives such as Kaushal Bodh and Kaushal Vikas. Parents were also introduced to the upcoming Individuals and Societies subject. The interactive session addressed parents' queries and was followed by meaningful teacher-parent interactions. Directors Mr Himanshu Verma and Mrs Ritu Verma appreciated the active participation and continued support of the parent community.

## ILA to Host 'Platinum Dandiya Beats 2026'



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The Indian Ladies Association (ILA), Bahrain, will host its iconic ILA Platinum Dandiya Beats 2026 on Thursday, October 1, at the Crowne Plaza Convention Centre from 8:00 PM. The event marks ILA's 70 years of community service under its motto, "Service Before Self."

The celebration will feature

traditional Garba and Dandiya, music, live entertainment and cultural festivities, bringing together families and communities across Bahrain. Proceeds will support ILA's philanthropic initiatives, including the Sneha Recreation Centre, which provides free education, therapy, specialised care and life-skills development for children with special needs. The Daily Tribune and News of Bahrain are the event's media sponsors.

# NBB Joins Innovation Summit in the Social Housing Sector 2026 as Platinum Sponsor

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) is set to return to the Innovation Summit in the Social Housing Sector, taking place from 29th September to 3rd October 2026 at Exhibition World Bahrain.

Held under the esteemed patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the Summit is organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning in collaboration with Eskan Bank.

Participating as a Platinum Sponsor of the event, NBB will maintain a dedicated booth where eligible beneficiaries of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning can learn about the Bank's exclusive offering under the government's Mazaya, Mazaya 2.0, Joint Housing Fi-

nance, Tas'heel, and Tas'heel+ programmes. Customers can benefit from a smooth and convenient application process, preferential pricing and complementary fire insurance coverage across every scheme, with a repayment period up to 30 years.

The Bank's representatives will be available throughout the event to provide individual advisory services on eligibility, financing terms, and application requirements alongside on-site approval support, helping prospective buyers understand and decide on the options available to them. As an exclusive offer,



National Bank of Bahrain

the first ten customers who successfully book one of NBB's Social Housing Finance products during the Summit will receive a valuable gift, as a token of appreciation.

NBB invites visitors to its booth to explore its social hous-

ing finance solutions. Through its sponsorship and participation in the event, the Bank reinforces its commitment to supporting national initiatives aimed at making home ownership more accessible to Bahraini families.

## ASB Capital Secures Repeat Mandate from Kuwait International Bank with Joint Lead Manager and Bookrunner Role on USD 500 Million Sukuk Issuance

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ASB Capital, a purpose-driven asset and wealth management firm with assets under management (AUM) of USD 10.2 billion, announced its appointment as Joint Lead Manager and Bookrunner on Kuwait International Bank's (KIB) USD 500 million five-year senior unsecured Sukuk issuance.

The transaction attracted investor orders exceeding USD 1 billion, representing over 2 times the issue size. The A-rated Sukuk is listed on the London Stock Exchange's International Securities Market.

ASB Capital participated in the transaction alongside a syndicate of leading regional and international financial institutions, including Citi, Standard Chartered Bank, QNB Capital, Emirates NBD Capital, KFH Capital, Boubyan Bank, KIB Invest, Sharjah Islamic Bank, Warba Bank, Bank ABC, and Arab Bank.

The mandate marks ASB Capital's second appointment by Kuwait International Bank

in less than twelve months, following its role on the bank's USD 300 million Tier 2 Sukuk in October 2025. This senior unsecured mandate follows four consecutive GCC AT1 Sukuk appointments, extending ASB Capital's demonstrated capabilities across senior unsecured, Tier 2, and AT1 instruments.

The repeat mandate further strengthens ASB Capital's presence in Kuwait, where it has participated in capital markets transactions for Kuwait Finance House and Kuwait International Bank. It also reflects the continued development of the Group's regional investment banking platform, supported by Al Salam Bank's balance sheet and treasury capabilities.

Commenting on the transaction, Hussain Abdulaq, Chief Treasury Officer at Al Salam Bank, said: "The continued confidence shown by leading regional issuers is an important endorsement of the Group's investment banking platform. ASB Capital's second mandate for Kuwait International Bank demonstrates the



Hussain Abdulaq, Chief Treasury Officer at Al Salam Bank



Hichem Djouhri, Senior Executive Officer of ASB Capital

breadth of the platform we are building and its ability to support issuers across their capital and funding objectives."

Hichem Djouhri, Senior Executive Officer of ASB Capital, added: "We are pleased to support Kuwait International Bank again following our participation in its Tier 2 Sukuk issuance in 2025. The strong investor demand for this transaction reflects sustained appetite for well-positioned GCC financial institutions. This repeat mandate reinforces our focus on disciplined execution, long-term issuer relationships, and connecting regional institutions with a

broad international investor base."

This latest mandate extends ASB Capital's growing track record of debt capital markets transactions across the GCC, including issuances by Kuwait Finance House, Kuwait International Bank, Bapco Energies, Solidarity Bahrain, Al Salam Bank, Alinma Bank, Dubai Islamic Bank, Bank Al-Jazira, Ajman Bank, and Saudi Real Estate Refinance Company. The firm continues to expand its capital markets and investment banking activities alongside its broader asset management and advisory platform.

## A.M. Best affirms Takaful International's rating (A-) as the highest credit rating for Takaful companies in the Kingdom

TDT | Manama

Takaful International Company B.S.C. is pleased to announce that AM Best has confirmed its rating of A- (excellent) with stable outlook for both ratings. The ratings reflect the company's balance sheet strength, which AM Best assesses as very strong, as well as its strong operating performance, neutral business profile and appropriate enterprise risk management. Takaful International is the first and only Takaful company in the Kingdom to be classified within the A- financial and credit rating category.

The rating also underscores the strategic support and synergies between Takaful In-

ternational and its parent company and Gulf Insurance Group, as well as their disciplined approach to corporate governance.

On this occasion, Mr. Essam Al Ansari, the Chief Executive of Takaful International Company, expressed his pride in this achievement, emphasizing that the credit rating validates the company's strong operating profits. He noted that this affirmation has enhanced the confidence of the

company's clients and strengthened Takaful International's position as a market leader.

Mr. Al Ansari further stated, "AM Best's acknowledgment of Takaful International's business strategy, which is built on principles of financial discipline, transparency, and a commitment to corporate governance, reinforces our strong track record of consistent performance. The report from the international agency AM Best, coming amidst many challenges facing both the regional and global insurance markets, confirms the company's ability to



Mr. Essam Al Ansari, the Chief Executive of Takaful International Company

adapt to the volatile conditions of the insurance market while maintaining its financial stability and sustainable growth. We believe this rating will not only inspire trust among our clients but also provide reassurance to our shareholders about the company's stability."

### Within Ongoing Efforts to Support National Housing Plans:

## KFH - Bahrain Sponsors Innovation in Social Housing Conference and Exhibition 2026

Kuwait Finance House - Bahrain (KFH) has announced its participation as a Platinum Sponsor of the second edition of the Innovation in Social Housing Conference and Exhibition 2026. The event is scheduled to take place from 29 September to 3 October 2026, at Exhibition World Bahrain, Sakhr.

As part of the activities of the 4th Gulf Housing Week, it brings together various entities and institutions involved in the housing sector from Bahrain and the Gulf region.



Mr. Mohamed Zakout, Deputy Group CEO of Retail Banking at KFH - Bahrain

The Bank's participation affirms its dedication to supporting governmental efforts to develop a sustainable social housing sector while fostering collaboration with key stakeholders to provide innovative Shari'a-compliant financing solutions addressing citizens' housing needs. It also reflects its continued role in supporting the Kingdom's housing finance sector. The conference and exhibition serve as a vital platform for sharing expertise, showcasing initiatives, and discussing innovative practices that develop the housing system and expand the options available to citizens.

Commenting on this occasion, Mr. Mohamed Zakout, Deputy Group CEO of Retail Banking at KFH - Bahrain, stated, "We are proud to participate in the Innovation in Social Housing Conference and Exhibition 2026. Our involvement reflects our commitment to supporting the government's vision for a

sustainable housing system that meets the needs of its citizens. The event provides an important platform for collaboration and the exchange of knowledge on housing initiatives and solutions, including updates on the Government Land Development Rights Program projects. We reaffirm KFH - Bahrain's active contribution to the development of the housing sector by providing Shari'a-compliant financing solutions that support citizens' housing aspirations."

KFH - Bahrain's participation in this event underscores its ongoing commitment to supporting Bahrain's housing sector and strengthening communication with citizens and stakeholders. The Bank remains dedicated to developing innovative real estate financing solutions that fully align with Shari'a rules and principles while expanding available options, thus supporting citizens' housing goals and contributing to the sustainability of the Kingdom's housing finance sector.

## Boeing shares fall after software glitch reported on 737 MAX



AFP

Boeing shares fell sharply on Monday after reports of a newly disclosed software glitch affecting flight computers on some 737 MAX aircraft raised fresh concerns over the company's manufacturing quality and certification timeline.

Boeing shares dropped as much as 5% in early New York trading before paring losses to trade about 3% lower at \$192.98. Shares of aerospace rivals GE Aerospace and RTX remained largely unchanged.

The decline followed a Wall Street Journal report that a software bug in versions 14 and 14.1 of the 737 MAX flight management computer can cause parts of the automated flight guidance system to disengage.

According to company documents, the problem can occur during a specific landing scenario when pilots change their planned flight path immediately after aborting a landing, known as a "go-around." In such circumstances, certain

vertical navigation and auto-pilot functions can become unavailable, requiring pilots to manually fly the aircraft at low altitude.

Boeing said it discovered the issue and notified operators in late August. The company stressed that the defect does not pose an immediate safety risk and said existing pilot procedures provide guidance for handling such situations.

A Boeing spokesperson said engineers are working on a permanent software fix.

The disclosure has prompted concerns among major US airlines. Southwest and United have reportedly told Boeing they will not accept new MAX aircraft delivered with the affected software and have requested an earlier software configuration.

The Federal Aviation Administration said it is aware of the issue and is working with Boeing and affected airlines. The problem could also further complicate certification of Boeing's MAX 7 and MAX 10 variants.

## Trump administration guts car fuel-economy standards

AFP | Washington, United States

President Donald Trump's administration on Monday finalized its rollback of US fuel-economy standards that were meant to spur the transition towards electric vehicles. "Thanks to President Trump's leadership, we have finally ended the illegal mandate that forced automakers

to produce more expensive electric vehicles that American families didn't want," Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said in a statement. The statement accused the administration of Joe Biden of having broken the law by setting standards that went beyond the requirements mandated by Congress.

## Iran denies link to suspected bomb plot at UK airbase used by US

AFP | Fairford, United Kingdom

Iran yesterday denied involvement in a suspected bomb plot at a UK airbase used by the United States, as counter-terror police said five men in their mid-20s arrested nearby were all London-based Britons.

Tehran's denial, issued via its embassy in London, followed widespread UK media reports that police were probing possible Iranian links to the security scare early Sunday at the Royal Air Force (RAF) Fairford base.

The UK interior ministry has previously accused Iran and Russia of using proxies to carry out criminal activities on their behalf on UK territory. US President Donald Trump said the UK and US had the suspects "under investigation" for a while.

"They were looking to do big damage to our fort," Trump said while on a visit to Chicago. "We had them under view for a long time, and we got them." He later told reporters "we know all about them" when asked about the suspects, appearing to nod when asked if there was a connection to Iran. "You'll be hearing about it very soon. We caught them," said Trump, without giving further details.

Iran's embassy in London said Monday it "categorically rejects and strongly condemns" speculation that Tehran was involved.

In an X post, it criticised "the recent unfounded and malicious speculations published by some British individuals and media outlets attempting to link Iran" to the incident.

## New Delhi to ban construction for six weeks to tackle air pollution



AFP | New Delhi, India

New Delhi will ban construction for six weeks in the country's capital, as part of a slew of measures announced yesterday to tackle the city's air pollution.

Delhi, a sprawling megacity of 30 million people, is regularly ranked among the world's most polluted capitals due to a mix of emissions from power plants, heavy traffic, construction activity and the burning of crop stubble.

The construction ban will run from December 10 to January 20 as part of a winter action plan which will include restrictions on vehicular traffic aimed at encouraging residents to use public transport.

"Early implementation of these stringent measures would help prevent the city's air from reaching hazardous levels during winter," Delhi Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa told report-

ers.

Air pollution in Delhi regularly reaches dangerous levels during winter months when cooler air traps pollutants close to the ground.

A study in The Lancet Planetary Health in 2024 estimated that 3.8 million deaths in India between 2009 and 2019 were linked to air pollution.

Levels of cancer-causing PM 2.5 microparticles often hit more than 300 micrograms per cubic metre in the city, 20 times the World Health Organization's recommended daily maximum.

Government-led initiatives such as partial restrictions on fossil fuel-powered transport and water trucks spraying mist to clear the air have failed to make a noticeable impact.

Under the new plan, Sirsa said "staggered office timings will be implemented from November 1 to February 28 to reduce peak-hour traffic congestion and vehicular emissions".

## Pope Leo joins Air France cockpit crew, blesses Rafale pilots

AFP | Paris, France

Pope Leo spent half an hour in the cockpit of a plane yesterday, chatting with the pilots and speaking by radio to the crews of the Rafale fighter jets escorting his aircraft, Air France said.

The leader of the world's 1.4 billion Catholics is wrapping up his four-day visit to France with a trip to the northeastern city of Metz, near the German border.

On Monday morning, the 71-year-old pontiff and aviation enthusiast, spent around 30 minutes in the cockpit of the Air France aircraft that flew him from the southwestern city of Lourdes to Metz, the final leg of his apostolic journey.

"The Holy Father came into the cockpit for the entire Lourdes-Metz cruise phase," said Eric Marguerite, the flight's co-pilot.

"We had informal conversations with him. He is passionate about aviation, cars and mechanics in general," he added, after landing in Metz.



The flight, commanded by Captain Clemence Coussonneau, was escorted by two Rafale jets flying about 50 metres (yards) from the pope's plane.

"We handed the microphone to the Holy Father, who spoke to the Rafale pilots," said Marguerite.

"He offered his blessing to them and to all military person-

nel working to protect people and promote peace around the world."

The pope also took time to greet the cabin crew on board.

"After all the meticulous planning that went into this flight, receiving a blessing from the pope in person was a unique moment," flight attendants Landee Van Keeken told AFP.

Throughout his trip -- the first official papal visit to France in nearly two decades -- Leo appeared smiling and warm, readily engaging with crowds.

He blessed countless babies, celebrated a giant mass in Paris at the weekend and engaged with young people at the packed Stade de France stadium.

# Trump offered to sell arms to Xi



AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump offered to sell arms to his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping in response to concern over weapons sales to Taiwan, the US ambassador to China said in a Fox News interview that aired yesterday.

US arms sales to the self-ruled island, which China claims is part of its territory and has threatened to seize by force, have long been a thorny issue between Washington and Beijing.

The United States is required by law to supply Taiwan, which has a democratically elected president and legislature, with weapons for its defense.

US Ambassador to China David Perdue said the issue was raised again when Xi visited the United States last week.

"President Trump continues to say, 'Hey, we sell arms to other people around the world.' He actually asked President Xi -- would he like to buy some? -- at one point," Perdue said in the interview.

"There are continuing conversations about other sales,

## US ambassador tells Fox News

(Trump) and President Xi talk about that every time they get together," Perdue said, adding that the US position has not changed.

The White House did not immediately respond to AFP's request for comment.

White House officials said that the US had no plans to sell arms to China, according to the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal.

The US State Department said in a statement to the New York Times that "US law prohibits arms sales to China and there is no offer or plan to sell arms to China."

The Chinese foreign ministry did not directly answer when asked about the comments on Monday, but said China has "always strengthened its national defense capabilities based on its own needs, and remains committed to maintaining world peace and stability."

Beijing warned Taiwan in June that seeking independence "by relying on the United States or through military means is a dead end."

Washington approved a \$11.1 billion arms sale to Taiwan in December, which Perdue said was a sale of "more arms to Taiwan than any other president since 1979."

The US paused a \$14 billion weapons purchase by Taiwan in May, with Trump calling it a "very good negotiating chip"

in dealings with China, raising fears that Taiwan's security could be traded away.

During his Washington trip, Xi repeated his warning that Trump should show "prudence" over Taiwan, and went further to urge the United States to oppose Taiwan independence explicitly.

Both leaders confirmed they would meet again at the APEC summit in Shenzhen, China, in November and the G20 forum at Trump's Doral resort in Miami in December.



China has built the world's largest arsenal of ground-based conventional and dual-use missiles, including the DF-26 intermediate-range ballistic missile, which has an estimated range of up to 4,000 km. These weapons are designed in part to threaten major US and allied military assets in the Asia-Pacific.



War of Religion breaks out in France as Huguenots try to kidnap King Charles IX

First units of the London Metropolitan Police appear on the streets of the British capital, the city's first modern police force



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Today, science became a target for Russia. My heart goes out to the heroes searching for people trapped inside Ukraine's National Academy of Sciences. As well as to the families and loved ones of the victims of horrific attacks across the country. We stand with them. And with all Ukrainians. Europe is working harder than ever to strengthen Ukraine's defence.

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The countries with some of the greatest renewable energy potential are receiving the least investment. Developing countries must be leaders & beneficiaries of the clean energy revolution, not spectators. The clean energy transition must reduce global inequalities – not reproduce them.

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@WHO and @World-BankGroup are closer partners today than at any time since our establishment. We are jointly hosting a UHC Hub in #Japan, helping countries advance health financing schemes to achieve #HealthForAll, and co-managing the @Pandemic.Fund to help countries address

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The H-1B should not exist to replace American workers with low-wage foreigners. It should exist to enrich the American econom

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## Nothing to seal here: NZ police help stranded pup home



New Zealand police came to the rescue of a seal seen crossing a busy road, helping the perplexed pinniped pup back safely into the water.

AFP | Wellington, New Zealand

New Zealand police came to the rescue of a seal crossing a busy road, helping the perplexed pinniped pup back safely into the water, they said yesterday.

The slightly soggy marine mammal was spotted by locals “dangerously” crossing Hutt Road in Wellington on Sunday afternoon, police said.

The creature then attempted to get back to the water, sparking swift action from police and Department of Conservation

officials to make sure it did so unharmed. “The pup appeared grateful for the assistance,” a police statement added.

“Our staff were able to uplift the seal and drive it to a safe place where it was released into the water,” Senior Sergeant Miriam Bentley from Wellington Police said.

“This was collaborative problem-solving which prevented any further issues for the young seal and for road users.”

“When I joined police 15 months ago they said to be ready for anything, so I guess

this demonstrates that’s true!” said Constable Taylor, who escorted the pup.

The seas around New Zealand are populated with multiple species of seals, who do occasionally wander ashore.

The Department of Conservation reported this weekend a 200 percent increase in sightings on land around Wellington, local media said, describing it as “seal silly season”.

Police urged the public to alert them to more runaway seals and not attempt to intervene themselves.



## Rising seas threaten spread of marine invaders, scientists say

AFP | Paris, France

Sea-level rise driven by climate change could help invasive marine species spread into newly flooded coastal areas, threatening biodiversity and some economic activities, researchers warned in a study published yesterday.

The findings in Nature Ecology & Evolution highlight the links between the climate and biodiversity crises, with global warming altering ecosystems and creating new opportunities

for non-native species to thrive.

That could “potentially expose ecosystems and human activities that have not previously been affected by these species,” said study co-author Xuan Liu of Beijing Normal University.

The researchers modelled the potential future spread of 122 established non-native marine animals, including fish, crustaceans, molluscs and sea stars, under different climate and sea-level scenarios.

Climate change causes sea levels to rise through thermal

expansion -- ocean water increases in volume as it warms -- and the melting of glaciers and ice sheets. Global sea levels are projected to rise by about 20 centimetres (eight inches) by 2050 and 56 cm by 2100 under a scenario of moderate growth in greenhouse gas emissions.

That would see around 360,000 square kilometres (139,000 square miles) of coastal land flooded by mid-century, rising to 550,000 square kilometres by the end of the century.

## Fighter jets, drones in heavy Somalia fighting



Somali government forces patrol a street as residents gather following reported shelling in the Howl Wadaag district of Mogadishu

AFP | Mogadishu, Somalia

Heavy fighting involving fighter jets and drones broke out in the Somali city of Baidoa yesterday after an attack by thousands of fighters loyal to an ousted local governor.

Several states in the deeply fragmented country are opposed to control by President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, and in March, his government sent in troops to oust the head of South West State, Abdiiaziz Hassan Mohamed Laftagareen.

He has launched repeated attempts to retake the region and its main city of Baidoa.

The latest broke out early Monday, with local authorities saying they were attacked by around 2,000 to 3,000 fighters.

“There were heavy clashes all day in the city,” local resident Hussein Abdifatah told AFP by phone.

“Most of the civilians have difficulties fleeing because both sides are fighting everywhere. There are a lot of ex-

plosions, but I don’t know what the bombing is and who is bombing.”

Mohamed Ali, a senior army commander in Baidoa, said the rebels “entered the city from several directions, using vehicles loaded with explosives, and explosive drones”.

“The national army confronted them, inflicted heavy casualties and drove them out of the city,” he added.

A spokesperson for the ex-governor’s forces denied government claims that they were fighting alongside members of Al-Shabaab, the Islamist insurgent group that controls large swathes of central Somalia.

“We have no connection with Al-Shabaab. The fighting in Baidoa is strictly between our forces and those who invaded us while claiming to represent the federal government, along with Turkey, which is supporting them with F-16 fighter aircraft,” he said.

Turkey has emerged as a key supporter of Mohamud’s government, and has deployed fighter jets in the country.

## Moscow seizes Russian assets of German food retailer Metro

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russian authorities have seized the assets of German wholesaler and food retailer Metro and put them under temporary administration, under a decree published yesterday -- the latest in a series of business takeovers linked to countries that back Ukraine.

The decree, signed by President Vladimir Putin,

announced that the Russian operations of Metro Cash and Carry had been put under the “temporary management” of a company called UK Torg RUS.

This comes after Moscow earlier this month seized the businesses and assets of Swiss food giant Nestle, as well as French retailer Auchan and the former Leroy Merlin DIY chain.

## Poland eases rules for fighter pilots to shoot down foreign aircraft: minister

AFP | Warsaw, Poland

Poland will allow its fighter planes and helicopters to shoot down foreign aircraft detected by radar under special wartime defence measures, its deputy defence minister said yesterday.

It is the latest step to raise the NATO and EU member state’s defences as the war in neighbouring Ukraine drags on into its fifth winter and allies warn of a rising threat of Russian drones.

Such a change will allow “the pilot or the operational commander to make a decision to shoot down a foreign

aircraft on the basis of radar readings or other information that enters the system”, minister Cezary Tomczyk said.

This will replace “the standard in peacetime”, where opening fire requires visual identification, rather than on the basis of radar readings or other relevant information.

“We cannot remain idle when it comes to threats, and the indications are that there will only be more of them,” he added.

Tomczyk said this capability is “usually reserved for a state of war or martial law”.

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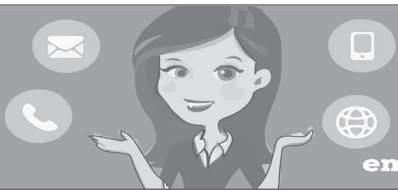
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# Campus

## St Christopher’s School Celebrates World Peace Day

St Christopher’s School marked World Peace Day on Monday, 21 September, uniting students and staff under this year’s theme, “Invest in Peace – For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day.”

To mark the occasion, every tutor group collaborated to create a unique ‘Peace Canvas.’ Each student added their fingerprint to the canvas, representing a personal pledge toward fostering peace. Together, the colourful artworks reflected the collective hopes and shared vision of the entire school community.

The day’s formal proceedings featured two student poets, Leo (Year 11) and Khadija (Year 10), who recited their original peace poems over the school tannoy

system. Following the recitations, they led the entire school in observing a solemn minute of silence in reflection.

Highlighting the power of sports in bringing people together, staff members and Sixth Form students later participated in an energetic Peace Day volleyball match, showcasing camaraderie and teamwork.

School organizers emphasized that the day carried a simple yet vital message: every positive word serves as an investment in harmony, and every act of kindness helps pay it forward. The event served as a meaningful reminder that constructing a more peaceful world begins with small, daily choices within classrooms and corridors.



## Sacred Heart School Installs New Student Council

Newly Elected Leaders Pledged to Serve with Integrity, Courage, and Dedication; School Principal Urges Council to Lead by Example

The Sacred Heart School celebrated a major milestone in its academic calendar with the solemn Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2026–2027, held on September 17, 2026. The event marked the official installation of the newly elected Student Council, as student leaders were formally conferred with their badges and responsibilities.

Addressing the leadership body, the school leadership emphasized the depth of their new role,



noting, “Today you receive not merely a badge, but a responsibility – to lead with courage, serve with humility, and uphold the values of our school with pride.”

During the ceremony, the newly appointed office bearers took a solemn oath, pledging to fulfill their duties with dedication, foster school spirit, and uphold the institution’s core principles.

School Principal Sister Roselyn Thomas A.C., alongside Vice Principal Sister Regita Mary A.C., congratulated the young leaders on their appointments. They encouraged the council members to embrace their roles with confidence, a strong sense of responsibility, unwavering integrity, and a spirit of collaborative teamwork.

The proud occasion was witnessed by proud parents, faculty members, and fellow students. The ceremony concluded on a high note with the entire gathering joining together in singing the sacred School Song, “We Belong.”

## New Horizon School Hosts Children’s Road Safety Initiative



The New Horizon School welcomed representatives from the Bahrain Public Transport Company (BPTC) for a comprehensive Children’s Road Safety Initiative designed to foster greater awareness among students regarding safe and responsible road behavior.

The interactive program introduced young learners to fundamental road safety practices, placing special emphasis on pedestrian safety, the proper use of designated footpaths, understanding road signals, and executing safe crossing techniques. BPTC representatives highlighted the vital importance

of strictly adhering to traffic signals and utilizing pedestrian paths to prevent accidents. To ensure the session was both engaging and accessible, the visiting team utilized visual illustrations and practical demonstrations of various road signals. This hands-on approach enabled students to recognize traffic symbols and understand the critical safety principles behind them.

The initiative further encouraged students to remain alert to their surroundings and make responsible decisions when navigating public roads. By integrating active learning with safety education, the program successfully reinforced

key habits in an age-appropriate and memorable manner.

School management expressed sincere appreciation to BPTC representatives Ms. Zainab Naser, Mr. Abdulla Albarbari, Mr. Anoop Mazhuvanchery, and Mr. Sameer Tiwari for their presence and valuable contributions toward nurturing safety awareness among young students. This collaborative initiative reflects New Horizon School’s ongoing commitment to delivering practical learning experiences beyond the classroom, equipping students with essential life skills that promote personal safety, social responsibility, and overall well-being.

## The New Indian School Hosts ‘Dia El Comercia 2026–2027’



The Commerce Department of The New Indian School W.L.L., Kingdom of Bahrain, organized its annual Commerce Day, titled ‘Dia El Comercia 2026–2027’, on Thursday, September 24, 2026, for senior commerce students of Classes XI

and XII. The event served as an interactive platform designed to expose students to real-world business dynamics while sharpening their creativity, leadership, communication, and entrepreneurial skill sets.

The session commenced with a

welcome address by Principal Dr. K. Gopinath Menon, followed by an inaugural address by Director Mr. Joby K. Augustine. Delivering the keynote address, Chief Guest Mr. Meenakshi Sundaram, CFO of Business International Group, shared valuable industry insights with the aspiring business leaders.

During the event, certificates were presented to the winners of the Inter-School Business Leader Competition to honor their outstanding performance. Marking another major milestone, the school officially launched the 3rd Edition of its Commerce E-Newsletter. Felicitations were extended by Vice Principals Mr. P. Mohan and Mr. Baiju George, underscoring the department’s ongoing academic and co-curricular achievements.

The day featured a diverse array of student-led competitions and creative activities. An expert-led Career Guidance session was also conducted. The event concluded with the official declaration of competition results and certificate distribution.

# Yavi completes golden hat-trick

Bahrain star adds 5,000m crown as athletics campaign enters final day



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Winfred Yavi completed a historic golden hat-trick at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya yesterday, adding the women's 5,000 metres title to her remarkable haul at Nagoya City Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium.

A day after retaining her 3,000m steeplechase crown in record-breaking fashion, the reigning Olympic champion returned to the track and crossed the line in 15 minutes 10.18 seconds to claim her third gold medal of the Games.

The feat made Yavi the first athlete in 40 years to win three individual athletics titles at a single Asian Games, following India's P. T. Usha, who completed a treble in Seoul in 1986.

It was also the sixth Asian Games gold of Yavi's career, further adding to a haul that now spans three editions.

Japan's Nozomi Tanaka took silver in 15:11.65, with India's Parul Chaudhary completing the podium in 15:14.61. Yavi's compatriot Ruth Jebet, the other Bahraini in the 12-runner final, finished ninth in 16:09.10.

The race remained open deep into the contest, with Kazakh-

Winfred Yavi proudly displays her gold medal



Action from the race

stan's Norah Jeruto Tanui leading at the 1,000m and 2,000m marks before Yavi moved to the front at 3,000m. Tanui was back ahead at 4,000m, but Yavi had the final say to beat Tanaka by 1.47 seconds.

Yavi began her treble with victory in the 10,000m last Thursday before completing a third successive Asian Games steeplechase title on Sunday.

Her latest success lifted Bahrain's overall haul to 14 medals, including nine gold, two silver and three bronze, placing the kingdom seventh in the overall

standings.

Athletics has accounted for eight of those golds and 10 medals in total, with Bahrain sitting third in the sport's medal table behind China and Japan.

### Korir Through

There was further progress for the Bahrainis as Nelly Korir booked her place in today's women's 800m final.

Korir clocked 2:02.92 to finish second in the opening heat, just 0.11 seconds behind Japan's Ayano Shiomi. China's Wu Hongjiao was third in 2:03.37,

with the first three advancing automatically.

The second heat was won by the Philippines' Victoria Bossong in 2:02.34, ahead of China's Li Chunhui and Uzbekistan's Sabokhat Samijonova, while Japan's Rin Kubo and India's Pooja advanced as the two fastest remaining runners.

Korir, whose personal best of 1:57.69 is the quickest among the eight finalists, will run from lane five at 7.50am Bahrain time.

There was disappointment in the women's 4x100m relay final, however, as the quartet of

### Asian Games Medal Tally

| # | Nation      | G   | S  | B  | Total |
|---|-------------|-----|----|----|-------|
| 1 | China       | 132 | 53 | 45 | 230   |
| 2 | Japan       | 41  | 68 | 63 | 172   |
| 3 | South Korea | 21  | 26 | 44 | 91    |
| 4 | Uzbekistan  | 12  | 17 | 13 | 42    |
| 5 | Kazakhstan  | 9   | 13 | 23 | 45    |
| 6 | Thailand    | 9   | 8  | 12 | 29    |
| 7 | Bahrain     | 9   | 2  | 3  | 14    |

Hajar Alkhalidi, Edidiong Odiong, Raihanah Garoubah and Salwa Naser failed to finish.

China claimed gold in 42.96s, followed by Thailand in a season-best 43.51s and hosts Japan in 43.52s.

### Final Push

Bahrain will have several more opportunities to add to their haul today as the athletics programme concludes.

After the 800m final, Birhanu Balew and Abdikani Hamid will line up in the men's 5,000m at 2.15pm. Balew enters as the reigning Asian Games champion and Games record holder, while Hamid joins him in the 19-runner field.

The nationals will then contest the mixed 4x100m relay final at 2.48pm before lining up in the women's 4x400m relay final at 3.05pm.

Those events will bring Bahrain's athletics campaign in Aichi-Nagoya to a close.

# Bahrain and Qatar meet again

Warriors see off Japan to keep Asiad gold dream alive



Bahrain players and staff celebrate reaching the Asian Games handball final

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Bahrain are one victory away from Asian Games handball glory after beating hosts Japan 35-31 in the semi-finals of the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya yesterday.

The Warriors pulled away after a 16-16 first half at ENTRIO to reach the gold-medal match for a third successive Games, where a familiar opponent awaits.

Qatar, who defeated South Korea 32-30 in the other semi-final, will face Bahrain at 1.30pm today in a repeat of the 2018 and 2022 finals. The Qataris won both of those encounters, leaving the kingdom with successive silver medals.

Little separated Bahrain and Japan during the opening half yesterday. The Japanese established the first meaningful advantage at 9-6, but Robert Hedin's side gradually worked

their way back before captain Hussain Al Sayyad levelled at 11-11.

Successive goals from Mohamed Habib Naser later put the Reds ahead for the first time at 14-13. Jasim Khamis and Ahmed Fadhul stretched the margin to two, only for the hosts to respond before the break.

The contest remained tight early in the second half until the Bahrainis made their move, turning a 21-21 deadlock into a 24-21 lead between the 39th and 43rd minutes. Ahmed Kadhem struck from the left wing, Naser followed with a breakthrough and Khamis scored from six metres to complete the three-goal burst.

Bahrain never relinquished the lead from there and had stretched the gap to 32-27 by the 53rd minute. Al Sayyad later struck twice before Naser rounded off the scoring in the closing seconds.



Qataris mark their victory after booking a place in the gold-medal match

Naser led the way with eight goals from nine attempts, while Hasan Madan converted all seven of his shots. Khamis, Fadhul and Al Sayyad contributed five apiece as the team finished with 35 goals from 44 attempts.

### One More Step

The victory extended their perfect run at the Games to six matches.

Hedin's charges topped Group B with wins over Kazakhstan, Iran, South Korea and Kuwait before dispatching Hong Kong in the quarter-finals and overcoming Japan in the last four.

Their first Asian Games final against Qatar came at Jakarta-Palembang 2018, when the sides could not be separated in regulation before Qatar pulled away in extra time for a 32-27 victory.

They crossed paths at the same stage again at Hangzhou 2022, held in 2023, with Qatar

winning 32-25 as Bahrain settled for silver once more.

Those two medals followed a bronze at Incheon 2014, leaving gold as the only colour missing from Bahrain's Asian Games handball collection.

The latest opportunity comes after a run of major titles under Swedish coach Hedin. The squad won Islamic Solidarity Games gold in Riyadh last November before claiming their maiden Asian Men's Handball Championship crown in Kuwait in January.

That breakthrough came with a 29-26 extra-time victory over Qatar in the final, ending their rivals' run of six successive Asian titles and providing another reminder of how closely fought the rivalry between the two sides has become.

Bahrain then added GCC Games gold in Doha last May and will be hoping to crown a golden generation with another major triumph this afternoon.

# Quinto draws blank in 95kg



Bahrain's Jokser Quinto attempts a 172kg snatch during the men's 95kg competition

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Bahrain's Jokser Quinto endured a difficult outing at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya yesterday, failing to register a successful lift in the men's 95kg weightlifting competition.

The 22-year-old entered Group A at Nagoya City Trade and Industry Center with the second-highest entry total in the field, but was unable to convert any of his three attempts at 172kg in the snatch.

That brought his competition to an early end without a total, meaning he did not progress to the clean and jerk.

Iran's Ali Alipour claimed gold with a world-record total of 398kg, combining a 180kg snatch with a 218kg clean and jerk.

Kazakhstan's Nurgissa Adiletuly took silver with 394kg, while China's Tu Yi completed the podium on 384kg.

Quinto was one of two lifters who did not finish, alongside South Korea's Won Jongbeom, who also failed to record a successful snatch.

Bahrain will have two more opportunities to add to Ingrid Grueso's women's 69kg bronze when the weightlifting programme concludes today.

Alina Marushchak is first up in the women's 86kg competition at 3.30am Bahrain time, entering an eight-lifter field with a nominated total of 260kg.

Gor Minasyan then rounds off the kingdom's campaign in the men's +110kg event at 1.10pm. The Olympic bronze medallist carries the highest entry total in the five-man field at 460kg.

# Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia 2026 set for three packed days of non-stop racing and entertainment at SIC

Manama

It's race week for the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia 2026, and Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) and Sepang International Circuit (SIC) are getting all geared up to welcome tens of thousands of F1 fans for three days of top-class racing and entertainment.

The highly anticipated grand prix weekend takes place this coming Friday to Sunday (Editor's note: 2 to 4 October) at SIC as Bahrain comes alive at Malaysia's iconic motorsport venue, which will be welcoming back F1 for the first time since 2017.

Limited race-weekend tickets remain available at BIC's official website bahraingp.com or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000. Fans are encouraged to purchase their tickets as soon as possible with only days remaining for the F1 extravaganza.

SIC will be opening its gates at 8.30am on both the Friday and Saturday of the event, while gates will open to the public at 10am on Sunday.

F1's superstar drivers and their teams will be hitting the



Sepang International Circuit, Malaysia.

track for two 60-minute practice sessions on Friday. The first is scheduled for 12.30pm local time/7.30am Bahrain time, to be followed by the second at 4pm local time/11am Bahrain time.

On Saturday, a third 60-minute F1 practice will run from 12.30pm local time/7.30am

Bahrain time, and then qualifying will be held at 4pm local time/11am Bahrain time.

That will determine the starting grid for the 56-lap F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia, which will be flagging off on Sunday at 3pm local time/10am Bahrain time.

In support of F1, Formula Trophy Malaysia (FTM) will also be taking to the track at SIC throughout the race weekend.

The South East Asian single-seater championship for junior drivers will be showcasing the talents of motorsport's future stars, who will be com-

peting in identical Tatuus F4-T421 racing cars powered by Abarth, and with all cars running on Giti tyres.

FTM will also be holding two practice sessions on the Friday of the event, each over a duration of 30 minutes. The first will begin at 10.15am local time/5.15am Bahrain time, while the second will flag off at 2pm local time/9am Bahrain time.

Qualifying will then be held on the Saturday at 10.30am local time/5.30am Bahrain time, setting the grids for the weekend's two 27-lap races – with the first taking place later on Saturday at 2.15pm local time/9.15am Bahrain time and the second on the Sunday at 11.45am local time/6.45am Bahrain time.

Along with the world-class racing, the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia 2026 will feature plenty of family entertainment for all to enjoy at the Fanzone. These include the renowned Chinese Acrobats, an army of delightful roaming performers, concerts featuring A-list music artists, plus so much more.

The concerts are set to feature back-to-back live

performances by a pair of music industry superstars. On the Sunday night of F1 weekend, multi-platinum-selling hit-maker Martin Garrix will headline the post-race celebrations, which is scheduled to start at 8.40pm local time/3.40pm Bahrain time. On Saturday evening, Grammy-nominated DJ and producer Axwell will be taking to the SIC stage at 7.35pm local time/2.35pm Bahrain time.

Tickets for each concert are available exclusively to race-weekend ticket holders. Ticket holders are able to purchase for US\$50 per person for the Axwell concert, and US\$100 per person for the Martin Garrix concert.

A separate ticket is required for each performance and are available at Bahraingp.com.

SIC will be closing its gates to the public at 8.30pm on both Friday and Saturday of the grand prix and at 6pm on Sunday.

For more information on the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia 2026, visit bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline, or follow BIC and SIC on social media.

## Iraq to host Khaleeji 28

Four-time champions awarded 2028 Gulf Cup

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Iraq will host the 28th Arabian Gulf Cup from December 9 to 22, 2028, after the Arab Gulf Cup Football Federation awarded them the tournament yesterday.

The decision was made during an executive committee meeting in Jeddah on the sidelines of the ongoing Khaleeji 27, with Iraq being the only country to submit a bid.

The host city is yet to be confirmed, with Basra and Baghdad both in contention. The Iraqi Football Association must also complete the necessary organisational requirements ahead of 2028.

It will be the third time the four-time champions have staged the Gulf Cup. Baghdad hosted the competition in 1979, before it returned



Iraq captain Aymen Hussein lifts the Gulf Cup in 2023

to Iraq for Khaleeji 25 in Basra in 2023.

That edition ended in celebration for the hosts, who beat Oman in the final to lift the trophy for a fourth time.

Iraq are also in contention for another Gulf crown at this year's tournament in Saudi Arabia, with Graham Arnold's side on the verge of reaching the semi-finals.

They face the hosts today in their final Group A match, needing only a draw to advance. Oman and Kuwait complete the group.

Alongside the Khaleeji 28 announcement, Iraq were awarded hosting rights for the Gulf Olympic Teams Championship, which will take place in Basra from March 21 to April 3 next year.

## Premier League Set To Resume

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Domestic football will return next month, with the Nasser bin Hamad Premier League resuming on October 9 and the King's Cup getting under way two days earlier.

Following the domestic break, Matchweek Four will be played across three days.

Al Khaldiya face champions Muharraq at Khalifa Sports City Stadium on October 9, while Malkiya take on Riffa at Bahrain National Stadium.

The following evening will see Manama meet Al Ahli at Khalifa Sports City and Hidd face Al Ettifaq at Bahrain National Stadium.

The round concludes on October 11, when East Riffa play A'Ali at Khalifa Sports City and Sitra take on Al Najma at Al Ahli Club Stadium.

Matchweek Five will follow from October 16 to 18, with the sixth round



Action from Muharraq's clash with Khaldiya last season

scheduled for October 22 to 24.

Meanwhile, the first preliminary round of the King's Cup begins on October 7, with Busaiteen facing Qalali at Al Ahli Club Stadium and Al Tadamun meeting Ittihad Al Reef at Al Najma Club Stadium.

Umm Al Hassam then take on Isa Town at Riffa Club Stadium on October 8, while Al Hala face Buri at Al Ahli Club Stadium. All matches will kick off at 7pm.

## Lobaina bows out in boxing quarters

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Bahrain's Jorge Luis Felimon Lobaina saw his run at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya come to an end yesterday after losing on points to Tajikistan's Parviz Karimov in the men's 90kg quarter-finals.

Lobaina, who had edged Kyrgyzstan's Bakyt Toktosun Uulu 3-2 in the round of 16, was beaten by unanimous decision at Nishio Gymnasium as Karimov earned the verdict of all five judges.

The Tajik took control by sweeping the opening two rounds on every



Jorge Luis Felimon Lobaina, right, in action against his Tajik opponent

scorecard, leaving the Bahraini needing a strong finish to turn the contest around.

Lobaina responded in the third, winning the round on four of the five cards, but his

late push was not enough to reverse the outcome.

Four judges scored the bout 29-28 in Karimov's favour, with the fifth returning a 30-27 verdict to seal a 5-0 victory.

The defeat also brought the kingdom's boxing campaign to a close, with Lobaina having been the last of its five fighters still in contention.

Omar Budhahi, Ali Amr Abdalla and Hamza Salahuddin had already exited their respective men's events, while Maryam Khamis, the squad's sole female boxer, also bowed out earlier in the competition.

Irish coach John Conlan guided the five-member team in Japan.

The boxing programme continues with semi-final action today and tomorrow, before the finals take place on Friday.

## Trap trio chase final places

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Bahrain's trap shooters head into the final day of individual qualification at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya today, with Saeed Hasan Ali, Maryam Al Sulaiti and Marwa Buarki looking to climb the standings.

Ali sits 33rd in the men's competition after taking his tally to 87 hits from 100 targets at Aichi Prefectural General Shooting Gallery yesterday.

The Bahraini added rounds of 22 and 20 to his opening-day scores of 23 and 22, while Chinese Taipei's Yang Kun-Pi moved to the top of the standings on 98.

In the women's event, Al Sulaiti and Buarki are level on 85 after four rounds, occupying 16th and 19th places respectively.

Al Sulaiti followed her opening-day

total of 42 with rounds of 21 and 22, while Buarki added scores of 23 and 20 to her first-day tally of 42.

India's Neeru leads the 27-shooter field on 95, with Qatar's Ray Bassil one behind.

The fifth and final round of qualification takes place today, with the programme getting under way from 4am Bahrain time. The women's individual final follows at 11am, before the men compete for the medals at 12.30pm.

Bahrain will have another opportunity in the trap competition tomorrow, when Ali and Buarki join forces in the mixed team event.

The pair are among 12 teams entered, with qualification beginning at 7am and the final scheduled for 11.30am.

The overall shooting programme concludes on Thursday with the men's 25m rapid-fire pistol events.