



Abdullatif says he is ready for a fresh challenge after hanging up his boots.

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Iraq Travel Rules



The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), in coordination with the General Directorate of Jaafari Affairs, has introduced new regulations for Bahraini citizens travelling to Iraq for Arbaeen, citing regional security concerns and instability.

Under the measures, travel must be arranged through licensed travel offices using approved flights from Bahrain International Airport, while overland travel is prohibited. Only Bahraini citizens aged 50 and above may travel through licensed campaigns, with all pilgrims required to return before August 15, 2026.

Kingdom Backs Saudi Response

Bahrain has reaffirmed its full solidarity with Saudi Arabia, supporting the Kingdom's right to defend itself against repeated attacks by Iranian-backed militias operating from Iraqi territory.

In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said Saudi Arabia's actions are consistent with international law and the UN Charter's provisions on self-defence. Bahrain also expressed support for measures taken in coordination with the US Central Command and praised Saudi Arabia's commitment to de-escalation while maintaining strong defensive capabilities.

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Gulf's Iron Shield



GCC armed forces unite in three-day drill focused on combat readiness and regional deterrence

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Bahrain Defence Force Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi inspected the Bahrain Shield joint exercise, which included armed forces from all Gulf Cooperation Council states.

The Chief of Staff said the exercise reflects the strength of collective Gulf military capabilities in addressing regional challenges. He stressed the BDF's commitment to joint drills as a means of enhancing combat readiness, developing operational performance, and unifying military concepts across participating forces.

Lieutenant General Al Nuaimi described Bahrain Shield as a practical expression of the GCC's shared approach to joint defence, conducted under the close attention of GCC leaders. He said

the exercise reinforces fraternal bonds among member states and serves as a strategic pillar for military solidarity — enabling Gulf forces to deter any aggression threatening regional security or national interests.

Pointing to ongoing hostile attacks across the region, he expressed confidence that the exercise marks a solid step toward strengthening collective Gulf action, boosting rapid response capabilities, and safeguarding the sovereignty and stability of all GCC states.



BDF Chief Inspects Bahrain Shield Joint Military Exercise



Longstanding Strategic Partnership

Bahrain, US Discuss Regional Security Cooperation

Meeting reviews regional developments and ways to enhance security cooperation

Lieutenant General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, received Lieutenant General Kevin Leahy, Commanding General of the United States Army Central (USARCENT) and Third Army, on Wednesday.

The meeting was attended by Shaikh Khalid bin Ali bin Jaber Al Khalifa, Deputy National Security Advisor.

HH Shaikh Nasser reaffirmed the strength of the longstanding strategic partnership between Bahrain and the United States, highlighting the continued growth of bilateral relations

across various fields.

He said the close cooperation between the two countries reflects their shared commitment to advancing mutual interests and fulfilling the aspirations of both nations and peoples.

The meeting also reviewed the latest regional and international developments, as well as the current security situation in the region.

Both sides discussed issues of common interest and explored ways to further enhance coordination and consultation on security challenges to support regional and international peace and stability.



HH Shaikh Isa congratulates Ebrahim Nader on milestone victory



His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court and Chairman of the High Committee of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC), congratulated Bahraini jockey Ebrahim Nader on securing his first victory on British racecourses after winning aboard Distinct Spirit at Ffos Las Racecourse in the United Kingdom.

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Police Chief Honours Harvard Fellow



Chief of Public Security Lieutenant General Tariq bin Hassan Al Hassan congratulated Major Mohammed bin Ali Al Khalifa on successfully completing a fellowship programme in International Relations at Harvard University in the United States.

The Police Chief reaffirmed the Ministry of Interior's commitment to developing national talent through advanced education and specialised training, noting that such programmes strengthen professional expertise and enhance security capabilities.

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