

US Ambassador to China David Perdue said President Donald Trump raised the possibility of selling US arms to Chinese President Xi Jinping.



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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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