

Pilgrims perform stoning on second day of Tashreeq in Mina

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Hajj pilgrims performed the stoning of the three Jamarat yesterday, marking the second day of Tashreeq amid smooth crowd movement and extensive organisational measures in Mina.

Pilgrims began the ritual by throwing pebbles at the small Jamarah, followed by the middle Jamarah, before concluding at Jamarat Al Aqabah, in an atmosphere filled with spirituality and devotion.



Bahraini pilgrims celebrate the conclusion of their Hajj rituals



According to the Saudi Press Agency (SPA), movement across the Jamarat Bridge remained highly organised, with pilgrims able to travel easily to and from the ritual site.

Worshippers also moved smoothly between their accommodation in Mina and Makkah, where some pilgrims headed to perform the farewell Tawaf before departing early.

Bahrain mourns former Yemeni president Hadi



Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has sent a cable of condolences to Dr Rashad Mohamed Al Alimi, Chairman of Yemen's Presidential Leadership Council, following the death of former Yemeni President and Field Marshal Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi.

HM the King expressed his sincere condolences and sympathy to Yemen's leadership and people, wishing them strength and solace during this time of mourning. His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, also sent a cable of condolences to Dr Al Alimi.

HRH conveyed heartfelt sympathies to the Yemeni leadership and people, and wished them patience and comfort in the wake of the loss.

First confirmed Ebola recovery

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The World Health Organization yesterday announced the first recovery of a confirmed Ebola patient in the outbreak raging in the Democratic Republic of Congo. "The DRC has said that on May 27, a patient recovered and left the hospital and has been discharged into the community," the WHO's Anais Legand told reporters.

Mercury hits 45°C, eyes on Al-Barah

Northwesterly winds are expected to bring slightly cooler temperatures

Authorities warn of blowing dust, reduced visibility and choppier offshore waters as winds pick up.

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Bahrain recorded its hottest day of the week on Friday, with temperatures reaching around 45°C, while strong seasonal winds are expected to bring a modest drop in temperatures today.

According to the Meteorological Directorate at the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Friday's weather was hot during the day and relatively mild at night, with temperatures ranging between 45°C and 27°C. The peak followed a gradual warming trend during the week, with temperatures rising from around 39°C earlier in the week to about 41°C in recent days before reaching Friday's high.

Relief expected as winds

AL-BARAH WINDS

BAHRAIN'S EARLY-SUMMER BREEZE

Al-Barah (also known as Al-Bawarih) are strong, dry northwesterly winds that occur seasonally in Bahrain and across the Gulf from late spring into summer.

WHAT ARE AL-BARAH WINDS?	WHEN DO THEY OCCUR?	WIND CHARACTERISTICS	WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?
Al-Barah are dry, northwesterly winds created by regional pressure changes between a high pressure system over Europe and a low pressure system over the Arabian Peninsula.	They typically occur from May to August, with the strongest winds in June and July.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direction: Northwesterly Speed: 12-17 knots, often gusting to 20-25 knots Moisture: Dry and gusty 	

strengthen

Forecasters expect temperatures to fall to around 40°C today as strong northwesterly winds, known locally as "Al-Barah" or "Al-Bawarih", sweep across the Kingdom. Winds are expected to blow at 12 to 17 knots, occasionally strengthening to between 20 and 25 knots.

While the winds are likely to bring some moderation in temperatures, they could also trigger blowing dust and reduce visibility in open and exposed

areas. Conditions are expected to remain hot during the daytime despite the stronger airflow.

Dusty weekend forecast

The same weather pattern is forecast to continue through the weekend, with temperatures holding near 40°C and northwesterly winds remaining active. Gusts could reach up to 25 knots at times, while intermittent dust activity is expected, particularly in open and desert regions.

Marine caution advised

Marine conditions are expected to remain moderately active, with wave heights ranging from one to three feet in coastal waters and rising to between three and six feet offshore. Fishermen and seafarers have been advised to exercise caution as strong winds and elevated wave activity are expected to persist through the weekend.

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The GCC's all-time heat record stands at 54°C, recorded in Kuwait in 2016 – hot enough to rank among the world's highest officially recognised temperatures.



A'ali Fire Rescue
 Above picture: A snapshot from a video shared by the Ministry of Interior shows Civil Defence teams during a rescue operation after a house fire broke out in A'ali on Friday morning. Five children were safely rescued after receiving emergency instructions over the phone while alone inside the home. (Read more on Page 04)

Trump says now making 'final determination' on Iran deal

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump yesterday said he was now making a "final" decision on whether or not to strike a peace deal with Iran.

"I will be meeting now, in the Situation Room, to make a final determination," Trump said in a lengthy social media post, stressing that Iran must agree never to have nuclear weapons and to open the Hormuz shipping lanes.

In the post, Trump said that Iran "will complete the immediate removal" of mines in the strait and that the US naval blockade of Iranian ports "will now be lifted," allowing oil and other tankers to start moving.



Where Bahrain's policing journey began



The Police Fort, the historic headquarters of Bahrain's Ministry of Interior, stands as the birthplace of organised security work in the Kingdom since the establishment of the Bahrain Police in 1919. Deeply connected to the legacy of the Hajana Camel Corps, the fort reflects an era when camel patrols played a vital role in maintaining security, transportation, and monitoring stability across the country. Known for their endurance, discipline, and resilience, the Hajana personnel represented more than just a security force. They became a lasting symbol of Bahrain's national heritage, showcasing the strong bond between the Kingdom's security services and its rich cultural traditions passed down through generations.