

Parliamentary, Shura mandate extended

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HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued Royal Order No. (13) of 2026 extending the sixth legislative term of the Shura Council and Parliament for one year, citing 'necessity under the current circumstances and their effects'.

The order extends the sixth legislative term of both chambers for a fifth session lasting one year from 12 December 2026.

Historic Presidency



H.E. Ambassador Stephanie Hallett
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The United States Ambassador to Bahrain, Stephanie Hallett, congratulated the kingdom on its "historic" presidency of the United Nations Security Council during April.

Ambassador praised Bahrain's leadership, highlighting the roles of Foreign Minister Abdulatif bin Rashid Al Zayani and UN Ambassador Jamal Fares Al Rowaie for their "vision and focus on solutions."

She noted that Bahrain's presidency helped secure a record number of co-sponsors on key initiatives, condemned Iran's actions against Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states and Jordan, and underscored the importance of maritime security.

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'Safe, Stable Oasis'

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa said Bahrain overcame the latest crisis through national unity and the work of its armed forces, security services and other teams, during a meeting with parliament Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam and Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh.

HM the King reviewed the outcome of the Gulf Co-operation Council consultative summit held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, with the two chairmen. He said the talks aimed at strengthening



HM the King, in the presence of HRH Prince Salman, receives Speaker Al Musallam and Shura Council Chairman Al Saleh

ing Gulf co-ordination in light of regional events and developments, and at protecting the interests, security and stability of GCC states.

His Majesty King Hamad said

Bahrain had shown its ability to face challenges through the unity of its people, their cohesion and their stand 'as one rank' for the country.

He praised the armed forces,

security services and other teams involved in defending Bahrain's security, territorial safety, citizens and residents. He added that the kingdom enjoys security and stability and will

remain 'an oasis of safety and reassurance' as it continues its national path in a spirit of one family.

His Majesty the King also thanked the chairmen and members of the Shura Council and Parliament for their stances towards the kingdom, praising what had been achieved during the four sessions of the sixth legislative term.

He said the legislature actively supported national development and helped secure further gains for the country and its people through its lawmaking and oversight work.

Unbreakable Bond

Leaders reaffirm strong Bahrain-UAE relations

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HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa met UAE President Shaikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Dubai Ruler Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum in Abu Dhabi. They discussed regional developments and reaffirmed deep-rooted bilateral ties between Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

At the outset of the meeting, HM the King expressed his pleasure at the gathering, describing it as a reflection of the longstanding and fraternal relations binding the two nations.

HM the King highlighted the depth of Bahrain-UAE ties, built

on a shared history of close cooperation, mutual support, and enduring solidarity, noting that such meetings continue to strengthen these bonds.

He conveyed the greetings of the people of Bahrain to their counterparts in the UAE and expressed appreciation for the UAE's continued support, particularly during challenging times.

HM the King also recalled the UAE's longstanding supportive role, emphasising that the strong relationship between the two countries is rooted in a legacy established by previous generations and will continue into the future.



HM the King with Dubai Ruler Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH

National drive to curb mosquito spread

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Following a directive from the Council of Ministers to take urgent action against the spread of mosquitoes, the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture and the Ministry of Health have intensified joint field measures to curb mosquito breeding across the kingdom.

The ministries said in a statement that coordinated efforts are underway in all governorates, including intensified removal of stagnant water, enhanced pest control operations, and increased field inspections

to eliminate breeding sites.

Municipal teams across the Capital, Muharraq, Northern and Southern governorates have launched operational plans targeting open areas where water accumulates.

Plans

These plans include cleaning surrounding sites, removing waste that may trap water, and clearing vegetation that supports mosquito breeding.

Officials are also conducting regular field visits to monitor drainage and water removal oper-

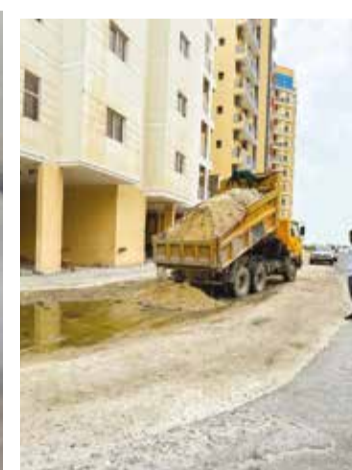
ations, aiming to improve coordination and operational efficiency.

The ministry urged residents to comply with waste disposal regulations and report stagnant water locations via a dedicated hotline, stressing community cooperation in maintaining a safe environment.

The Ministry of Health said it continues preventive efforts in coordination with municipal authorities through field surveillance and targeted control of mosquito hotspots, particularly during periods of higher humidity and rainfall that increase breeding activity.



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