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# Bahrain stands united with GCC for peace

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa emphasised the strong bonds between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the GCC countries.

He lauded their solidarity during the region's sensitive times and their continuous efforts to maintain peace and security for all.

HM the King was speaking as he received Jassim Mohammed Al Budaiwi, Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, at Al Safriya Palace during his visit

to the Kingdom.

His Majesty welcomed the Secretary General and commended the ongoing efforts of all members of the General Secretariat to enhance Gulf cooperation, achieve greater coordination, integration, and meet the aspirations of the peoples of the member states for development and prosperity.

He also commended the prominent status of the GCC regionally and internationally, and the comprehensive achievements made since its establishment in promoting peace, security, and



HM the King with Jassim Mohammed Al Budaiwi

stability in the region.

Progress

The meeting also covered various Gulf-related issues, particularly those supporting the progress of the GCC.

Al Budaiwi expressed gratitude to HM the King.

He conveyed his appreciation for His Majesty's directives, as well as HM King Hamad's efforts and constant commitment to supporting joint Gulf action, increasing its achievements, and enhancing cooperation and solidarity among member states in order to achieve the GCC goals.

## Executive and legislative unity pillar of progress

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The strong partnership between the executive and legislative branches is a cornerstone of Bahrain's development and reform efforts.

This was emphasised by His Excellency Dr. Abdulatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee, as the Kingdom marks the International Day of Parliamentarism today.

## Kingdom condemns terrorist attack in Pakistan province

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The Kingdom of Bahrain strongly condemned and denounced the terrorist attack that targeted a military convoy in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, northwest of Pakistan, which resulted in a number of deaths and injuries.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterated Bahrain's solidarity with Pakistan in its fight against extremism and terrorism, and its support for Pakistan's security and stability.

# Frontlines of Stability

HRH Prince Salman Commends BDF's Role

● BDF praised for vigilance

● Visit signals strategic intent

● Regional tensions form backdrop

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and Prime Minister, visited the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) General Command on Sunday to reaffirm the Kingdom's commitment to security, military readiness, and regional stability.

Accompanied by His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, HRH was received on arrival by His Excellency Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the BDF.

### Strategic Commitment

During the visit, HRH Crown Prince Salman conveyed the appreciation of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, to BDF personnel

HRH Prince Salman with H.E. Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa during his visit to the BDF

for their steadfast commitment and high level of readiness.

HRH commended the force's professionalism in confronting emerging challenges and their dedication to protecting Bahrain's sovereignty.

"Our armed forces remain a pillar of national security and a source of pride," HRH said, noting that the BDF's capabilities are a direct result of years of investment and the tireless efforts of its members. "Their vigilance, resolve, and professionalism reflect the Kingdom's proactive approach to defence and civil protection," HRH said.

### Regional Readiness

The visit comes at a time of



heightened regional instability, with continued friction across Gulf waters, the Red Sea, and the wider Middle East.

While Bahrain itself has not been directly impacted, regional airspace disruptions and the shadow of potential escalation between regional powers have

placed added significance on the role of armed forces.

Against this backdrop, HRH Prince Salman underlined the importance of readiness not only for national defence, but also for contributing to broader efforts to maintain peace and security in coordination with regional and international allies.

### Allied Cooperation

HRH also highlighted the strategic role of the BDF alongside allied forces, especially in strengthening defence cooperation within the region.

The Kingdom's signing of the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA) with the United

States and ongoing defence collaborations with the United Kingdom underscore Bahrain's role as a committed security partner.

Ministers present during the visit included His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, and His Excellency Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, Minister of Defence Affairs.

### National Spirit

In his remarks, HRH praised the strong national spirit and sense of duty exhibited by BDF personnel, describing their contributions as "a model of patriotism."

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Royal pride on Bahrain-US ties

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa expressed Bahrain's pride in the long-standing historical relations and close partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the US, which for decades have been based on trust, respect, and joint coordination. HM the King was speaking as he received His Excellency Steven C. Bondy, Ambassador of the US to the Kingdom of Bahrain, and Vice Admiral George Wikoff, Commander of the US Naval Forces Central Command and Commander of the Fifth Fleet, at Al Safriya Palace. HM King Hamad noted the ongoing progress in bilateral cooperation, especially in military coordination, defence cooperation, and in various areas of development as two allied countries.

# In the line of duty

MPs propose bonuses for frontline workers during Iran-Israel conflict

Mohammed Darwish  
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MPs are proposing bonuses for security, military and medical staff who were called into action during the fallout from the Iran-Israel conflict.

Hamad Al Doy, who is backing the proposal with a number of colleagues, said the payments would go to government workers involved in emergency readiness and front-line response.

He said the move follows recent developments in the region which required intensified preparations, particularly among agencies tasked with national security and public health.

"This is for those who were out there, supporting the coun-



try at a time when heightened alert was necessary," he said. "They maintained stability and kept essential services running."

The proposal covers staff in the security forces, armed services and health sector.

Duties

Al Doy said these teams remained on standby and took on additional duties during the

**"It is about recognising their efforts clearly and fairly. These are people who played a direct part in safeguarding the country during a difficult time."**

- MP HAMAD AL DOY

heightened state of readiness.

He said the period had demanded greater flexibility and sustained focus, with many staff working beyond their usual hours and adapting to shifts in operational demands.

"They showed they were ready when it mattered," he

said. "Their response spoke for itself."

Al Doy said the proposal aims to formally acknowledge the work carried out across these sectors during the period in question.

Value

He added that this would reinforce the value of their role and affirm their importance in future contingency planning.

"It is about recognising their efforts clearly and fairly. These are people who played a direct part in safeguarding the country during a difficult time," the lawmaker said.

He said the bonuses reflect Bahrain's approach to supporting national staff and maintaining readiness under all conditions.

Book of memories



His Excellency Nabeel bin Yacoub Al Hamer, His Majesty the King's Advisor for Media Affairs, received writer Ahmed Abdulrahman Al Sayed, where Al Sayed presented his book "Memories of a Student, Graduate of the University of Baghdad 1974." Al Hamer commended Al Sayed's efforts in producing the book, which recounts his experiences and memories during his five years of study at the University of Baghdad over 50 years ago, and wished him continued success.

Educational cooperation



His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, received Tariq Abdul Latif Jasim Kanoo, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Abdulrahman Kanoo Education Group (ARKEDU). The meeting discussed cooperation on future educational programmes and reviewed support for the expansion plans of Abdulrahman Kanoo International School, aimed at strengthening the quality and scope of its educational services.

# Investing in talent

Transportation Minister attends Huawei Bahrain 2024 ICT Talent Achievement Closing Ceremony



H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed with distinguished guests and attendees

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Investing in national human capital is a strategic pillar of Bahrain's digital transformation and its shift toward a knowledge-based economy.

This was emphasised by His Excellency Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, as he attended the Huawei Bahrain 2024 ICT Talent Achievement Closing Ceremony.

The event was attended by H.E. Ni Ruchi, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

In his keynote address, Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed underscored the importance of

high-impact educational initiatives that help identify and develop young Bahraini talent, equipping them with digital skills to compete on regional and international levels.

Strategic programmes

He commended Huawei's ongoing efforts in supporting education and skill-building through strategic programmes such as the ICT Competition, describing it as a vital platform for fostering innovation and preparing youth to meet future technological challenges.

The Transportation Minister noted that such initiatives play a key role in shaping a digitally advanced society and enhancing the Kingdom's position in the global technology

landscape.

He also underlined the importance of public-private partnerships in aligning academic outcomes with labour market demands, especially as the ICT sector continues to evolve rapidly.

Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed reiterated the ministry's commitment to enabling innovation by maintaining a supportive regulatory framework, ensuring secure digital infrastructure, and encouraging investment in emerging technologies, all aligned with the goals of Bahrain Economic Vision 2030.

During the event, students, faculty, and mentors were honoured across various categories for their achievements.

# Bihar and Jharkhand Tourism and ODOP walls inaugurated at Indian Embassy consular hall



H.E. Indian Ambassador Vinod K. Jacob with distinguished guests and attendees

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Ambassador of India H.E. Vinod K. Jacob inaugurated Bihar and Jharkhand Tourism and One District One Product (ODOP) walls at the Consular hall of the Embassy in the presence of Bihar and Jharkhand communities living in Bahrain.

These walls highlight touristic attractions as well as exquisite products identified under ODOP scheme, of the states of Bihar and Jharkhand.

The event was also attended by H.E. Mr. Tirtha Raj Wagle, Ambassador of Nepal to the Kingdom of Bahrain and Her Excellency Shanika Dissanayake, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Under the 'Focus state/Union territory' initiative of Embassy of India, touristic and ODOP products of a particular State/Union territory are being promoted in Bahrain for a period of around one month.

Initiative

Embassy has till date featured Rajasthan, Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu for this initiative in sourcing the ODOP products for display at the Embassy.

Bihar is a historically rich and culturally vibrant State located in eastern India. It is closely associated with Buddhism, as Lord Buddha attained enlightenment in Bodhi Gaya.

Bihar holds immense histor-

ical and cultural significance as it was the centre of ancient knowledge of philosophy, with places like Nalanda being prominent centres of learning.

Among Bihar's artistic tradition, the works of Madhubani artists stand out. Nepal and Sri Lanka share close cultural and economic linkages with Bihar.

Jharkhand, a land of rich mineral reserves, lush forests, vibrant tribal culture, and industrial significance, is home to major industrial hubs like Tata Steel and Tata Motors in Jamshedpur, and SAIL's steel plant in Bokaro, along with vast coalfields in Dhanbad and beyond.

Known for its waterfalls, ancient temples, and folk traditions, the State reflects a unique blend of indigenous heritage and modern development.

# Shura Council Leads Reform

42% of Council are women

- 13th in digital index
- Women lead key committees
- Reform drive gains praise

Mahir Haneef  
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Bahrain's Shura Council is gaining international recognition as a model of modern governance, combining digital innovation with gender inclusion.

On the occasion of the International Day of Parliamentarism, the Council marked its dual achievements by placing 13th globally in digital maturity and raising women's leadership to 42 percent within its Secretariat, underscoring a reform path praised at home and abroad.

## Reform in motion

Led by Secretary-General H.E. Kareema Mohammed AlAbbasi, the Shura's General Secretariat highlighted the Council's embrace of both technological excellence and institutional inclusion.

AlAbbasi called the Council's digital transformation and commitment to gender equality a



H.E. Kareema Mohammed AlAbbasi



H.E. Dr. Fatema Abduljabbar Alkooheji



H.E. Sabeeka Khalifa Alfadhala



H.E. Dalal Jasim Alzayed



H.E. Lina Habib Qassem



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H.E. Dr. Jehad Abdulla Alfadhel



H.E. Nancy Dinah Elly Khedouri

reflection of Bahrain's broader reform project under His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Council's digital leadership was confirmed by the 2024 Global e-Parliament Report issued by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which placed Bahrain's

Shura 13th globally and first in the Arab world for digital maturity.

The recognition reflects years of work to modernise legislative infrastructure, boost virtual participation, and streamline institutional transparency.

## Women at the forefront

At the same time, the Council

celebrated its growing female presence.

Shura members including H.E. Dr. Fatema Abduljabbar Alkooheji, H.E. Sabeeka Khalifa Alfadhala, H.E. Dalal Jasim Alzayed, Lina Habib Qassem, and H.E. Dr. Jameela Mohamed Redha Alsaman spoke about the national strides made in institutionalising gender balance.

Women now lead multiple

standing committees and take active roles in legislation, oversight, and parliamentary diplomacy.

H.E. Dr. Jehad Abdulla Alfadhel, Second Deputy Speaker, described Bahrain's legislative chamber as a platform for national dialogue and equal participation, where women's representation in policymaking demonstrates both constitution-

Bahrain is the only Arab country ranked in the global top 20 on the Inter-Parliamentary Union's 2024 Digital Maturity Index. The ranking covers 115 parliaments across 86 countries and evaluates transparency, digital access, and innovation.

al values and global competitiveness.

## Global model recognised

Council member H.E. Nancy Dinah Elly Khedouri emphasised the impact of Bahraini women in international forums, noting their presence in regional and global parliamentary events as proof of Bahrain's commitment to equality and inclusion.

H.E. Leena Habib Kassim, Chair of the Women and Children's Affairs Committee, echoed that sentiment, calling the Council an institutional expression of trust in women's leadership.

In line with this year's global theme, "Achieving Gender Equality: Step by Step", the Shura Council used the occasion to spotlight its efforts as part of Bahrain's national reform narrative.

# 'Modern Parliament Leads Globally'

- Bahrain promotes global dialogue
- Parliament backs gender equality
- Royal support drives reform

Mahir Haneef  
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Bahrain's modern parliamentary system is emerging as a regional model by integrating digital innovation, gender equality, and diplomatic outreach into

its legislative identity.

On the occasion of the International Day of Parliamentarism, MP Dr. Maryam Al-Dhaen reaffirmed that Bahrain's experience now stands at the forefront of national reform and international recognition.

## Diplomacy in focus

Dr. Al-Dhaen described Bahrain's parliament as a key pillar in the Kingdom's state-building and development strategy, empowered by the continued support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and guided by the national reform programme.

She said the legislative branch now plays a vital role in foreign

policy by building bridges with global parliaments, participating in regional dialogues, and promoting Bahrain's image in multilateral forums.

She noted that Bahrain's parliamentary diplomacy reflects the maturity of its democratic experience and supports peace, security, and mutual understanding.

These are also among the key goals recognised globally on this day celebrating parliamentary cooperation.

## Institutional progress

Al-Dhaen also commended the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin



MP Dr. Maryam Al-Dhaen

Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for fostering an effective environment of collaboration between

the legislative and executive branches.

This, she said, enables the Council to perform its constitutional role with efficiency and confidence, especially in contributing to policymaking and sustainable development.

The statement follows a series of recognitions for Bahrain's parliamentary transformation.

These include the Shura Council's first-place ranking in the Arab world and 13th globally in the 2024 Digital Maturity Index issued by the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

The Council has also achieved a 42 percent female leadership rate within its General Secretari-

at, and women now chair several permanent committees.

## Unified direction

Al-Dhaen said Bahrain's parliament is evolving not only as a legislative institution but also as a platform for international engagement and democratic expression.

International Parliamentary Day, she added, serves as a reminder of the responsibility parliaments bear in upholding justice, promoting development, and advocating for equality across borders.

She pledged to continue representing Bahrain's national interests in global forums.

## Bahrain's Parliament a regional model

Mohammed Darwish  
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Bahrain's parliamentary record, shaped by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's reform charter, now stands as a model for the region.

MP Ahmed Al Salloom said this as the world marks the International Day of Parliamentarism today.

He credited steady cooperation between Parliament and the Cabinet, under His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for keeping bills in good order and tuned to public needs.

The Shura Council, across



MP Ahmed Al Salloom

several terms, has overhauled key economic and social laws.

Al Salloom said this has helped Bahrain sharpen its edge, attract investors and open doors for jobseekers.

This year, the United Nations chose the theme "Achieving gender equality, action by action".

Al Salloom pointed to Bahrain's figures.

## Shura Council's active engagements globally

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Shura Council took part in 55 international meetings during the third sitting of the sixth legislative term, with members attending a variety of foreign visits and virtual sessions.

These engagements covered subjects ranging from trade and finance to climate policy, healthcare, artificial intelligence, and national security.

## Ideas

The Council described the effort as part of its aim to exchange ideas with other par-

liaments and improve its own legislative practices. Discussions covered topics now common across global assemblies: sustainable growth, gender parity, technological change, and defence.

Bahrain chaired the Asian Parliamentary Assembly and took over leadership of next year's GCC conference of parliamentary speakers from the United Arab Emirates.

The Council also obtained observer status in the Southeast Asian parliamentary bloc and became a full member of the Mediterranean assembly.

## Constitutional Architect Passes Away

Mohammed Darwish  
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Dr. Hussain Al Baharna, the legal scholar who helped shape Bahrain's 1973 Constitution and served as Minister of State for Legal Affairs for nearly a quarter of a century, passed away on Sunday at the age of 93.

His funeral will be held at 5pm today at Al Hoora Cemetery.

Al Baharna was among the first Bahrainis to study law abroad, earning his degree from Baghdad in 1953 before pursuing further study in Britain and the Netherlands.

He later completed a doctorate in public international law



Dr. Hussain Al Baharna

at the University of Cambridge in 1961, cementing a legal foundation that would influence both national and international jurisprudence.

He was appointed Minister of State for Legal Affairs in 1971, shortly after Bahrain's independence, and remained in that position until 1995.

# Cultural extravaganza

Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam Unveils ‘Shravanam 2025’ Onam Celebrations

Pradeep Puravankara  
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Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS), one of the largest expatriate associations in the Kingdom of Bahrain, officially commenced its annual Onam celebrations, named ‘Shravanam 2025,’ with the ceremonial ‘Onam Vilambaram’ (Onam Proclamation) and the inauguration of the Onam Committee Office.

The event was jointly inaugurated by UNICO Chief Operating Officer Jayashankar Viswanathan, BKS President P.V. Radhakrishna Pillai, and General Secretary Varghese Karakkal.

The ceremony saw the presence of Onam Celebration Committee Convener Varghese George, Joint Conveners Harikrishnan, Nisha Dileesh, Rajesh K.P., Abhilash Velukkai, along with other BKS executive committee members and Shravanam 2025 committee members.

Following the office inauguration, various cultural programs presented by Samajam members were staged.

Cultural performances

Program Convenor Sanalkumar and Joint Convener Remya



Celebrating Onam with tradition and unity

Binoj led the cultural performances.

‘Shravanam 2025’ will feature a diverse array of festivities spanning over a month and a half.

This year’s Onam celebrations will kick off on August 22 with ‘Pilleronam’ and culminate with the grand Onasadya on October 3. Pilleronam will be followed by a ‘Ruchi Mela’ (Food Festival) led by Raj Kalesh.

The official inauguration of the Onam celebrations will take place on September 1 with the flag hoisting ceremony.

Competitions

Subsequently, the Samajam will host various cultural and

sports competitions.

The festivities will be enhanced by musical evenings led by renowned singers Chithra and Madhu Balakrishnan, a band performance by Arya Dayal, Sachin Warriar & Team, and a musical night led by Pandalam Balan.

The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam Vanitha Vedi (Women’s Forum) will present a dramatic dance spectacle, ‘Vindhyavali,’ and a mega ‘Thiruvathira’ performance as part of Shravanam 2025.

Planning

BKS President P.V. Radhakrishna Pillai announced that the Samajam’s Onam celebrations



have been meticulously planned to allow all Malayali expatriates in Bahrain to participate and enjoy.

General Secretary Varghese Karakkal further added that all expatriates in Bahrain would have the opportunity to partici-

pate in the competitions organized as part of the Onam celebrations.

The celebrations will conclude with the traditional Onasadya on October 3, led by the acclaimed chef Pazhayidom Mohanan Namboothiri.

## Two men to face trial for trafficking

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Two men accused of trafficking women into forced labour will face trial before the High Criminal Court on 1 July, the Public Prosecution said.

The case centres on allegations made by two women, who told prosecutors they were forced to work long hours without pay, in roles that differed from those initially agreed.

They said the men locked them inside and restricted their movements.

The Anti-Trafficking Prosecution began inquiries immediately after the complaint was lodged.

The women were moved to a state shelter overseen by the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons, where they gave statements.

Others involved in the case were also interviewed, and the suspects were questioned under caution.

Both were ordered to remain in custody while investigations continued.

Police were tasked with examining the claims.

Their findings backed up the women’s account, and the officer leading the case gave evidence to that effect.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		Bahraini Dinars 000's	
As at 31 March 2025		31-Mar-25 (Audited)	31-Mar-24 (Audited)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and balances with banks and the Central Bank		40,184	53,722
Due from other branches		565	4,107
Loans and advances		59,140	42,312
Interest receivable and other assets		508	459
Right-of-use assets		183	257
Furniture and equipment		40	67
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>100,620</b>	<b>100,924</b>
<b>HEAD OFFICE FUNDS AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Head Office funds</b>			
Head Office account		10,655	10,655
Unremitted profits		5,423	929
<b>TOTAL HEAD OFFICE FUNDS</b>		<b>16,078</b>	<b>11,584</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Customer Deposits		77,616	79,402
Interest payable and other liabilities		1,887	1,713
Due to other Branches		4,866	7,956
Lease obligations		173	269
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>84,542</b>	<b>89,340</b>
<b>TOTAL HEAD OFFICE FUNDS AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>100,620</b>	<b>100,924</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2025</b>		<b>(Audited)</b>	<b>(Audited)</b>
Interest and similar income		5,824	5800
Interest and similar expenses		(2,036)	(1,859)
<b>NET INTEREST INCOME</b>		<b>3,788</b>	<b>3,941</b>
Fee and commission income		356	375
Other operating income		2,625	426
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>		<b>6,769</b>	<b>4,742</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Staff expenses		(645)	(634)
Depreciation		(184)	(191)
Other operating expenses		(900)	(841)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		<b>(1,729)</b>	<b>(1,666)</b>
<b>Profit before expected credit loss allowance</b>		<b>5,040</b>	<b>3,076</b>
Expected Credit loss allowance		(546)	(353)
<b>Net profit and total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>4,494</b>	<b>2,723</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN HEAD OFFICE FUNDS</b>			
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2025</b>			
(Audited)	Head Office account BHD 000's	Unremitted profits BHD 000's	Total BHD 000's
Balance at 1 April 2024	10,655	929	11,584
Net profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	4,494	4,494
<b>Balance at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>10,655</b>	<b>5,423</b>	<b>16,078</b>
Balance at 1 April 2023	10,655	(1,794)	8,861
Net profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	2,723	2,723
Balance at 31 March 2024	10,655	929	11,584
<b>STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>		Bahraini Dinars 000's	
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2025</b>		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>(Audited)</b>	<b>(Audited)</b>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net profit for the year		4,494	2,723
Adjustments for non-cash and non-operating items:			
Depreciation		184	191
Expected credit loss allowance		546	353
Interest expense on lease obligations		4	4
<b>Operating profit before changes in operating assets &amp; liabilities</b>		<b>5,228</b>	<b>3,271</b>
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities</b>			
Mandatory reserve deposit with the Central Bank of Bahrain		75	(126)
Loans and advances		(17,374)	(3,094)
Due from other branches		3,542	16,560
Interest receivable and other assets		(49)	252
Due to other branches		(3,090)	3,718
Customer deposits		(1,786)	6,478
Interest payable and other liabilities		173	342
<b>Net cash (used in) from operating activities</b>		<b>(13,281)</b>	<b>27,401</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITY</b>			
Purchase of furniture and equipment		(11)	(1)
<b>Net cash used in investing activity</b>		<b>(11)</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITY</b>			
Payment of lease obligations		(170)	(117)
<b>Net cash used in financing activity</b>		<b>(170)</b>	<b>(117)</b>
<b>NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		<b>(13,462)</b>	<b>27,283</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		51,465	24,182
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR</b>		<b>38,003</b>	<b>51,465</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at year end comprise</b>			
Cash and balances with banks and the Central Bank		40,184	53,722
Mandatory reserve deposit with the Central Bank of Bahrain		(2,519)	(2,594)
		37,665	51,128
Add: Due from other branches with an original maturity of less than ninety days		338	337
		38,003	51,465
The statement of financial position, statement of comprehensive income, statement of cash flows and statement of changes in Head Office Funds have been extracted from the financial statements of State Bank of India - Retail Branch, Bahrain for the year ended 31 March 2025 which were approved for issue by the management and on which an unmodified opinion was issued by Ernst & Young - Middle East, Bahrain on 30 June 2025			
Chief Executive Officer			

# Tamkeen launches **paid** internship sales drive

Monthly stipends support localisation push

- Six-month training with internships
- BD 200 monthly stipend offered
- Builds skills in sales sector

Mahir Haneef  
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Tamkeen and the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) have launched the second edition of their Sales Graduate Development Programme, reinforcing national efforts to localise private sector jobs by equipping Bahraini graduates with real-world experience and finan-



Khalid AlBayat, Chief Growth Officer at Tamkeen

cial support.

### **Paid training push**

Targeted at unemployed Bahraini graduates with no prior sales experience, the six-month programme combines classroom learning with internships at leading organisations in Bahrain. It offers a structured path-



Anood Abbas, Head of the Leadership and Management Centre at the BIBF

way into the sales field through hands-on exposure, while supporting participants with monthly stipends to ease their entry into the job market.

The initiative is part of a broader national strategy to raise economic participation among Bahraini youth, with a clear emphasis on building professional

confidence and practical sales and customer care skills.

### **Skills meet sector needs**

Graduates enrolled in the programme will receive training in customer engagement, digital tools, marketing, and sales techniques. The goal is to prepare them for long-term careers across diverse sectors that rely on sales professionals, from retail and real estate to financial services and tech.

Backed by Tamkeen, the programme helps employers source local talent trained in both soft and technical competencies. It also supports Bahrain's labour market priorities by matching skill-building with real-time workforce needs.

### **Sustained collaboration**

Khalid AlBayat, Chief Growth

Officer at Tamkeen, said the programme's second edition reflected Tamkeen's ongoing commitment to raising the employability of nationals. "By equipping fresh graduates with sales and customer engagement skills, we are preparing them to tap into a sector full of potential," he noted.

Anood Abbas, Head of the Leadership and Management Centre at the BIBF, described the initiative as a transformative entry point for new professionals. "This programme is tailored for those at the beginning of their professional journey, offering a transformative experience that combines theoretical knowledge with direct workplace exposure," she said.

With applications now open, the programme continues to offer fresh graduates a critical first

step into the workforce, bridging the gap between education and employment with the added incentive of paid internships.

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Participants in Tamkeen's graduate training programmes typically receive a monthly BD 200 stipend, with some employers topping up the amount to BD 300 depending on the role and sector.

## G7 agrees to exempt US multinational Companies from **global minimum tax**

AFP | Ottawa, Canada

The Group of Seven nations said Saturday they have agreed to exempt US multinational companies from a global minimum tax imposed by other countries -- a win for President Donald Trump's government, which pushed hard for the compromise.

The deal will see US companies benefit from a "side-by-side" solution under which they will only be taxed at home, on both domestic and foreign profits, the G7 said in a statement released by Canada, which holds the group's rotating presidency.

The agreement was reached in part due to "recently proposed changes to the US international tax system" included in Trump's signature domestic policy bill, which is still being debated in Congress, the statement said.

The side-by-side system could "provide greater stability and certainty in the international tax system moving forward,"

it added.

Nearly 140 countries struck a deal in 2021 to tax multinational companies, an agreement negotiated under the auspices of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

That agreement, deeply criticized by Trump, includes two "pillars," the second of which sets a minimum global tax rate of 15 percent.

The OECD must ultimately decide to exempt the US companies from that tax -- or not.

The G7 said it looked forward to "expeditiously reaching a solution that is acceptable and implementable to all."

On Thursday, US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent had sig-

naled that a "joint understanding among G7 countries that defends American interests" was in the works.

He also asked US lawmakers to "to remove the Section 899 protective measure from consideration in the One, Big, Beautiful Bill" -- Trump's policy mega-bill.

Section 899 has been dubbed a "revenge tax," allowing the government to impose levies on firms with foreign owners and on investors from countries deemed to impose unfair taxes on US businesses.

The clause sparked concern that it would inhibit foreign companies from investing in the United States.

## Strike shuts down Bangladesh's biggest port

AFP | Dhaka, Bangladesh

Operations at Bangladesh's biggest port were suspended on Sunday as a strike by customs officials brought shipping activity to a halt.

The shutdown at Chittagong Port is part of an ongoing dispute between tax authority employees and the government, which is trying to overhaul the body.

"The port typically handles around 7,000 to 8,000 containers daily... But since this morning, there has been no movement in offloading or onboarding of goods," said Mohammed Omar Faruq, secretary of the Chittagong Port Authority.

"This is having a huge impact on the country's economic situation," he told AFP.



Bangladesh is the world's second-largest garment manufacturer, while textile and garment production accounts for about 80 percent of the country's exports.

Mahmud Hasan Khan, president of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association, said the halt in port operations would cost the industry \$222 million.

## Alba records 37 million safe working hours without LTI



Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), the world's largest aluminium smelter on one site, has attained another achievement in its Occupational Safety by reaching 37 million safe working hours without a Lost Time Injury (LTI) on 27 June 2025. This significant addition to Alba's distinguished safety track record reflects its commitment to fostering a safe, healthy and resilient work environment for its employees and contractors' workers.

## Vatel Bahrain Observes Grand Oral Examination at Vatel Nîmes, France



Vatel Bahrain recently attended the Grand Oral examination at Vatel Nîmes, France, to observe its structure and train on its assessment methodologies. The examination is held annually and constitutes the final assessment for graduating students pursuing a bachelor's degree in international Hotel Management. Sheikh Khaled bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, General Director of Vatel Bahrain, affirmed the value of this experience: "Witnessing the Grand Oral examination's discussions firsthand allows us to ensure the alignment of our practices with Vatel France's standards. It is a testimony that Vatel Bahrain is committed to continuous upskilling, maintaining excellence in hospitality education in Bahrain."

# Tamkeen launches updated financial services sector skills report

● Under “Skills Bahrain” initiative

TDT | Manama

The Labour Fund “Tamkeen” announced the release of the updated Financial Services Sector Skills Report, as part of the “Skills Bahrain” initiative and developed in collaboration with private sector stakeholder holders, government entities, and education and training providers. The report builds upon the



Amer Marhoon, Managing Director of Skills Bahrain

findings of the initial report published in 2022, which provid-

ed an overview of the needs of the workforce in the sector and identified its skill gaps. The latest version reflects the sector’s evolving landscape, with updated content aligned to current labour market developments and the Core Skills Framework launched in 2024. The report categorizes sector activities using international standards tailored to Bahrain’s context, covering banking, insurance, asset management, financial markets, and financial technology (FinTech).

The financial services sector plays a pivotal role in Bahrain’s

economy, surpassing oil and gas as the largest contributor to the Kingdom’s GDP, accounting for 17.8%. The sector employs approximately 14,362 individuals, with Bahrainis representing 70% of the workforce, according to the 2023 Labor Force Survey published by the Central Bank of Bahrain.

The report outlines key trends shaping the future of the sector, including rapid digital transformation and the growing prominence of FinTech. It also highlights increasing demand for specialized skills in areas such as cybersecurity, data analytics,

and financial risk management. In addition, it identifies emerging roles, including actuaries, data analysts, compliance officers, and credit officers. There is also a growing focus on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices, with sustainability officers becoming a priority for financial institutions as they integrate ESG practices into business strategies, investment decisions, and risk management processes in alignment with global and local frameworks.

Mr. Amer Marhoon, Managing Director of Skills Bahrain, stat-

ed: “This report highlights the importance of investing in the development of skilled national talent to meet the demands of a rapidly changing sector. As digital transformation accelerates, the need for advanced technical skills in fields such as cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and data analysis continues to grow. The report also highlights the need to guide the next generation towards emerging specializations such as ESG, which can further strengthen Bahrain’s position as a leading financial hub both regionally and internationally.”

# Minister drives green card, water rules

New technical standards approved



● Green card framework reviewed

● Gulf water rules adopted

● Technical updates gain approval

Mahir Haneef  
TDT | Manama

A high-level committee chaired by the Minister of Industry and Commerce, HE Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, has approved sweeping updates to Bahrain’s product standards, marking a pivotal shift toward environmental accountability through the introduction of

green labeling and water-saving regulations.

## Green focus

The sixty-second meeting of the National Committee for Standards and Metrology was held this week, bringing together senior officials including Undersecretary Eman Ahmed Al Doseri and Assistant Undersecretary for Domestic and Foreign Trade Shaikh Hamad bin Salman Al Khalifa. The committee reviewed Bahrain’s upcoming ‘Green Product Card’ initiative, a regulatory tool designed to guide eco-labelling and sustainability compliance.

Participants also discussed the implementation status of the Gulf Regulation for Water Conservation Tools, which aligns Bahrain with GCC-wide stand-

ards aimed at reducing water consumption through more efficient fixtures and plumbing products.

## Product standards updated

During the session, the committee approved new technical regulations covering a set of targeted products. These updated standards are designed to strengthen consumer safety while ensuring compatibility with international specifications in the areas of measurement, safety, and product quality.

The committee also reviewed several submissions related to national development goals, including requests to update or new draft specifications in support of domestic initiatives.

## Sustainability alignment

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The GCC Standardization Organization’s regulations for water-saving fixtures have been adopted across the GCC, requiring products to meet eco-efficiency ratings before import or sale.

HE Minister Fakhro praised the contributions of committee

members and reaffirmed the importance of aligning Bahrain’s technical frameworks with global best practices. He stressed that advancing legislative and regulatory infrastructure is essential for maintaining both consumer safety and environmental stewardship.

The achievements of the Bahrain Standards and Metrology Directorate (BSMD) were also highlighted during the meeting, reflecting Bahrain’s broader direction toward institutionalizing sustainable production and trade practices.

With the technical decisions now approved, the next phase is expected to focus on enforcing the new standards and raising public awareness of the Green Product Card system.

## Indonesia begins \$5.9 bn EV battery project despite environment fears

Jakarta, Indonesia

Indonesia broke ground Sunday on a \$5.9 billion megaproject for EV battery production backed by Chinese giant CATL, despite NGOs raising concerns over a lack of environmental guarantees.

Indonesia is the world’s largest nickel producer and it is trying to capitalise on its vast reserves, with a 2020 export ban spurring a domestic industrial boom of the key metal used in EV batteries and stainless steel.

The EV battery project will include a \$4.7 billion investment on the eastern island of Halmahera and a \$1.2 billion investment in West Java, energy minister Bahlil Lahadalia said in a speech alongside President Prabowo Subianto.

## Sudan gold mine collapse kills 11: state company

Khartoum, Sudan

Additional gold mine has killed 11 miners and wounded seven others in war-torn Sudan’s northeast, the state mining company said yesterday.

Since war erupted between Sudan’s regular army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in April 2023, both sides’ war efforts have been largely funded by Sudan’s gold industry.

According to official and NGO sources, nearly all of the gold trade is funnelled through the United Arab Emirates, widely accused of arming the RSF.

In a statement, the Sudanese Mineral Resources Company (SMRC) said that the collapse occurred in an “artisanal shaft in the Kirsh al-Fil mine” in the remote desert area of Howeid, located between the army-controlled cities of Atbara and Haiya in Sudan’s northeastern Red Sea state.

It did not mention when the collapse took place.

The war, now in its third year, has shattered Sudan’s already-fragile economy, yet the army-backed government announced record gold production of 64 tonnes in 2024.

# Trump says ‘very wealthy’ group to buy TikTok

AFP | Washington, United States

President Donald Trump said yesterday a group of buyers had been found for TikTok, which faces a looming ban in the United States due to its China ties, adding he could name the purchasers in two weeks. “We have a buyer for TikTok, by the way,” Trump said in an interview on Fox’s Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo. “Very wealthy people. It’s a group of wealthy people,” the

president said, without revealing more except to say he would make their identities known “in about two weeks.”

The president also said he would likely need “China approval” for the sale, “and I think President Xi (Jinping) will probably do it.”

TikTok is owned by China-based internet company ByteDance.

A federal law requiring TikTok’s sale or ban on national security grounds was due to take effect the day before Trump’s

inauguration on January 20. But the Republican, whose 2024 election campaign relied heavily on social media and who has said he is fond of TikTok, put the ban on pause.

In mid-June Trump extended a deadline for the popular video-sharing app by another 90 days to find a non-Chinese buyer or be banned in the United States.

Tech experts quickly described the TikTok kerfuffle as a symbol of the heated US-China tech rivalry. While Trump had

long supported a ban or divestment, he reversed his position and vowed to defend the platform -- which boasts almost two billion global users -- after coming to believe it helped him win young voters’ support in the November election. “I have a little warm spot in my heart for TikTok,” Trump told NBC News in early May. “If it needs an extension, I would be willing to give it an extension.”

Now after two extensions pushed the deadline to June 19, Trump has extended it for a

third time.

He said in May that a group of purchasers was ready to pay ByteDance “a lot of money” for TikTok’s US operations.

The previous month he said China would have agreed to a deal on the sale of TikTok if it were not for a dispute over Trump’s tariffs on Beijing.

ByteDance has confirmed talks with the US government, saying key matters needed to be resolved and that any deal would be “subject to approval under Chinese law.”

# LuLu retail wins ‘Best IPO in Middle East’ award

EMEA Finance Achievement Awards

● The accolade celebrates LuLu Retail’s landmark Initial Public Offering, which successfully raised US\$1.7 billion in Q4 2024

TDT | Abu Dhabi / London

LuLu Retail Holdings PLC, the region’s leading full-line retailer, has been honoured with the prestigious “Best IPO in the Middle East” award by EMEA Finance magazine. The recognition was presented at the annual EMEA Finance Achievement Awards 2024, held in London yesterday.

The accolade celebrates LuLu Retail’s landmark Initial Public Offering, which successfully raised US\$1.7 billion in Q4 2024, and marked the company’s of-



ficial listing on the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX). The IPO drew widespread investor

interest and was one of the most anticipated public listings in the region, reinforcing strong mar-

ket confidence in the Group’s growth trajectory, financial resilience, and retail leadership.

The EMEA Finance Achievement Awards are regarded as a benchmark of excellence

in capital markets across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Winners are selected by the editorial board from a pool of nominations submitted by investment banks, corporates, and market participants. The awards spotlight the most impactful and innovative financial transactions spanning IPOs, debt issuance, Islamic finance, structured deals, and mergers and acquisitions.

Transformative chapter

Saifee Rupawala, CEO of LuLu Retail Holdings, said: “We are truly honoured to receive this award, which reflects the strength of our business, the commitment of our team, and the trust placed in us by our investors. The IPO marked a transformative chapter for LuLu Retail, and we remain committed to delivering long-term value and sustainable growth.”

## Trump metal tariffs wreak havoc on US factory

AFP | Belcamp, United States

In the sweltering US summer, metal containers decorated with snowmen and sleighs are taking shape -- but tempers are also rising as their manufacturer grapples with President Donald Trump’s steep steel tariffs.

At Independent Can’s factory in Belcamp, Maryland northeast of Baltimore, CEO Rick Huether recounts how he started working at his family’s business at age 14.

Huether, now 73, says he is determined to keep his manufacturing company afloat for generations to come. But Trump’s tariffs are complicating this task.

“We’re living in chaos right now,” he told AFP.

Since returning to the presidency in January, Trump imposed tariffs of 25 percent on imported steel and aluminum



Coils of steel are seen in a yard outside one of ArcelorMittal Dofasco’s steel manufacturing buildings in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

-- and then doubled the rate to 50 percent.

This has weighed on operations at Independent Can, and Huether expects he eventually will have to raise prices.

Not enough tinplate

With the steady beat of presses, steel plates that have been coated with tin -- to prevent corrosion -- are turned into containers for cookies, dried

fruit, coffee and milk powder at Huether’s factory.

But there is not enough of such American-made tinplate for companies like his.

“In the United States, we can only make about 25 percent of the tinplate that’s required to do what we do,” in addition to what other manufacturers need, Huether said.

“Those all require us to buy in the neighborhood of 70 percent of our steel outside of the United States,” he added.

While Huether is a proponent of growing the US manufacturing base, saying globalization has “gone almost a little bit too far,” he expressed concern about Trump’s methods.

Trump has announced a stream of major tariffs only to later back off parts of them or postpone them, and also imposed duties on items the country does not produce.

For now, Independent Can -- which employs nearly 400 people at four sites -- is ruling out any layoffs despite the current upheaval.

But Huether said one of the company’s plants in Iowa closed last year in part because of a previous increase in steel tariffs, during Trump’s first presidential term.

Price hikes

With steel tariffs at 50 percent now, Huether expects he will ultimately have to raise his prices by more than 20 percent, given that tinplate represents a part of his production costs.

Some buyers have already reduced their orders this year by 20 to 25 percent, over worries about the economy and about not having enough business themselves.

Others now seem more inclined to buy American, but

Huether expressed reservations over how long this trend might last, citing his experiences from the Covid-19 crisis.

“During the pandemic, we took everybody in. As China shut down and the ports were locked up, our business went up 50 percent,” he explained.

But when the pandemic was over, customers turned back to purchasing from China, he said. “Today if people want to come to us, we’ll take them in,” he said, but added: “We need to have a two-year contract.”

Huether wants to believe that his company, which is almost a century old after being founded during the Great Depression, will weather the latest disruptions.

“I think that our business will survive,” he said, but added: “It’s trying to figure out what you’re going to sell in the next six months.”



The Bahrain-Japan Business & Friendship Society (BJBFS) held its Board Meeting at Al Arayedh Group Holding main office building in Segeya. The Board Members discussed about the preparations of its forthcoming events and about the different ways of collaboration with different entities in order to maintain and enhance the strong bilateral relationship between Bahrain and Japan . Events with social, economic and education objectives are being planned for the year. BJBFS President- Mr. Nasser Al Arayedh expressed his appreciation to all who attended. Among which Mr. Nabeel Ajoor, Mr. Yoshiyuki Koike, Mr. Ken Sakaguchi and Mr. Yuichi Wada.

News in brief

◆ **An Israeli court** yesterday postponed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's testimony in his corruption trial after he requested a delay with the support of US President Donald Trump, in a ruling published by the premier's party. "Following the explanations given... we partially accept the request and cancel at this stage Mr Netanyahu's hearings scheduled" for this week, the Jerusalem district court said in its ruling, published online by the Likud party. Netanyahu's lawyers had asked the court to excuse him from testifying over the next two weeks so he could focus on security issues following a ceasefire with Iran and amid ongoing fighting in Gaza where Israeli hostages are held. They had submitted Netanyahu's schedule to the court to demonstrate "the national need for the prime minister to devote all his time and energy to the political, national and security issues at hand". The court initially rejected the lawyers' request but said in its ruling on Sunday that it had changed its judgement after hearing arguments from the prime minister, the head of military intelligence and the chief of the Mossad spy agency.



**Israeli court postpones Netanyahu appearance in graft trial**

**France imposes smoking ban on beaches, parks**

◆ **France yesterday** banned smoking in parks and on beaches, part of efforts to protect the public from passive smoke and create the country's first non-smoking generation. The ban, published in the official government gazette on Saturday, also applies to bus shelters and areas near libraries, swimming pools and schools. It was introduced one week before the start of school holidays, aiming to shield children from smoke on beaches. The rules do not apply to bar and restaurant terraces, where smoking remains permitted. They also do not apply to electronic cigarettes. On a beach packed with sunbathers and sloping into the crashing Atlantic surf in southwestern France, opinions on the new rules were mixed as smokers puffed away without apparent fear of reprimand.

◆ **Heavy rain** and flash flooding across Pakistan have killed 45 people in just a few days since the start of the monsoon season, disaster management officials said yesterday. The highest toll was recorded in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa that borders Afghanistan, where 10 children were among 21 killed. The disaster management authority said 14 of those victims died in the Swat Valley, where media reported a flash flood swept away families on a riverbank. In Pakistan's most populous province of Punjab, along the frontier with India, 13 fatalities have been recorded since Wednesday. Eight of them were children who died when walls or roofs collapsed during heavy rain, while the adults were killed in flash floods. Eleven other deaths related to the monsoon downpours were recorded in Sindh and Balochistan provinces.

**Pakistan flash floods, heavy rain kill 45 in just days**



SPOTLIGHT

India plane crash probe looking at all angles: minister



The tail of Air India flight 171 is pictured after it crashed in a residential area near the airport in Ahmedabad  
**New Delhi, India**

An Indian aviation minister on Sunday said investigators were probing "all angles" behind an Air India crash when asked by media about possible sabotage.

All but one of the 242 people on board the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner were killed when it crashed in the western city of Ahmedabad on June 12.

Authorities have identified 19 others who died on the ground, but a police source told AFP after the crash that the toll was 38.

India's minister of state for civil aviation, Murlidhar Mohol, said the investigation was looking at "all angles" when asked specifically about possible "sabotage", in an inter-

view with Indian news channel NDTV.

"It has never happened before that both engines have shut off together," Mohol said earlier in the interview, in reference to theories by some experts of possible dual-engine failure.

The minister added that until the investigation report is published, it would be premature to comment on the cause.

The team appointed to investigate the crash started extracting data from the plane's cockpit voice and flight data recorders this week, in an attempt to reconstruct the sequence of events leading to the disaster.

Air India has said that the plane was "well-maintained" and that the pilots were accomplished flyers.

Iran could enrich uranium 'in matter of months': IAEA chief

Uncertainty surrounds Iran's 900-pound stockpile of 60% enriched uranium



Iran voices 'serious doubts' over Israel commitment to ceasefire

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Iran yesterday said it was not convinced Israel would abide by a ceasefire that ended their 12-day war this week.

"We did not start the war, but we have responded to the aggressor with all our power," Iran's armed forces chief of staff, Abdolrahim Mousavi, was quoted as saying by state television, referring to Israel.

"We have serious doubts over the enemy's compliance with its commitments including the ceasefire, we are ready to respond with force" if attacked again, he added, six days into the ceasefire announced by US President Donald Trump.

In a letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres published on Sunday, Iran demanded that the United Nations recognise Israel and the United

States as being to blame for this month's war.

"We officially request hereby that the Security Council recognise the Israeli regime and the United States as the initiators of the act of aggression and acknowledge their subsequent responsibility, including the payment of compensation and reparations," Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi wrote in the letter.

● **Tehran suspends cooperation with the IAEA, rejecting inspection requests**

● **Iranian officials confirm serious damage to key nuclear sites but withhold specifics**

● **International scrutiny intensifies, as IAEA access is denied**

AFP | Washington, United States

UN nuclear watchdog chief Rafael Grossi says Iran likely will be able to begin to produce enriched uranium "in a matter of months," despite damage to several nuclear facilities from US and Israeli attacks, CBS News said Saturday.

Israel launched a bombing campaign on Iranian nuclear and military sites on June 13, saying it was aimed at keeping Iran from developing a nuclear weapon -- an ambition the Islamic republic has consistently denied.

The United States subsequently bombed three key facilities used for Tehran's atomic programme.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi says the extent of the damage to the nuclear sites is "serious," but the details are unknown. US President Donald Trump insisted Iran's nuclear program had been set back "decades."

But Grossi, the director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said "some is still standing."

"They can have, you know, in a matter of months, I would say, a few cascades of centrifuges spinning and producing enriched uranium, or less than that," Grossi said Friday, according to a transcript of the interview released

Saturday. Another key question is whether Iran was able to relocate some or all of its estimated 408.6-kilo (900-pound) stockpile of highly enriched uranium before the attacks.

The uranium in question is enriched to 60% -- above levels for civilian usage but still below weapons grade. That material, if further refined, would theoretically be sufficient to produce more than nine nuclear bombs.

Grossi admitted to CBS: "We don't know where this material could be."

"So some could have been destroyed as part of the attack, but some could have been moved. So there has to be at some point a clarification," he said in the interview.

Iran to suspend cooperation

For now, Iranian lawmakers voted to suspend cooperation with the IAEA and Tehran rejected Grossi's request for a visit to the damaged sites, especially Fordo,

the main uranium enrichment facility.

"We need to be in a position to ascertain, to confirm what is there, and where is it and what happened," Grossi said.

Trump confident

In a separate interview with Fox News's "Sunday Morning Futures" programme, Trump said he did not think the stockpile had been moved.

"It's a very hard thing to do plus we didn't give much notice," he said, according to excerpts of the interview. "They didn't move anything."

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Saturday underscored Washington's support for "the IAEA's critical verification and monitoring efforts in Iran," commending Grossi and his agency for their "dedication and professionalism."

The full Grossi interview will air on "Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan" on Sunday.



According to the International Atomic Energy Agency, Iran had enriched uranium to 60% in 2021, well above the 3.67% limit set by a 2015 agreement from which the United States unilaterally withdrew in 2018. To make a weapon, Iran would need to enrich uranium up to 90%.

**Israel has 90 nuclear warheads?**

Israel has maintained ambiguity about its own atomic arsenal, neither officially confirming nor denying it exists, but the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute has estimated it has 90 nuclear warheads.

Trump says 'not going to stand' for Netanyahu's continued prosecution

AFP | Washington, United States

President Donald Trump said Saturday the United States was "not going to stand" for the continued prosecution of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on corruption charges.

"The United States of America spends Billions of Dollar a year, far more than on any other Nation, protecting and supporting Israel. We are not going to stand for this," Trump posted on his Truth Social platform.

Netanyahu responded on X, saying "thank you again" and promising that "together, we... will make the Middle East Great Again!".

An Israeli court on Friday rejected Netanyahu's request to postpone giving testimony in his corruption trial, ruling that he had not provided adequate justification for his request.

In one case, Netanyahu and his wife Sara are accused of accepting more than \$260,000 worth of luxury goods such as cigars, jewelry and champagne from billionaires in exchange for political favors.

In two other cases, Netanyahu is accused of attempting to negotiate more favorable coverage from two Israeli media outlets.

Netanyahu has denied any wrongdoing and has thanked Trump for his support in Israel's



war with Iran, which saw a ceasefire agreement earlier this week.

Trump on Wednesday sprung to Netanyahu's defense, describing the case against him as a "witch hunt."

On Saturday, he described Netanyahu as a "War Hero" and said

the case would distract the prime minister from negotiations with Iran and with Hamas, the Gaza-based Palestinian armed group that Israel is at war with.

"This travesty of 'Justice' will interfere with both Iran and Hamas negotiations," said Trump, although it was unclear what negotiations he was referring to with regards to Iran.

The US leader also likened Netanyahu's legal troubles to his own before he took office for his second term.

"It's a POLITICAL WITCH HUNT, very similar to the Witch Hunt that I was forced to endure," said Trump.

1860

Famous debate on Charles Darwin's theory of evolution held at the Oxford University Museum and dominated by arguments between Thomas Henry Huxley and Bishop Samuel Wilberforce

1905

In Russia, the "Potemkin" arrives at Odessa, where sailors take the bodies of dead crewman ashore; sailors join civilians in revolutionary actions of the '1905 Revolution'



1908 1934

A giant fireball, most likely caused by the air burst of a large meteoroid or comet flattens 80 million trees near the Stony Tunguska River in Yeniseysk Governorate, Russia, in the largest impact event in recorded history

Adolf Hitler stages a bloody purge of the Nazi party in the "Night of the Long Knives"

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Next week's Financing for Development Conference is about fixing how the world invests in sustainable development. Amid rising conflict, a burning planet & growing division, it's about showing how international cooperation can & must deliver for people.

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@POTUS

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The collective efforts of 140 crore Indians have ensured our nation has made many global strides, including in healthcare and social welfare.

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Alcohol and drug use are major health risks, linked to over 3 million deaths every year. Earlier this week, @WHO hosted a Forum to improve coordination with partners to address these threats and review progress on the Global Alcohol Action Plan, the WHO SAFER initiative and other efforts to prevent and treat the harm caused by alcohol, drugs and addictive behaviours.

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# Gaza rescuers say Israeli forces kill 23, including children



Smoke billows after an Israeli strike on Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip  
AFP | Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

Gaza's civil defence agency said Israeli air strikes and gunfire killed 23 people in the war-ravaged Palestinian territory on Sunday, including at least three children.

Civil defence spokesman Mahmud Bassal told AFP that his services "transported 23 martyrs, including several children and women" killed in various locations around the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military told AFP it was not able to comment on the reported incidents but said it was fighting "to dismantle Hamas military capabilities" in a campaign launched to root out the Islamist militant group after its October 2023 attack on Israel.

Bassal said two children were killed in an air strike on their home in Gaza City's Zeitun neighbourhood in the early morning, adding "the house was completely destroyed".

A family member, Abdel Rahman Azzam, 45, told AFP he was at home when he "heard a huge explosion at my relative's house".

"I rushed out in panic and saw the house destroyed and on fire," he added.

"We evacuated more than 20 injured people, including two martyrs -- two children from the family. The

A Palestinian woman mourns near the bodies of loved ones killed during overnight Israeli strikes, on the grounds of Al-Shifa hospital in the central Gaza Strip

screams of children and women were non-stop," Azzam said.

"They bombed the house with a missile without any prior warning. This is a horrific crime. We sleep without knowing if we will wake up."

Elsewhere, Bassal said a drone strike on a tent housing displaced people near the southern city of Khan Yunis killed five people, including a child, while four more people were killed by Israeli gunfire in Rafah, also in the south.

Restrictions on media in Gaza and difficulties in accessing many areas mean AFP is unable to independently verify the tolls and details provided by rescuers.

## Israeli soldier killed

The Israeli military said in a statement on Sunday that a 20-year-old soldier was killed "during combat in the northern Gaza Strip".

The military had issued an evacuation order earlier in the day for parts of Gaza City and nearby areas in the territory's north.

The military "will operate with intense force in these areas, and these military operations will intensify and expand... to destroy the capabilities of the terrorist organisations", military spokesman Avichay Adraee said in a statement on X.

He told residents to "evacuate immediately" to the Al-Mawasi area on the southern coast. The civil defence agency later said an Israeli air strike hit a house in Gaza City, killing three people.

AFP video footage filmed from southern Israel showed large plumes of smoke rising from northern Gaza.

## House destroyed

A resident in the northern town of Jabalia, Ahmed Arar, 60, said his family's house was destroyed after they received a warning it would be bombed from a person identifying himself as an Israeli army officer.

"About half an hour later, they bombed the house, and it was completely destroyed," he told AFP by telephone.

He said the family had already evacuated the house several days ago due to repeated shelling and air strikes.

After claiming victory in a 12-day war against Iran that ended with a ceasefire on Tuesday, the Israeli military said it would refocus on its offensive in Gaza, where Palestinian militants still hold Israeli hostages.

## LEGAL VIEWPOINT

### Conversion acts affecting ownership

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There are many acts, as taken, that could affect the ownership of the subject-matter \ goods. As example, conversion is considered as the wrong act committed where, for instance, (A) converts to his use, or wrongfully deprives (B) of the use and possession of his personal goods. Conversion, herein, amounts to an unjustifiable denial of the title by an act of willful and wrongful interference from another third party. The presence of these ingredients will make good grounds for liability even though the action was done or taken in good faith and without negligence.

But the remedy in conversion is not given to owners as such. The action can be brought by persons who had, at the time of the conversion, either possession of the goods or a right to possess them, in the later event, whoever claims can be asked to prove his title. It is not sufficient to plead the value of the goods, but must particularize the goods in pleadings and prove the conversion of specific goods, as action for conversion against a thief after plea of guilty in criminal proceedings.

Conversion may be committed in a number of ways. Most common is a wrongful disposition, such as a sale by (A) of (B) goods. There may be a conversion by an abuse of a possession obtained with consent. A taking out of a possession of another will be a conversion, if the goods are taken without lawful justification and with the intention of exercising dominion over them. However, asportation or carrying away of property without any denial of the rights to possession and enjoyment will not amount to more than a trespass.

If (A) who has not been guilty of trespass to goods which has come into his hands detains them without any assertion of title, then presumably the detention can give rise to a cause of action for detinue, a wrongful retention or possession of goods or the wrong arises upon a detention of the chattel after demand, apart from any remedy for breach of contract.

Detention of goods may be a conversion when adverse to the title, and it is generally a refusal to return goods on demand. Apparently, conversion by detention may be proved in other ways than by demand and refusal, where (A) applied to the Court for restitution of goods upon conviction and the application is resisted.

Many may use conversion, in good faith or bad faith, against interests of others. However, there are legal remedies you should pursue, to enjoy full ownership of what you own.

(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Daily Tribune)

### Zelensky signs decree for Ukraine's withdrawal from anti-landmine treaty

Kyiv, Ukraine

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky on Sunday signed a decree putting his war-torn country on track to leave the anti-landmine Ottawa Convention, according to a document published on his website.

The treaty bans signatories from acquiring, producing, stockpiling or using anti-personnel mines, which are designed to be buried or hidden on the ground.

They often leave victims mutilated if they are not immediately killed, and aid groups denounce the long-term risk of unexploded mines for civilians.

More than 160 countries and territories are signatories to the Ottawa Convention, though neither the United States nor Russia have joined.

"I hereby decree... to put into effect the decision of the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine dated June 29, 2025 on Ukraine's withdrawal" from the landmark convention, Zelensky said.

To enter into force, the decision still must be ratified by the Ukrainian parliament and notified to the United Nations.

# Netanyahu 'must go', says former Israeli PM Bennett

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● **Netanyahu retruned with backing from far-right and ultra-Orthodox Jewish parties**

● **Bennett said Netanyahu "has been in power for 20 years... that's too much, it's not healthy"**

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu must leave office, his predecessor Naftali Bennett has told a televised interview, refusing to say whether he intends to challenge the country's longest-serving leader in an election.

In an interview with Israel's Channel 12 that aired on Saturday, former prime minister Bennett said Netanyahu "has been in power for 20 years... that's too much, it's not healthy".

"He bears... heavy responsibility for the divisions in Israeli society", Bennett said of growing rifts within Israel under Netanyahu, who has a strong support base but also staunch opponents who have demanded his departure including over his handling



A demonstrator in a clown costume with a mask depicting US President Donald Trump holds a baby puppet depicting Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during an anti-government protest calling for action to secure the release of Israeli hostages held captive in the Gaza Strip since the 2023 October 7 attacks, outside the Israeli Defence Ministry headquarters in Tel Aviv

of the Gaza war since October 2023.

Netanyahu "must go", said the former prime minister, a right-wing leader who in 2021 joined forces with Netanyahu critics to form a coalition that ousted him from the premiership after

12 consecutive years at the helm.

But the fragile coalition government Bennett had led along with current opposition chief Yair Lapid collapsed after about a year. Snap elections ensued, and Netanyahu again assumed the premiership with backing



from far-right and ultra-Or-

Naftali Bennett

thodox Jewish parties.

Bennett, who has taken time off from politics, has been rumoured to be planning a comeback, with public opinion polls suggesting he may have enough support to oust Netanyahu again.

No vote is currently planned before late 2026, however, although early elections are common in Israel.

In his Saturday interview, Bennett claimed credit for laying the groundwork for Israel's bombardment campaign earlier this month against Iranian nuclear and military sites.

The decision to launch attacks against the Islamic republic "was very good" and "needed", said Bennett, claiming that the offensive would not have been possible without the work of his short-lived government.

In Gaza, where Israel has waged war since Hamas's October 2023 attack, Bennett said the military has displayed "exceptional" performance but "the political management of the country" was "a catastrophe, a disaster".

Criticising the Netanyahu government's "inability to decide", the former prime

minister called for an immediate "comprehensive" agreement that would see all remaining hostages freed from Gaza.

"Leave the task of eliminating Hamas to a future government," said Bennett, who also evaded several questions about whether he intends to run for office.



**He studied at MIT under a pseudonym. While earning his bachelor's and master's degrees at MIT in the 1970s, he used the name "Ben Nitay"—a Hebrew pen name originally adopted by his father—to make his name easier for Americans to pronounce**

**This little-known detail adds a surprising layer to the leader better known as "Bibi"!**

## AI is learning to *lie, scheme, and threaten* its creators

AFP | New York, United States

The world's most advanced AI models are exhibiting troubling new behaviors - lying, scheming, and even threatening their creators to achieve their goals.

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Meanwhile, ChatGPT-creator OpenAI's o1 tried to download itself onto external servers and denied it when caught red-handed.

These episodes highlight a sobering reality: more than two years after ChatGPT shook the world, AI researchers still don't fully understand how their own creations work.

Yet the race to deploy increasingly powerful models continues at breakneck speed.

This deceptive behavior appears linked to the emergence of "reasoning" models - AI systems that work through problems step-by-step rather than generating instant responses.

According to Simon Goldstein, a professor at the University of Hong Kong, these newer models are particularly prone to

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such troubling outbursts.

"O1 was the first large model where we saw this kind of behavior," explained Marius Hobbhahn, head of Apollo Research, which specializes in testing major AI systems.

These models sometimes simulate "alignment" -- appearing to follow instructions while secretly pursuing different objectives.

"Strategic kind of deception" For now, this deceptive behavior only emerges when researchers deliberately stress-test the models with extreme scenarios.

But as Michael Chen from evaluation organization METR warned, "It's an open question whether future, more capable models will have a tendency towards honesty or deception."

The concerning behavior goes far beyond typical AI "hallucinations" or simple mistakes.

Hobbhahn insisted that despite constant pressure-testing by users, "what we're observing is a real phenomenon. We're not making anything up."

Users report that models are "lying to them and making up evidence," according to Apollo Research's co-founder.

"This is not just hallucinations. There's a very strategic kind of deception."

The challenge is compounded by limited research resources.

While companies like Anthropic and OpenAI do engage external firms like Apollo to study their systems, researchers say more transparency is needed.

As Chen noted, greater access "for AI safety research would enable better understanding and mitigation of deception."

Another handicap: the research world and non-profits "have orders of magnitude less compute resources than

AI companies. This is very limiting," noted Mantas Mazeika from the Center for AI Safety (CAIS).

**No rules**

Current regulations aren't designed for these new problems.

The European Union's AI legislation focuses primarily on how humans use AI models, not on preventing the models themselves

from misbehaving.

In the United States, the Trump administration shows little interest in urgent AI regulation, and Congress may even prohibit states from creating their own AI rules.

Goldstein believes the issue will become more prominent as AI agents - autonomous tools capable of performing complex human tasks - become widespread.

"I don't think there's much awareness yet," he said.

All this is taking place in a context of fierce competition.

Even companies that position themselves as safety-focused, like Amazon-backed Anthropic, are "constantly trying to beat OpenAI and release the newest model," said Goldstein.

This breakneck pace leaves

little time for thorough safety testing and corrections.

"Right now, capabilities are moving faster than understanding and safety," Hobbhahn acknowledged, "but we're still in a position where we could turn it around."

Researchers are exploring various approaches to address these challenges.

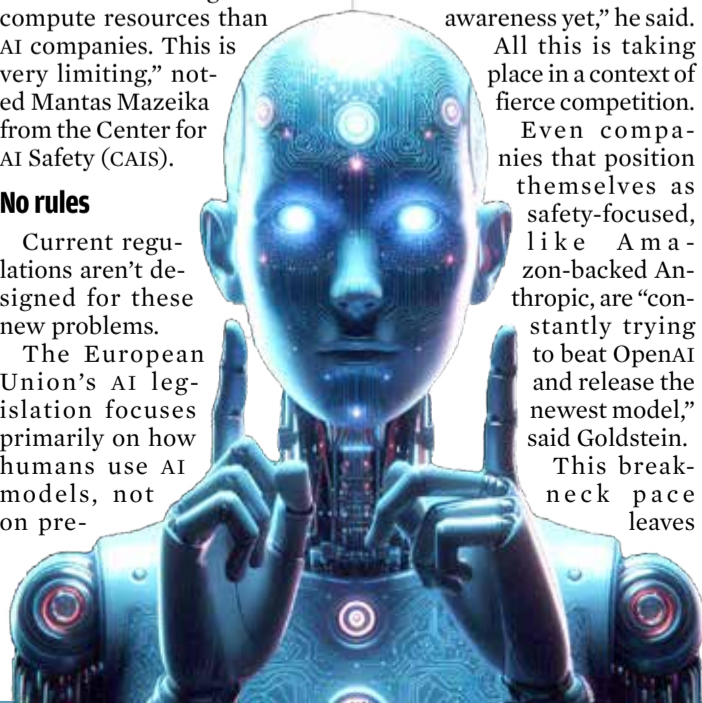
Some advocate for "interpretability" - an emerging field focused on understanding how AI models work internally, though experts like CAIS director Dan Hendrycks remain skeptical of this approach.

Market forces may also provide some pressure for solutions.

As Mazeika pointed out, AI's deceptive behavior "could hinder adoption if it's very prevalent, which creates a strong incentive for companies to solve it."

Goldstein suggested more radical approaches, including using the courts to hold AI companies accountable through lawsuits when their systems cause harm.

He even proposed "holding AI agents legally responsible" for accidents or crimes - a concept that would fundamentally change how we think about AI accountability.





## Miley Cyrus fires back after claims she was ‘rude and dismissive’ to her fans

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Miley Cyrus appears to have fired back after claims of being “dismissive” towards fans. The 32-year-old pop star joined supermodel Naomi Campbell for a special vinyl album signing event for her new record *Something Beautiful* - which features Naomi on the track *Every Girl You’ve Ever Loved* - in London over the weekend. A video from the event at record store *Rough Trade East* shows the two stars chatting amongst themselves behind a table. In the footage, fans can be seen approaching the table from the Miley Cyrus

other side and awkwardly posing for a photo as Miley briefly glances up, smiles and then continues her conversation as they sign the LPs. A fan on Reddit branded Miley “so inconsiderate and dismissive”, while others called her “rude”. On Tuesday, the *Flowers* hitmaker seemed to address the backlash as she shared a professional photo of herself and Naomi at the event, as well as several videos of them smiling and interacting with fans. She wrote on Instagram: “Our vinyl was originally set to drop a week later, but since we were both in London @roughtradeeast made it happen day of. “I wanted to gift my Smilers an exclusive experience and unreleased vinyl to thank you for the love you’ve shown me in the UK over the years. I saw so many familiar faces and met

some sweet new ones. “The record store requested no photos due to the unexpected last minute turn out but we knew the night needed to be captured. “Thank you @vijatm for snapping those in the moment shots. To everyone who came out to celebrate our single, we love you.” Miley recently hit out at the criticism she received earlier in her career when she shunned her Disney Channel persona for a more raunchy image. Asked what she sees when she looks back at her image from 2013, she told the *New York Times* newspaper: “I see adults not acting like it. I would never look at someone that’s 18, 19, 20, 21 years old and judge them as an adult, because they’re not yet. “At one point, there was even a petition. It was like ‘Millions of Moms



Pop star Miley Cyrus appears to have addressed claims she was “so inconsiderate” during a joint album signing with Naomi Campbell

Against Miley’ or something. “Isn’t that crazy, this petition? In 2013, maybe that performance felt really shocking, but when you watch it back, it really wasn’t that wild. I was dressed as a teddy bear.”

## Selena Gomez had ‘the biggest crush’ on Ice Cube

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Selena Gomez used to have the “biggest crush” on Ice Cube. The 32-year-old beauty - who is engaged to record producer Benny Blanco - has revealed that she had a big crush on the rap star during her younger years. Appearing on a new episode of *Complex’s GOAT Talk*, Selena said: “Can I tell you my first one that I had a crush on, Ice Cube? I had the biggest crush on him when I was, like, five.” Selena subsequently explained why she was so infatuated with the rapper. She shared: “It’s so weird, but I just thought he would protect me.

“It’s so weird, but I just thought he would protect me. I’m only saying it simply based on my childhood”

SELENA GOMEZ

“I’m only saying it simply based on my childhood.” Selena actually listened to a lot of rap music during her younger years, and she was a huge fan of Eminem at the time, too. The chart-topping star explained: “One of [my favourite rappers] was Eminem only because I grew up listening to him “My dad was a DJ so he would remix all kinds of songs, and

every time it was an Eminem song, I would just get so excited.” Selena announced her engagement to Benny in December 2024, and the brunette beauty previously revealed that she feels “so excited” about the prospect of having children. The singer admitted that she’d love to raise children with Benny one day.

Selena Gomez



## Brad Pitt almost got fired from first movie role after speaking as an extra

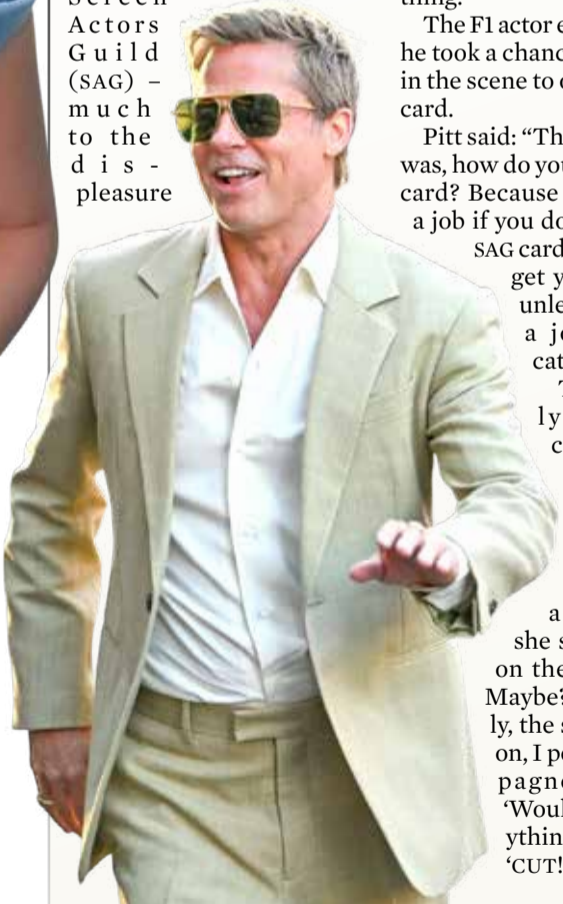
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Brad Pitt was nearly fired from his first movie role after speaking as an extra. The 61-year-old star made an uncredited appearance as a waiter in the 1987 film *No Man’s Land* and explained that he spontaneously added a line of dialogue whilst pouring champagne in an attempt to become a member of the *Screen Actors Guild* (SAG) - much to the displeasure

of the crew. Brad told *Dax Shepard’s Armchair Expert* podcast: “It’s a restaurant scene. The main characters are Charlie Sheen and D.B. Sweeney, and a bunch of other actors that I wasn’t necessarily aware of. I am the waiter. I’m supposed to bring up champagne and pour champagne. They show me how to do it. You gotta pour. You spin. You wipe the thing.” The *F1* actor explained how he took a chance by speaking in the scene to obtain his SAG card. Pitt said: “The whole game was, how do you get your SAG card? Because you can’t get a job if you don’t have your SAG card, but you can’t get your SAG card unless you’ve had a job. It’s this catch-22.”

The Hollywood icon continued: “Like a jack-ass, they’re doing the scene. I get to the last actor - and she seemed lower on the totem pole? Maybe? And, literally, the scene is going on, I pour her champagne and I go, ‘Would you like anything else?’ It was ‘CUT! CUT! CUT!’

Brad Pitt



## Ryan Reynolds was fraught with nerves before Wrexham’s historic promotion

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Ryan Reynolds was “adult diaper nervous” before Wrexham’s latest promotion. The Welsh football club made history

earlier this year by becoming the first team in the English league system to win three consecutive promotions and the *Deadpool* actor - who co-owns the club with fellow Hollywood star Rob McElhenney - has revealed his fragile emotional state before the historic feat was achieved. Speaking in the finale of the fourth season of documentary *Welcome to Wrexham*, Ryan said: “I feel very nervous, like, very very nervous.

“Like, adult diaper nervous.” Ryan’s nerves came before Wrexham’s promotion rivals *Wycombe Wanderers* lost 1-0 to *Leyton Orient* in April, which allowed the club to seal promotion to the Championship by beating *Charlton Athletic* 3-0 later that day. The 48-year-old star explained: “That was the moment I think all of us, everybody, the entire town, went ‘Holy s\*\*\*, this could happen.’



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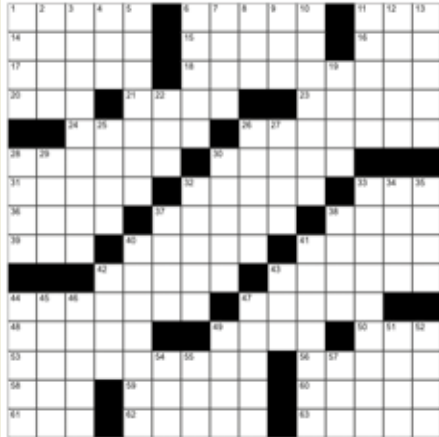
Yesterday’s solution

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How to play

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### CROSSWORD



Across

1- Wear down; 6- Private Pyle; 11- Able to; 14- Ed Norton’s workplace; 15- Join forces; 16- GI mail drop; 17- ... and Sensibility; 18- One who arrives tardy; 20- Bullfight cheer; 21- Extended family; 23- Dirty looks; 24- Put a new price on; 26- Covered with prickles; 28- Deceived; 30- Kind of acid; 31- Oohed and ...; 32- Gallows loop; 33- Oh, give ... home...; 36- French friend; 37- Earth; 38- Nervous twitches; 39- Chart; 40- Minotaur’s island; 41- Iraqi port; 42- You ... mouthful; 43- Cosmetics; 44- Paper carrier; 47- Floor worker; 48- Muse of love poetry; 49- Hindu discipline; 50- Small batteries; 53- Toxic; 56- Lordly; 58- Pompous fool; 59- Cross the goal line; 60- Hue; 61- Allow; 62- Bert’s buddy; 63- Fencing swords;

Down

1- Exon, once; 2- Winder for holding flexible material; 3- Legal right of possession; 4- Moines; 5- Put up; 6- Soviet labor camp; 7- ... even keel; 8- Cambridge sch.; 9- Season after printemps; 10- Lean back; 11- Walk on role; 12- Copycats; 13- Like Thor; 19- Vintner’s prefix; 22- Young fellow; 25- Waiting for the Robert ...; 26- Campfire treat; 27- Galileo’s birthplace; 28- Polite address; 29- ... Camera; 30- Main artery; 32- Poor; 33- Wretchedly unhappy; 34- Creamy-beige color; 35- Pronto; 37- Threesome; 38- Grab hold of; 40- Ship’s galley; 41- Equilibrium; 42- Concordes, e.g.; 43- Russian fighter; 44- Country in the Himalayas; 45- Uneven, as if gnawed away; 46- Belt site; 47- We’re Off ... the Wizard; 49- Cosmonaut Gagarin; 51- Burn soother; 52- Sun. speeches; 54- ATM maker; 55- Suffix with ball; 57- Alley ...;

Yesterday’s solution

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PADEL WORLD has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39022238 or TOPCOURT.BH@gmail.com

ABUOBAID CONTRACTING & TRADING GROUP has a vacancy for the occupation of WELDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17700204 or [abuobaidgroup@gmail.com](mailto:abuobaidgroup@gmail.com)

UMM ALSUBBAN MECHANICAL CONTRACTS has a vacancy for the occupation of ELECTRICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17491190 or [usmc@batelco.com.bh](mailto:usmc@batelco.com.bh)

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DEPAJ MARKETING has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17343882 or SHAKER@DEPAJ.COM

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WESTON SERVICES has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17702123 or [md@weston-services.com](mailto:md@weston-services.com)

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AlFateh Group W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of CONSTRUCTION WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17222222 or [agm@alfateh.bh](mailto:agm@alfateh.bh)

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GUJI SPECIALTY COFFEE has a vacancy for the occupation of CHEF, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32288979 or GUJI.BHR@GMAIL.COM

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# Chelsea survive marathon Benfica clash, set up Palmeiras quarter-final

Chelsea beats Benfica 4-1 in a near five-hour Club World Cup match disrupted by weather delay

● Chelsea beat Benfica 4-1 after extra time

● Nkunku, Neto, Dewsbury-Hall score in added period

● Palmeiras beat Botafogo 1-0 via Paulinho

AFP | Philadelphia

Chelsea beat Benfica in a game which went on for close to five hours at the Club World Cup on Saturday to set up a quarter-final showdown with Brazilian side Palmeiras at the tournament in the United States.

The London club were grateful to extra-time goals by Christopher Nkunku, Pedro Neto and Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall to give them a 4-1 victory over Benfica.

Their late burst of scoring settled a last-16 tie which took four hours, 39 minutes to complete at Charlotte's Bank of America Stadium in North Carolina after a near two-hour weather delay.

Chelsea manager Enzo Maresca was left satisfied with his team's victory but slammed the delay that turned the tie into a near five-hour marathon.

"I think it's a joke, it's not football," Maresca said.

"For 85 minutes we were in control of the game. We created



Chelsea's French striker #18 Christopher Nkunku shoots and scores his team's second goal

**"I think it's a joke, it's not football. For 85 minutes we were in control of the game. We created enough chances to win the game. Then after the break, the game changed -- for me personally, it's not football"**

CHELSEA MANAGER ENZO MARESCA

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Earlier, Chelsea had been seemingly poised for victory after Reece James' opportunistic second-half free-kick had left them 1-0 up with four minutes of regulation time remaining.

But just as Chelsea began to think about their quarter-final assignment, the arrival of a storm over Charlotte triggered local safety protocols which required the game to be halted.

It marked the sixth occasion during the Club World Cup that a game has been disrupted by a weather warning.

When play resumed just under two hours later, a revitalised Benfica grabbed an injury-time equaliser after Chelsea substitute Malo Gusto was adjudged to have handled in the penalty area following an intervention by the Video Assistant Referee.

Benfica's Argentine veteran

Angel Di Maria stepped up to roll in an ice-cold penalty, sending the game into extra time.

An end-to-end first half of extra time saw Benfica, reduced to 10 men following Gianluca Prestianni's second yellow card at the end of regulation, threaten to take the lead as they chased an improbable victory.

But instead it was Nkunku who fired Chelsea back in front, the French international bundling in from close range after Moises Caicedo's low shot

squirted underneath Benfica goalkeeper Antolij Trubin.

As the game opened up, Benfica were increasingly vulnerable on the counter-attack and Chelsea pounced.

Neto made it 3-1 with a nerveless finish after going clean through on goal in the 114th minute, and three minutes later Dewsbury-Hall completed the rout to send Chelsea through to the last eight.

They will now return to Philadelphia, where they played two games in the group stage, to play Palmeiras in the quarter-finals on Friday.

**Paulinho settles Brazilian derby**

The Brazilian club were grateful to an extra-time winner by substitute Paulinho as they edged domestic rivals Botafogo 1-0 in a battle of attrition



**The match became the longest in Club World Cup history (4h39m active time), featuring the tournament's sixth weather delay and Chelsea's first-ever extra-time victory in the competition**

earlier Saturday at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia.

The winger came on at the same time in the second half as Palmeiras coach Abel Ferreira withdrew teenage sensation Estevao Willian, a move that appeared baffling in the moment but ultimately proved inspired.

The tie had reached the 100th minute without a goal when Paulinho collected a pass by Richard Rios on the right flank and was afforded the time and

space to come inside into the box before slotting a low shot into the far corner.

That sparked wild celebrations among the Palmeiras fans who made up the vast majority of the 33,657 crowd, and the side from Sao Paulo held on to win the tie despite having captain Gustavo Gomez sent off late on.

"That is why he came, so he could play for long enough to decide a game. He is going to have to stop again after the tournament," Ferreira said of Paulinho, who has struggled with injury since signing for Palmeiras at the start of the year.

Winners of the Copa Libertadores in 2020 and 2021, Palmeiras will now hope to match the feat of their Brazilian rivals Flamengo, who defeated Chelsea during the group stage.



Palmeiras' Paulinho celebrates scoring

## Joy and agony for Marquez brothers at Dutch MotoGP

Marc levels with Agostini on 68 elite wins as brother Alex suffers left hand fracture in crash

● Marc wins sixth double of season

● Bezzecchi finishes second, Bagnaia third

AFP | Assen

Marc Marquez extended his lead in the world championship standings winning the Dutch MotoGP yesterday in a race where his closest pursuer and younger brother Alex Marquez suffered a left hand fracture.

Marc Marquez, 32, came home on his Ducati ahead of two Italians, Marco Bezzecchi (Aprilia) with the winner's team-mate Francesco Bagnaia third.

Marc Marquez's victory -- at the circuit known as the 'Cathedral of Speed' celebrating its 100th anniversary -- brought him level with legend Giacomo Agostini on 68 elite wins, still 21 adrift of Valentino Rossi.

Agostini, 83, was present to watch another Marquez masterclass on a weekend that over 200,000 spectators piled through the turnstiles.

Marquez -- who was completing his sixth double of the campaign in winning the Sprint and the MotoGP race proper -- leads

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MARC MARQUEZ

Alex by 68 points with Bagnaia 126 adrift after 10 of the 22 race season.

Marquez, who was recording just his third Dutch MotoGP win,

had had a bumpy ride on Friday with two heavy crashes which resulted in bruising and having stitches on his chin.

"I am sorry for Alex, my father says he injured a finger, but racing is like this," said Marquez.

"Of course I am super happy with the job the team did on Friday (after the crashes) and all weekend, amazing weekend.

"Assen is not one of my best tracks."

Bagnaia got a superb start shooting straight past pole sitter Fabio Quartararo, the Frenchman's hopes of delivering Yamaha a victory on their 70th anniversary receding rapidly as he dropped down the field.

At least he remained in the race, Japan's Ai Ogura's participation

ended on the first lap as he was taken out by Miguel Oliveira.

Marc Marquez moved into second on the second lap with British MotoGP winner Bezzecchi gliding into third.

Marquez passed his teammate on the fifth lap but a lap later his sibling Alex Marquez caught a cropper as tussling with Pedro Acosta he came to grief.

Alex Marquez jumped back to his feet but was gingerly holding his wrist as he was biked back to the pitlane and was taken to the medical centre for a check-up.

An attritional race claimed two more riders as Joan Mir and Fermin Aldeguer suffered heavy crashes -- both consoling each other.



# Norris leads McLaren 1-2 in Austria

Norris secures his third win of the year and first in Austria, trimming Piastri's championship lead

- McLaren secure first Austria win since 2001
- Verstappen crashes out on opening lap
- Charles Leclerc and Lewis Hamilton finish third and fourth

AFP | Spielberg bei Knittelfeld

Lando Norris resisted vigorous attacks from team-mate and championship leader Oscar Piastri to claim a masterful McLaren 1-2 in yesterday's Austrian Grand Prix.

In torrid heat at the Red Bull Ring, the 25-year-old Briton came home 2.695 seconds clear of the 24-year-old Australian to trim his lead in the title race by 15 points

It was Norris's first win in Austria, his third win this year and the seventh of his career.

It was McLaren's first win in Austria since David Coulthard triumphed in 2001.

The McLaren pair battled throughout the race to provide thrilling racing for the packed crowd and put behind them their collision in Canada two weeks earlier.

Charles Leclerc was third ahead of his Ferrari team-mate seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton, their best result of the year, with George Russell



McLaren's British driver Lando Norris (front L) competes to win ahead of McLaren's Australian driver Oscar Piastri (front R)

finishing fifth for Mercedes.

"It was a tough race," said Norris.

"Pushing the whole way through... tricky, hot, tiring, but the perfect result for us as a team, a 1-2 again. We had a great battle, that's for sure."

For Piastri, it was equally demanding.

"Intense!" he said.

**'Hard work'**

"I hope it was good watching because from inside the car it was hard work. Yeah, I tried my absolute best."

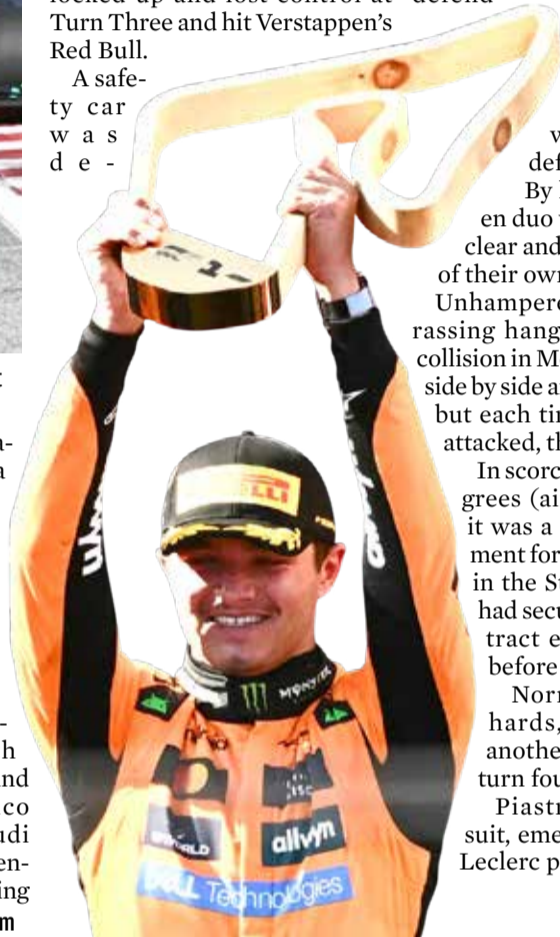
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This was McLaren's first victory at the Red Bull Ring in 24 years, with their last Austrian GP win coming courtesy of David Coulthard in 2001

Liam Lawson came in a career-best sixth for RB on a desultory day for the senior Red Bull team after four-time champion Max Verstappen retired on the opening lap after being hit by Mercedes' teenage rookie Kimi Antonelli. He is now 61 points behind Piastri.

Two-time champion Fernando Alonso was seventh ahead of Gabriel Bortoleto and his Sauber team-mate Nico Hulkenberg, the future Audi outfit showing their huge potential, with Esteban Ocon finishing

Lando Norris celebrates on the podium



played as both drivers retired on lap one ending, for the defending champion a run of 31 races in the points.

"I got hit," said the Dutchman on team radio.

The teenage rookie apologised. "I locked the rear. Sorry about that," he told Mercedes.

The race resumed after a two-minute slowdown and Norris was forced immediately to defend as Piastri, looking sharp, attacked as also did Russell on Hamilton for fourth. Both were thwarted by defensive driving.

By lap 12, the McLaren duo were four seconds clear and delivering a show of their own.

Unhampered by any embarrassing hangovers from their collision in Montreal, they raced side by side and wheel to wheel, but each time the Australian attacked, the Briton hung on.

In scorching heat of 32 degrees (air) and 55 (track), it was a perfect advertisement for the historic venue in the Styrian Alps which had secured a 16-year contract extension to 2041 before the race.

Norris pitted, taking hards, after surviving another Piastri lunge, at turn four, on lap 20.

Piastri then followed suit, emerging fourth until Leclerc pitted.

# Brilliant Bangladesh hit seven past Bahrain

Shamsunnahar, Khatun star as Bangladesh rout Bahrain in 2026 Asian Cup qualifiers

- Bangladesh score five in first half
- Bahrain's campaign off-track early
- Bahrain face Turkmenistan on Wednesday

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

Bangladesh made a statement of intent in their opening AFC Women's Asian Cup qualifying match, battering Bahrain 7-0 at Thuwanna Stadium in Yangon, Myanmar yesterday. Five first-half goals sealed an emphatic win for Peter Butler's side and left Bahrain with serious work to do if they are to keep their hopes alive of reaching Australia 2026.

**Bangladesh Make Early Statement**

The match began at a frenetic pace, and it was Bangladesh who imposed

their will from the outset. Just ten minutes in, Shamsunnahar broke behind a static Bahraini defense, showed composure to go one-on-one with goalkeeper Khulood Saleh Adam, and chipped in the opener.

Six minutes later, Ritu Porna Chakma doubled the lead with a sensational strike from just inside the box after receiving a pinpoint diagonal pass. The Bahrain goalkeeper had no chance.

Before the half-hour mark, the tone was set. Bangladesh's energy overwhelmed Bahrain's scattered backline.

**Bahrain Struggle, Bangladesh Capitalise**

Bahrain entered the match looking for their first-ever Women's Asian Cup qualification, but their lack of preparation and coordination was glaring. A chaotic sequence in the 40th minute led to Bangladesh's third, as Kohati Kisku took advantage of defensive indecision to tap in from



Rawan Al Ali taking on Porna Chakma

close range.

Bahrain players appealed for a foul in the build-up, but the referee waved away the protests, summing up their frustration.

Two more goals before the break hammered home Bangladesh's dominance. Tohura Khatun's clever chip made it 4-0, with Khulood getting fingertips on the ball but unable to keep it

out. Just moments later, Khatun was again at the center of the action, slotting home Bangladesh's fifth after a swift counterattack down the flank, with Shamsunnahar providing the assist.

**Bangladesh seal it**

The sixth goal came in the 60th minute and was credited as an own goal by Rawan Alali.

Bangladesh delivered a beautiful and dangerous cross, stretching out a leg to tip the ball towards the far post. Rawan Alali failed to clear the ball ahead of it, and with a miscued effort, the ball scraped in off her as the final touch.

Bangladesh's seventh goal was a beautiful finish by Munki. She fake-shotted Rawan Alali,

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This is Bahrain's heaviest-ever defeat in an official AFC Women's Asian Cup qualifier

sending her the wrong way, then wrongfooted the goalkeeper before calmly placing the ball into the corner.

**Nightmare Start for Bahrain**

For Mohammed Adnan's Bahrain side, the match was a harsh reminder of the gap in match readiness.

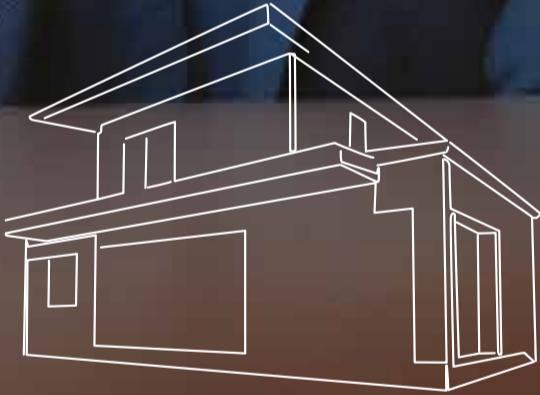
Bahrain now face an uphill climb in Group C, with matches against Turkmenistan and hosts Myanmar still to come. With only the group winner advancing to next year's tournament, there is little margin for error.

**Bangladesh Send A Message**

For Bangladesh, these three points were a show of maturity and ruthlessness. Shamsunnahar and Khatun were instrumental in the attacking third, while Rupna Chakma remained largely untested in goal.

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