

A Russian overnight strike on a Ukrainian military ammunition depot near Kyiv triggered massive fires and explosions, killing at least 37 people and wounding dozens. | P7

Strong Winds, Dust



The Kingdom is expected to experience fresh to strong northwesterly winds from September 1 to 3, according to the Meteorological Directorate at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications.

The winds could cause blowing dust in some areas and rough sea conditions, while humidity and apparent temperatures are expected to decrease.

Winds are forecast to ease from September 4, with humidity levels rising again.

UAE central bank to inspect Egyptian bank's branches

The Central Bank of the UAE said it has taken note of a statement by US authorities concerning a proposed special measure against Banque Misr's branches in the UAE over primary money laundering concerns.

The central bank said Banque Misr's UAE branches are subject to local laws and regulations and stressed that licensed banks must protect the UAE financial system from reputational risks and comply with applicable laws in countries where they conduct transactions.

It also announced a special and urgent inspection of Banque Misr's branches, including an in-depth review of the period cited by US authorities and transactions involving companies named in the statement.

27 Killed in Zimbabwe Crash

At least 27 people were killed when a minibus carrying churchgoers collided head-on with a truck near Chivhu in central Zimbabwe, police said.

The crash occurred, about 140 kilometres (87 miles) south of the capital Harare. The foreign-registered truck was overtaking another vehicle when it collided with the minibus carrying worshippers to a conference.

Bahrain Takes Top Spot for Black Carbon Cuts

Kingdom joins Kuwait at the head of the 2026 Environmental Performance Index measure

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Bahrain has taken joint first place worldwide for cutting black carbon emissions, scoring a perfect 100 in one of the key measures used by the 2026 Environmental Performance Index.

The kingdom shared the top spot with Kuwait in the measure tracking the fall in black carbon emissions, while also ranking among three Gulf states at the head of the table for curbing bottom trawling in national waters.

The findings put Bahrain among the strongest Gulf performers in two areas with direct effects on air quality, the climate and marine life.

Its gains have also built over time. Bahrain's overall Environmental Performance Index score rose by 2.26 points between 2016 and 2026, according to the latest weekly bulletin from the GCC Statistical Centre.



The six GCC states as a whole scored above the world average. Their mean score stood at 42.12 points, against 39.57 worldwide.

Bahrain's perfect black carbon score tracks the drop in soot-like particles produced by the incomplete burning of fuels. Such emissions harm air quality and warm the atmosphere.

At sea, Bahrain was one of three Gulf countries ranked first worldwide for limiting bottom trawling within national waters. The fish-

ing method drags nets across the seabed and can damage habitats, marine species and fish stocks.

Gulf countries also scored well in waste management, household exposure to pollution from solid fuels and other measures of air quality. Their results in ecosystem health covered biodiversity, natural habitats, marine resources, overfishing and the safe treatment of wastewater. Climate measures showed gains in cutting emissions and tackling the effects

of a warming planet, with Bahrain's black carbon score standing out among the Gulf results.

The Environmental Performance Index ranks 177 countries using 47 measures across 12 fields. These fall under three main headings: environmental health, ecosystem vitality and climate change policy. It is used to track progress towards environmental goals and compare how countries fare across a range of environmental measures.

Riffa Gets a New Traffic Link

New 2.5-kilometre road aims to improve traffic flow and connectivity in the area

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The Ministry of Works has opened Boulevard Road in Riffa to traffic as part of its ongoing efforts to develop the road network and improve traffic flow in the area.

The new road forms an additional link within the area's road network. Boulevard Road consists of two lanes in each direction and extends for approximately 2.5 kilometres, connecting Zallaq Avenue with Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Avenue.

As part of the wider development associated with the project, the Ministry previously constructed a U-turn road on Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Avenue at its intersection with Zallaq Avenue. The U-turn road extends for approximately 1.3 kilometres and is designed to improve traffic



movement and facilitate access to surrounding areas and services.

The U-turn also helps reduce detour distances, ease pressure on intersections along Zallaq Avenue and improve overall traffic flow in the area.

The project also included widening the right-turn lane from Zallaq Avenue to Sheikh

Khalifa bin Salman Avenue from one lane to two lanes, increasing road capacity and improving traffic flow at the junction.

The projects are expected to support smoother traffic movement in Riffa as the area continues to experience urban development and an expansion of various projects and facilities,

including educational and service facilities.

The Ministry said the continued development of the road network is needed to improve its efficiency in line with the growing number of road users, facilitate access to surrounding areas and facilities, and support both current and future traffic demand.

Gadeha Camp Welcomes APM Team



A delegation from APM Terminals Bahrain, operator of Khalifa Bin Salman Port, visited the Gadeha Junior training camp, praising its role in developing young people's skills, character and sense of responsibility.

The delegation reviewed the camp's training programmes and activities, which combine discipline, learning and challenges to build participants' capabilities.

APM Terminals Bahrain, a bronze sponsor of the camp, said its support reflects the company's commitment to initiatives that invest in future generations and help young people develop confidence, discipline and resilience.

Bahrain Condolences with Algeria



Bahrain expressed condolences to Algeria following deadly wildfires across several northeastern provinces that caused casualties and extensive damage.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs conveyed Bahrain's sympathy and solidarity with the Algerian government and people, as well as condolences to the families of those killed.

Bahrain also wished a speedy recovery to those injured and the safe return of those reported missing.

Turkey, Somalia Free Hijacked Ship



Turkish naval forces and Somali armed forces freed a hijacked vessel in Somali waters following a 10-day operation, according to the Somali government.

A government statement said 14 pirates were killed and four boats used by the pirates were destroyed during the operation.

The remaining pirates eventually abandoned the ship, allowing forces to secure the MV LATUF, which has resumed its journey.



pal are bound by mountains and rivers, sharing a common destiny".

Khanal had earlier told reporters on Saturday that Nepal needed greater research to "understand

the changing dynamics of the Himalayan ecosystem" and the risks they pose to the landlocked country, encircled by India and China.

Royal Police Academy Wraps Up Summer Camp

Two-week programme builds citizenship values and prepares youth for the future

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The Royal Police Academy has concluded its summer camp, held from August 16 to 29 as part of the Bahraini national plan aimed at strengthening national belonging and reinforcing the values of citizenship.

The camp featured an integrated programme of educational, awareness, training, sports, cultural and recreational activities, providing participants with a comprehensive experience combining learning, training, interaction and productive use of their free time.

The programme focused on strengthening national identity and reinforcing values of loyalty, belonging and citizenship, while promoting religious awareness and pride in Bahrain's authentic customs and

traditions.

It also sought to develop participants' sense of responsibility and teamwork, while fostering a culture of dialogue, open-minded thinking and acceptance of others. These activities were designed to reinforce national values, develop participants' personalities and prepare them positively for the future.

The camp further focused on developing participants' abilities and appropriately nurturing their talents. It included activities aimed at enhancing leadership and life skills, dialogue, creative thinking and decision-making.

Participants were also introduced to the risks associated with crime and deviant behaviour, as well as concepts related to cybersecurity and artificial intelligence. The programme raised awareness of future requirements and challenges,

including labour market demands, while encouraging participants to make use of available opportunities.

The camp included a range of educational, cultural and awareness workshops focused on developing personal, leadership and life skills. Scientific, technological, innovation, sports, recreational and cultural programmes were also organised.

As part of the programme, participants undertook field visits to a number of national institutions and facilities. These visits provided opportunities to explore different fields, strengthen interaction with community institutions and promote cooperation and teamwork.

The camp also featured activities highlighting the importance of community partnership and volunteer work,



alongside initiatives promoting environmental awareness and social responsibility.

The Royal Police Academy said the programme contributes to strengthening ties between young people and state institutions and to preparing and developing a conscious generation capable of assuming responsibility and contributing actively to Bahrain's national development journey.



Young Participants Gain First Aid Skills

The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) has concluded its Junior First Aider Programme, equipping participants aged nine to 15 with essential first aid, emergency response and fire safety skills.

The three-day programme, held at the Society's headquarters in Manama under the supervision of the First Aid Committee, combined classroom instruction with practical exercises aimed at helping young participants respond appropriately and confidently during emergencies.

At the closing ceremony, participants met BRCS Secretary-General Mr. Mubarak Khalifa Al Hadi, who praised their enthusiasm for learning and developing essential first aid and safety skills. He also wished them continued success before presenting certificates to the participants in recognition of their commitment and successful completion of the programme.

The first day focused on the fundamental principles of first aid, with participants receiving practical training in a range of skills designed to help them respond effectively when emergen-



cies occur.

On the second day, the training covered the management of bleeding and fractures, along with a review and practical application of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques. The exercises provided participants with hands-on experience in procedures that require a prompt, accurate and composed response.

Two talented members of the Islamic Society's Activities Department were also recognised for their contribution to producing an educational video on first aid.

The final day focused on fire safety, including the causes of fires, preventive measures and



appropriate responses to fire-related emergencies. Participants were also trained in the proper use of fire extinguishers and safe building evacuation procedures.

The Bahrain Red Crescent Society said the Junior First Aider Programme is part of its continuing efforts to promote a culture of safety and first aid among younger generations.

Youth, Heritage and Technology Meet at 'Al Freej'

Festival brings culture, creativity and innovation to the neighbourhood

Youth Affairs Minister Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfeeqi attended the launch of the "Al Freej" (Neighbourhood) Festival, organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs at the Northern Sehla Youth Empowerment Centre in co-operation with the Mawrooth Committee.

The festival brings together Bahraini heritage and culture with creativity and technology through a range of activities designed for young people, children and families.

During her visit, the minister toured the festival's various sections, which feature traditional games, crafts and professions, technology and space activities, arts and theatre, esports and sports activities.

The festival also includes a youth market providing young people with an opportunity to showcase their projects and products, alongside a mental health section and participation from productive families.

Tawfeeqi said the festival reflects the ministry's approach to bringing youth activities into



local communities and creating spaces where young people can showcase their talents, develop their ideas and take the lead in community activities.

She highlighted the festival's combination of heritage, arts, technology, sports and youth projects, saying it offers diverse experiences for different community segments while connecting Bahrain's cultural heritage with the interests and aspirations of young people.

The festival targets young people aged 15 to 35, as well



as children and families, aiming to encourage greater youth participation in neighbourhood and community activities while supporting youth-led community initiatives.

New Approaches to Investment Disputes Discussed

Legal experts examine reforms to investor-state dispute settlement

Ambassador Dr. Mohammed Abdulrahman Al Haidan, Chief of the Legal Affairs Sector at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, participated in the second edition of the Senior Legal Counsels Forum, held in the Republic of Singapore with the participation of representatives from around 39 countries worldwide.

During his address at the forum, Ambassador Dr. Al Haidan highlighted Bahrain's leading role in resolving investment-related disputes, outlining the Kingdom's advanced legal mechanisms in this field.

He explained that Bahrain's approach combines amicable settlement mechanisms with international arbitration in

accordance with the highest standards, stressing that the Kingdom has succeeded in establishing an attractive investment environment based on transparency and the rule of law.

He noted that these efforts have positioned Bahrain as a regional model in managing investment disputes and safeguarding the rights of both

investors and states.

The forum's sessions addressed the development of modern approaches to tackling challenges faced by states in disputes with investors. Discussions also focused on proposals to reform the investor-state dispute settlement system, particularly the proposed establishment of a Multilateral Investment Court.



Smart Cameras Cut Speeding

Traffic offences fall 67pc in four years as monitoring expands

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Speeding offences on Bahrain's roads have plunged by 67.1 pc in four years, falling to roughly a third of their 2021 level as smart cameras, tougher laws and greater driver awareness are credited with changing habits behind the wheel.

Police recorded 72,468 speeding offences in 2025, down from 220,041 in 2021. That works out at about 199 offences a day last year, against 603 four years earlier. The fall amounts to 147,573 fewer offences.

The drop came in stages. The tally fell 10.8 pc to 196,207 in 2022, then by 17.6 pc to 161,660 in 2023.

The biggest change came in 2024. Speeding offences almost halved to 87,562, a fall of 74,098, or 45.8 pc, in a single year. That one-year drop made up over half of the fall recorded across the five-year span.

Another 17.2 pc fall followed in 2025, taking the tally to its lowest point in five years.

The change is starker when the past three years are compared. There were 89,192 fewer speeding offences in 2025 than in 2023, a fall of 55.2 pc.

Yet speeding has far from vanished. Last year's figure still amounts to almost 200 offences



“Modern monitoring systems are changing driving habits.”

EJLAL BUBSHAIT, SHURA COUNCIL MEMBER

SPEEDING OFFENCES IN BAHRAIN

72,468	Offences recorded in 2025
220,041	Offences recorded in 2021
67.1pc	Overall decline from 2021 to 2025
147,573	Fewer offences over four years
199	Approximate offences recorded per day in 2025
603	Approximate offences per day in 2021
45.8pc	Drop recorded in 2024, the biggest annual decline
737,938	Total speeding offences recorded from 2021 to 2025
148,000	Approximate annual average over the five-year period

every day.

Across the five years, 737,938 speeding offences were recorded, an average of close to 148,000 a year.

The figures alone cannot show why the fall has been so steep. They count recorded offences but do not show how much stems from drivers slowing

down, changes in police checks or the spread of camera systems. Nor do they show on their own that crashes, deaths and injuries have fallen at the same rate.

Shura Council member Ejlal Bubshait said the 67.1 pc drop was an important sign of greater road awareness and the work of the Interior Ministry and Gener-

al Directorate of Traffic.

She said the growing use of smart monitoring systems had made drivers keener to obey speed limits and helped change habits on the road.

‘Drivers’ awareness that modern monitoring systems are in place has become a preventive factor before an offence is committed,’ she said.

Knowing that cameras are watching, she added, can make motorists slow down before they break the law, protecting themselves and other road users.

Bubshait said cameras alone were not enough. Traffic laws, public awareness and technology had to work side by side, while their effect on driving habits should be kept under review.

She also pointed to changes made to the Traffic Law in 2025, including tougher penalties for serious offences, and said their effect on drivers should be assessed as roads and driving habits change.

Eight Held Over 17kg Drug Smuggling Attempt



Anti-Narcotics Directorate arrested eight people of different nationalities in two separate cases involving attempts to smuggle more than 17 kilograms of narcotic substances into the Kingdom through Bahrain International Airport.

The Ministry of Interior said the arrests were part of ongoing security efforts by the Anti-Narcotics Directorate at the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Evidence to protect society from the dangers of drugs.

The operation was carried out in cooperation with Bahrain International Airport Customs. The seized narcotics had an estimated market value of around BD235,500.

Following information received about the two cases, security teams launched search and investigation operations that led to the identification of the suspects. Some were arrested at the airport, while

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Purpose: Help combat drug-related crimes and protect the community

the others were apprehended at locations within the Kingdom. The narcotic substances were found in their possession.

The General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Evidence secured the seized materials and took the necessary legal procedures before referring the two cases to the Public Prosecution.

Filipino Remittances Climb to \$140M

BD957m — Total worker remittances sent from Bahrain last year.

654,672 — Active permits held by non-Bahrainis at the end of 2025, up 1.8% from 643,274 a year earlier.

478,707 — Non-Bahraini private-sector contributors recorded by the Social Insurance Organisation in Q1 2026.



Remittance & Foreign Workforce Snapshot

\$2.828bn a year earlier.

Saudi Arabia led the Gulf with \$1.0765bn, accounting for 36.76 pc of the GCC total. The UAE followed with \$750.287m, Qatar \$508.176m, Kuwait \$286.104m and Oman \$167.111m. Bahrain ranked sixth, though its year-on-year total still rose.

The six Gulf states made up almost all Filipino remittances from the Middle East. Transfers from the region reached \$3.0315bn in the first half of 2026, with the GCC accounting for 96.6 pc. Across Asia, Filipino remittances stood at \$7.033bn, of which the GCC supplied about 41.6 pc.

Worldwide cash remittances to the Philippines reached \$17.1486bn in the first six months of the year, putting the Gulf share at about 17.1 pc.

The rise from Filipino workers came as outward transfers by foreign workers across Bahrain also climbed sharply at the start of the year. Foreign workers sent BD249.6m abroad in the first quarter of 2026, up 9.1 pc from BD228.8m in the same period last year.

Worker remittances have repeatedly drawn debate in Parliament. MPs have put forward plans to charge fees on money sent abroad by expatriate workers, but the government and Bahrain Chamber have rejected them. Total worker remittances from Bahrain fell below BD1bn last year to about BD957m.

Active permits held by non-Bahrainis stood at 654,672 at the end of 2025, up 1.8 pc from 643,274 a year earlier.

Separate Social Insurance Organisation data put the number of non-Bahraini private-sector contributors at 478,707 in the first quarter of 2026.

Foreign workers have also gained wider access to bank accounts and payment apps, allowing many to send money abroad without visiting exchange houses.

Remittances are a major source of overseas income for the Philippines, whose workers are spread across the Gulf, Asia and much of the rest of the world.

Suspect Referred to Court Over 4.82kg of Unstamped Gold

Man faces trial for possessing and offering for sale gold jewellery without approved Bahraini hallmarks

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The Public Prosecution referred a suspect to the Minor Criminal Court for possessing and intending to sell gold jewelry that did not carry the approved Bahraini hallmark.

The case followed a report from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce during periodic inspections of establishments

trading in gold and precious metals.

Authorities seized 226 pieces of 18-karat gold weighing approximately 4.82 kilograms, none of which carried the required official hallmark.

The Public Prosecution initiated legal procedures and ordered the suspect's referral to court.

The Attorney General and Head of the Ministries and Pub-

lic Entities Prosecution stressed that hallmarking requirements are essential to protecting consumers and ensuring transparency in gold-market transactions.

He added that the Public Prosecution would continue enforcing the law against violations of regulations governing precious metals to protect consumer rights and strengthen confidence in the market.

Driver Detained After Red-Light Crash



A driver has been detained pending investigation after running a red pedestrian traffic light on Shaikh Jaber Al Sabah Avenue and seriously injuring a child.

The Public Prosecution said the driver failed to exercise due care and collided with the pedestrian while the pedestrian signal was green.

During questioning, the driver was shown video footage of the incident and admitted to the charges.

The prosecution ordered his detention and requested the necessary medical and technical reports as part of the investigation.

Two Arrested Over Al Hidd Refrigerator Theft



Muharraq Governorate Police arrested two Asian men, aged 62 and 32, for allegedly breaking into a refrigerator used to store food products for sale and stealing its contents in Al Hidd.

The Ministry of Interior said police launched search and investigation operations after receiving a report about the theft.

The investigation led to the identification and arrest of the two suspects.

Legal procedures are underway before the suspects are referred to the Public Prosecution.

New tech for faster building permits

BIM pilot targets automated checks and improved engineering accuracy

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The Kingdom launched the pilot phase of a Digital Building Information Modelling (BIM) project to develop and streamline the building permit process, announced Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak.

The project, launched in coordination with the Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA), will use digital building models to improve the accuracy and efficiency of building permit reviews and approvals.

BIM PROJECT AT A GLANCE

- INTEGRATION:** BIM to be integrated with Benayat.
- PILOT AREAS:** Diyar Al Muharraq, Salman City and BIIP.
- TECHNOLOGY:** 3D digital building models and automated compliance checks.
- BENEFITS:** Better data accuracy, faster approvals and improved inspections.
- NEXT STEP:** Develop a national roadmap for wider rollout.

The pilot will initially cover selected government and private projects in Diyar Al Muharraq, Salman City and the Bahrain International Investment Park (BIIP). The results will be assessed before developing a national roadmap



The BIM project represents a strategic step in developing Bahrain's building permit system.

ENG. WAEL BIN NASSER AL MUBARAK, MINISTER OF MUNICIPALITIES AFFAIRS AND AGRICULTURE



The project reflects government integration in adopting advanced digital technologies to improve services and accelerate procedures.

MOHAMMED ALI AL QAED, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, INFORMATION & EGOVERNMENT AUTHORITY

to expand the system across Bahrain.

iGA Chief Executive Officer Mohammed Ali Al Qaed said the project reflects government co-operation in adopting advanced digital technologies to improve services and support urban and investment development.

He said the system will contribute to faster electronic re-

views and approvals while improving data accuracy, transparency and information sharing between relevant authorities.

Al Mubarak said the project represents a strategic step in developing Bahrain's building permit system and supporting the objectives of Bahrain Economic Vision 2030.

Night Building Curbs Urged After Daily Complaints



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Students, workers and elderly residents are losing sleep to late-night building work, leading to calls for strict limits on when contractors can use noisy machinery.

Abdulla Abdul Latif, chairman of the Southern Municipal Council, told The Daily Tribune that complaints over night-time construction noise reach him daily. He said builders who break the rules should face proposed fines of up to BD5,000.

He named Blocks 914 and 934 among areas where residents have complained and proposed limiting noisy work in housing areas to 6 a.m. to noon and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

'Every day I receive complaints,' Mr Abdul Latif said. 'Students and employees need to sleep, and this affects the quality of their work.'

He said drilling, breaking concrete, heavy machinery use, and roadworks late at night leave families struggling to rest.

Some asphaltting is carried out around lam to avoid traffic, he said, but the noise from machinery can still carry into nearby homes.

Mr Abdul Latif said the strain is especially hard on older people, patients and workers returning home tired after night shifts.

He wants construction permits to specify exactly when work can take place, with separate hours where needed during the summer and the same rules applied by every municipality.

Those who break the rules should face a proposed BD5,000 fine, he said.

Municipal inspectors should also be able to place a violation sticker on a site and



Abdulla Abdul Latif, Chairman of the Southern Municipal Council

record the building number as being in breach. Permit suspension should be available for serious or repeated cases.

'Stopping the licence is the solution,' he said.

Mr Abdul Latif argued that much of the change could be made through a ministerial decision rather than waiting for Parliament to pass a new law.

He said working hours could become another condition attached to a building permit, much like rules requiring sites to be fenced before work starts.

He also called for municipalities to have clear power to decide when building, demolition, digging and other noisy work must stop in housing areas.

Some road, utility and emergency jobs will still need to be carried out at night, he said, but those cases should require prior permission and clear limits.

'The aim is not to stop construction, but to regulate it,' Mr Abdul Latif said. 'The contractor has the right to finish his project, the worker has rights, and the citizen has a basic right to rest and sleep inside his home.'

Residents can send complaints and written requests to the municipal council, which can pass them to the complaints and inspection section for follow-up, he added.

9km Coastal Stretch Proposed for Public Use

Council says coast should stay open to families and fishermen while protecting village ties to the sea

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A 3.9km public sea-front stretching past four Northern Governorate villages is being sought as an open shore for families, fishermen and visitors, after years of calls to protect access to the coast.

The proposed strip would run past Karanah, Jid Al Haj, Janusan and Barbar along Al Nakheel Highway, Northern Municipal Council chairman Sayed Shubber Al Wadaei said.

'People have a right to access the coast under the law,' he told The Daily Tribune, adding that the council wanted future plans to keep the area's ties with fishing, pearl diving and village life.

A government reply sent to the council in September 2021 said a public coast about 3,900 metres long had been proposed, with service areas expected for residents and visitors.

The push to protect the shore-



Barbar beach

line dates back years. Fishermen once used it as a launch point for fishing grounds and pearl-diving sites, while nearby villages relied on the sea for work and income.

Al Wadaei described it as 'a historic stretch of coast long tied to village life'.

Community groups from Karanah, Jid Al Haj, Janusan and Barbar met at the municipal council in June 2018 and drew up a 14-point document covering public access, local services and protection of the villages' coastal identity.

The Northern Municipal



Sayed Shubber Al Wadaei, Northern Municipal Council Chairman

Council later adopted the findings and has continued to press for leisure areas, public access and space for fishermen.

Environmental studies are also being carried out along the Al Nakheel Highway shoreline. A specialist company has met the council and gathered information on the coast, its natural features and nearby communities.

But there is still no firm date for work to begin.

Al Wadaei said the scheme was classed as a major government project, with decisions on funding, timing and delivery resting with the government.

The council is also dealing with rubbish, stranded boats, fishing gear and sand deposits around Barbar's boat anchorage and fishermen's channel.

Fishermen agreed to form a local watch group to report littering and other breaches, while other steps included removing boats left on the shore, organising fish traps, providing waste bins and putting up warning signs.

The council has also asked the Supreme Council for Environment to discuss a fishermen-led plan to clear sand deposits that hinder boat movements.

Al Wadaei said residents had waited years to see the shoreline brought back into public use.

The aim, he said, was to give families room by the sea while preserving the villages' long ties to fishing and the coast.

4,500 Workers Benefit from ICRF Summer Drive

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Pradeep Puravankara

The Indian Community Relief Forum (ICRF) Bahrain successfully concluded its annual "Thirst-Quenchers 2026" summer awareness campaign yesterday, marking the completion of its 11th consecutive year.

Organized in alignment with the Ministry of Labour's summer safety initiatives, the final event took place at a major worksite in Sitra, where cold water, juices, fresh fruits, laban, and ice cream were distributed to over 500 outdoor workers.

Supported by the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Labour, the Labour Market Regulator-



Authority (LMRA), and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the 2026 campaign reached over 4,500 workers across 11 weekly sessions. Since its inception in 2016, the initiative has directly impacted more than 26,000 outdoor

workers across the Kingdom.

Addressing the workers at Sitra, Eng. Hussain Al Husaini, Head of Workers at the Ministry of Labour, highlighted the government's ongoing measures and support to ensure a safe working environment during



the peak summer months. ICRF Advisor Dr. Babu Ramachandran also provided crucial advice on heat safety, hydration, and preventing heat-related illnesses.

"The scorching summer months present significant chal-

lenges for outdoor laborers," said ICRF Chairman Adv. V. K. Thomas. "Through this campaign, our goal is to offer both immediate relief and essential education on health, hydration, and safety precautions. We extend our sincere gratitude to

the Ministry of Labour, LMRA, IOM, and our dedicated volunteers for making this effort a continuous success."

Campaign coordinators Chemban Jalal and Ruchi Chakraborty noted the program's steady expansion over the past decade into a major community outreach model.

The concluding event saw participation from ICRF Vice Chairman Pankaj Nallur, Advisor Aruldas Thomas, Joint Secretary Javad Pasha, Treasurer Uday Shanbhag, alongside representatives from the Bohra community, the ICAI Bahrain Chapter, Science of Spirituality, and student volunteers.

State Loans Push Bahrain Bank Lending to BD13.5bn

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A surge in government borrowing pushed bank lending in Bahrain to a record BD13.543 billion by the end of June, with state loans jumping 71 pc in a year and accounting for roughly two thirds of the rise.

Total loans and credit facilities issued by retail banks to the government, businesses and individuals climbed 8.5 pc from BD12.478bn in June 2025, adding just over BD1.065bn, according to the latest Central Bank of Bahrain figures.



Indicator	Figure
Total loans & credit facilities	BD13.543bn
Annual growth	8.5%
Government loans	BD1.727bn
Government loan growth	71%
Personal loans	BD6.336bn
Business loans	BD5.480bn
Mortgage loans	BD3.278bn
Local deposits	BD17.587bn
Loans/deposits ratio	58.9%
Personal loan rate	5%
Business loan rate	4.57%

Government borrowing rose by BD716.7 million over the year, from BD1.011bn to BD1.727bn. That alone made up about 67.2 pc of the yearly increase in

lending. The government's share of all bank loans also grew sharply, rising by 4.7 percentage points to 12.8 pc.

Overall lending increased by another BD127.6m in June, up 1 pc from May. Since the end of December, banks have added BD569.3m to their loan books.

Individuals remained the biggest borrowers, owing BD6.336bn, or 46.8 pc of the total. Businesses and commercial activities accounted for BD5.480bn, or 40.5 pc.

Strip out government borrowing and the rise was far smaller. Loans to business-

es and individuals together stood at BD11.816bn, against BD11.467bn a year earlier, an increase of BD349.2m, or 3 pc.

Personal borrowing rose 3.8 pc over the year, adding BD232.6m, and edged up 0.6 pc in June.

Mortgages continued to dominate household debt. They rose 5.9 pc to BD3.278bn and made up 51.7 pc of all personal loans.

Salary-linked loans stood at BD1.764bn, down 2.8 pc from a year earlier. Vehicle loans fell 6.8 pc to BD90.6m, while outstanding credit card balances dropped 3 pc to BD122.8m.

Business lending grew at a slower annual rate of 2.2 pc to BD5.480bn, an increase of BD116.7m. But growth since January was stronger, at 7.3 pc, with firms taking on another BD371.3m in the first six months

of the year.

Manufacturing drew the largest share of business credit, with loans of BD1.302bn, equal to 23.8 pc of the total. Other service activities followed at BD827.7m, property at BD758.3m and construction at BD717.7m.

Manufacturing also saw the biggest rise since the start of the year, adding BD176.7m in loans. Lending to electricity and gas companies increased by BD68.3m, while construction finance rose by BD37.5m.

Wholesale and retail trade moved the other way, with loans falling 9.4 pc to BD546m.

Credit to small and medium-sized firms also declined. Loans stood at BD448.6m, down from BD467.3m in January, while their share of business lending fell from 9.1 pc to 8.2 pc.

Deposits, meanwhile, grew faster than lending. Local deposits rose 11.4 pc to BD17.587bn, while total funds held by individuals, companies and other bodies climbed 16 pc to BD23.008bn.

That pushed loans as a share of deposits down from 62.9 pc in June 2025 to 58.9 pc a year later.

The average interest rate on personal loans at conventional banks stood at 5 pc. For business loans, the average rate fell sharply from 6.60 pc in June 2025 to 4.57 pc in June this year.

Wall Street prepares to put a price on AI computing power

The rapid expansion of artificial intelligence is creating huge demand for computing power, but investors still have limited ways to measure what that computing capacity is actually worth.



Nvidia is at the centre of the boom. The chipmaker expects strong revenue growth as demand for its AI processors continues to outpace supply. The company is also expanding beyond chip sales by helping customers finance AI infrastructure and participating in computing rental revenues.

Now, Wall Street is preparing to create a market that could provide a new measure of AI demand.

CME Group plans to introduce futures linked to the hourly rental prices of Nvidia's H100 and B200 GPUs, subject to regulatory approval. The contracts would track benchmarks showing how much businesses are paying to rent the processors.

The idea is similar to trading commodities. However, pricing computing power is more complicated because rental costs can vary depending on the provider, location, contract terms, networking and availability.

The proposed market also faces a major challenge: standardisation. Previous attempts to create futures markets for technologies such as DRAM chips and bandwidth struggled because there was no widely accepted standard.

If the GPU market succeeds, it could give investors a new way to monitor the AI boom. Instead of looking only at Nvidia's revenue or technology companies' spending plans, GPU rental prices could provide an indication of actual demand for computing capacity.

A sustained decline in rental prices, despite continued investment in AI infrastructure, could potentially signal that computing capacity is growing faster than demand.

For now, however, the biggest question remains whether enough real buyers and sellers will participate to make the new market a reliable indicator of the AI economy.

Saudi Arabia leads GCC debt maturities through 2030



Saudi Arabia is set to face the largest volume of bond and sukuk maturities in the GCC over the next five years, with around \$167.4 billion of debt due between 2026 and 2030, according to an analysis by Kamco Invest based on Bloomberg data.

The figure places Saudi Arabia ahead of the UAE at \$157.4 billion and Qatar at \$89 billion. Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman are expected to have significantly smaller maturities of \$31.5 billion, \$23.7 billion and \$22.3 billion respectively.

Saudi Arabia's upcoming maturities are driven largely by government and corporate borrowing undertaken to finance economic diversification, infrastructure and development projects.

Of the Kingdom's total, around \$31.5 billion relates to government and sovereign issuers, with the remainder linked mainly to companies

and other borrowers.

The broader GCC is also facing a substantial refinancing cycle. Regional bond and sukuk maturities are expected to remain elevated from 2027 through 2031, reflecting the large number of shorter-term instruments issued by governments and companies in recent years.

Around 64.5% of GCC maturities are denominated in US dollars, while conventional bonds account for about \$308.4 billion and sukuk for \$183 billion.

Despite the scale of the maturities, analysts say strong credit profiles and substantial sovereign financial buffers across the Gulf should provide flexibility to refinance upcoming obligations. Saudi Arabia also remains one of the region's biggest debt-market issuers, raising \$49.34 billion through 58 bond and sukuk issuances in the first half of 2026.

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Condensed Interim Financial Information For the period ended 30 June 2026		
CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
	(Reviewed) Period from 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2026 BD	(Reviewed) Period from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025 BD
Insurance revenue	14,215,571	13,377,914
Insurance service expenses	(15,085,546)	(12,708,996)
Insurance service result before reinsurance contracts held	(869,975)	668,918
Allocation of reinsurance premiums	(3,107,766)	(3,323,835)
Amount recoverable from reinsurers for incurred claims	2,205,455	1,720,086
Net expense from reinsurance contracts held	(902,311)	(1,603,749)
Insurance service result	(1,772,286)	(934,831)
Insurance finance expenses for insurance contracts issued	(397,997)	(509,847)
Reinsurance finance income for reinsurance contracts held	154,756	312,567
Net insurance finance expenses	(243,241)	(197,280)
Net financial results from insurance operations	(2,015,527)	(1,132,111)
Dividend income	6,719	6,485
Share of profit from associate	481,067	834,198
Interest income	1,121,388	1,283,267
Rental income	85,502	85,502
Income from investments	1,694,676	2,209,452
General and administrative expenses	(870,551)	(870,766)
Other income	210,005	48,957
(Loss) / profit before tax for the period	(981,397)	255,532
Taxation	(66,792)	(21,800)
Net (loss) / profit for the period	(1,048,189)	233,732
Other comprehensive income: Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Unrealised fair value gain of financial assets at FVOCI	27,472	78,409
Other comprehensive income for the period	27,472	78,409
Total comprehensive (loss) / income for the period	(1,020,717)	312,141
CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
	(Reviewed) 30 June 2026 BD	(Audited) 31 December 2025 BD
Assets		
Property and equipment	196,447	220,458
Right-of-use assets	766,437	893,525
Investment properties	4,519,827	4,526,523
Investment in associates	13,278,598	12,797,531
Financial assets at FVOCI	139,377	744,808
Guarantee deposits	4,808,412	4,811,201
Other receivables and prepayments	1,547,293	1,486,947
Insurance contract assets	306,328	332,060
Reinsurance contract assets	6,216,824	6,146,802
Amounts due from related parties	207,340	1,333
Cash and bank balances	47,180,938	48,072,228
Total assets	79,167,821	80,033,416
Equity and liabilities		
Equity		
Share capital	20,000,000	20,000,000
Statutory reserve	5,554,637	5,554,637
Fair value reserve	61,208	646,700
Share in fair value reserve of associate	2,300,369	2,300,369
Reinsurance reserve	55,106	55,106
Retained earnings	20,398,506	20,833,728
	48,369,826	49,390,540
Liabilities		
Employees' terminal benefits	896,335	912,753
Accounts and other payables	1,725,132	1,615,430
Amounts due to related parties	512,703	266,138
Zakat and income tax payable	7,076	22,466
Insurance contract liabilities	25,423,875	25,425,374
Reinsurance contract liabilities	1,448,051	1,485,933
Lease liabilities	784,823	914,782
Total liabilities	30,797,995	30,642,876
Total equity and liabilities	79,167,821	80,033,416
The condensed interim financial information has been reviewed by M/s Grant Thornton Abdulla. A copy of the review report and condensed financial information will be available at the registered office of the Company. These condensed interim financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors.		

Turkey summons Ukraine ambassador over Black Sea attacks

AFP | Istanbul, Turkey

Turkey summoned Ukraine's ambassador over attacks this week in the Black Sea against a Turkish vessel, and against a second ship that came to tow the first, the country's foreign ministry said yesterday.

The attacks happened on Wednesday and Thursday, the ministry told AFP.

"During the meeting, Turkey warned about the absolute need to ensure the safety of people, of assets, of navigation and of the environment in the Black Sea," the ministry said in a statement.

It said the Turkish container ship Lider Bordo Mavi was hit on Wednesday while it was off the Russian coast on the Black Sea. The next day, the ship Lider Kocatepe sent to tow the cargo vessel was also targeted, the ministry said.

Four migrants arrested in Ceuta for throwing stones at Spanish soldiers

AFP | Madrid, Spain

Four Moroccan migrants in Spain's enclave of Ceuta were arrested yesterday for throwing stones at a patrol of Spanish soldiers, one of whom fell and injured himself while pursuing the assailants, a police spokesman told AFP.

It was the second such incident to occur in recent days in the tiny territory located in North Africa, following the arrests on Thursday of 12 Moroccan migrants who threw stones at a Spanish military vehicle, injuring one of its four occupants.

Eleven of those 12 were deported to Morocco, according to local reports.

Druze factions block students from sitting exams in row with Syria govt

AFP | Sweida, Syria

Armed factions in Syria's Druze-majority Sweida province have blocked students from travelling to sit for official exams, demanding they be held instead in the areas they control, drawing condemnation from the Damascus-appointed governor yesterday.

Sweida city and other parts of the southern province are run by local armed groups and are the last areas outside the grasp of Syria's new Islamist authorities, who have been trying to establish control over the entire country after toppling longtime ruler Bashar al-Assad in 2024.

Rescuers claw through mud as missing toll nears 3,000

RACE AGAINST TIME

RESCUE OPERATIONS

HEROES ON THE GROUND

100+ PEOPLE TRAPPED IN TUNNELS

Nepali army teams are drilling in an "extremely challenging" bid to rescue more than 100 people inside multiple hydropower tunnels.

933 MISSING WORKERS

Those trapped in the tunnels were among 933 missing workers from hydropower projects on the rivers where the torrent of icy debris swept down.

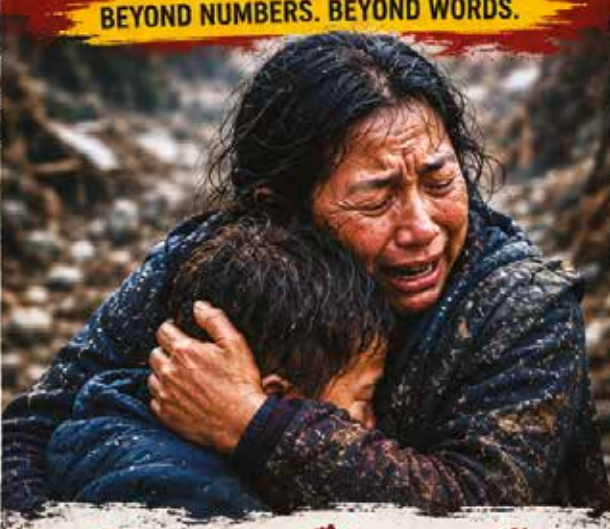
INTERNATIONAL HELP

India has sent an 11-person specialised team. China has also sent a 9-person tunnel team to help.

NEPAL-TIBET FLOOD DISASTER

THE HUMAN COST

BEYOND NUMBERS. BEYOND WORDS.



3,000

PEOPLE MISSING IN NEPAL AND TIBET

Nepal and Tibet authorities put the total number of missing close to 3,000.

682

BODIES RECOVERED SO FAR

With 682 bodies recovered.

COUNTLESS FAMILIES

waiting for news. Holding on to hope. Praying for their loved ones.

THOUSANDS MISSING. FAMILIES IN AGONY. HOPE IS FADING, BUT SEARCH CONTINUES.

LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY & RECONSTRUCTION

RECONSTRUCTION COULD COST 'BILLIONS'

Nepal's reconstruction bill could run into "billions of dollars", says Foreign Minister Shisir Khanal.

HEIGHTENED VIGILANCE

INDIA MONITORS GLACIERS

India is stepping up monitoring of its Himalayan regions bordering China and Nepal, days after the deadly flood apparently triggered by a glacial collapse.

"Since we share a border with Nepal, as a neighbour, and also have a similar geographic situation... we have asked our department to monitor all the glaciers and known glacial lakes in the region."

- Madan Kaushik, State Disaster Management Minister, Uttarakhand, India

AID OFFERS & SUPPORT

93,000 PEOPLE

As many as 93,000 people in Nepal are potentially affected by the disaster, according to the Red Cross.

NEPAL'S APPEAL

Nepal appealed on Friday for international financial assistance, as well as specialised rescue support, including heavy lift drones, DNA testing kits, and body freezer storage units.

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

CANADA

Will provide CAN\$5 million (\$3.6 million) in humanitarian assistance.

EUROPEAN UNION

Has pledged 2 million euros (\$2.3 million).

CHINA

Chinese President Xi Jinping offered Beijing's help on Friday.

THE WORLD STANDS WITH NEPAL. TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP HEAL.

AFP | Bidur, Nepal

Rescuers in Nepal and China were battling yesterday to locate thousands of people missing days after a deadly, tsunami-like wall of water and debris swept through the Himalayan region, engulfing entire villages.

Figures from both countries put the number of missing close to 3,000, with 682 bodies recovered -- and reports of some dead possibly swept downstream as far away as India.

Rescue worker Kawan Koirala, from the Nepal Scout Disaster Response Team, said they were struggling in thick, leg-sucking mud.

"People want their family member's body back, either dead or alive, but we cannot find them... you can see the mud," he told AFP, exhausted after an 18-hour shift.

"It is very traumatic for me too. It is my first time seeing these types of things. Everywhere is mud. We faced flood in Nepal before, but not like this."

The US Geological Survey said the disaster on the Tibet-Nepal border on Wednesday was caused by a glacial collapse that created a torrent of debris downstream.

While the exact cause of the collapse is unclear, climate change is causing glaciers to melt worldwide, increasing the risks of such disasters.



Fire and rescue personnel conduct search and rescue operations at the site of Gyirong Port



Houses covered heavily in sludge in the aftermath of flash floods at Devighat in Nepal's Nuwakot district

'Nothing left'

Survivors face an agonising wait to learn the fate of missing relatives, and the prospect

of rebuilding their lives from nothing.

"All the settlements near the river were swept away," Bud-

dhi Ram Dangol told AFP in Nepal's Nuwakot district. "There is nothing left."

At Budur's army base, a key rescue hub in the same district, relatives crowded around lists of rescued people pasted on a wall.

"I have come here looking for my son," said Kalka Sharda, scanning the list in desperation. "He was a labourer at the hydropower plant, but I can't find his name, and the authorities are not saying anything."

In an area home to vast energy infrastructure projects, Nepal's disaster authority listed 933 hydropower workers among the missing, along with 517 foreigners, including trekkers and Hindu pilgrims to Tibet's sacred Mount Kailash.

Pilgrimage route

Nepal reported a death toll of 675 people on Saturday.

There are 2,426 people, including hundreds of foreigners, who are out of contact in the country.

Across the border in Tibet, which is largely inaccessible to foreign journalists, seven people died and 554 remain missing, Xinhua state news agency said on Saturday.

Authorities also said they had evacuated 555 stranded tourists and 499 Chinese residents from Tibet.

In India, officials said they had recovered seven bodies from rivers flowing from Nepal, believed to be flood victims.

Chinese rescuers zero in on Tibet mudslide site

AFP | Beijing, China

Chinese rescuers were progressing yesterday towards the epicentre of a deadly mudslide at the Tibet-Nepal border that has left hundreds missing, as a lake that had threatened more damage has drained, state media said.

More than 500 rescuers had reached the heart of the devastation by Saturday, the agency reported.

Rescue operations had been temporarily paused because of the threat of renewed flooding from a lake formed by the mudslide. But state broadcaster CCTV said late Saturday that the lake was "discharging naturally" and had been "essentially drained", citing China's ministry of water resources.

Hope was fading for some still waiting desperately for news.

Kalka Sharda, in Bidur, was searching lists of rescued for his 18-year-old son Vinod Sharda, a hydropower plant labourer.

"I don't think there is any hope left," he said.

"Because, if he was alive, he would have found a way to get in touch."

European leaders outlaw the crossbow, intending to end war for all time

Tokugawa Ieyasu enters Edo Castle (Traditional Japanese date: August 1, 1590)



William Penn leaves England to sail to the New World

Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Virginia, ends with a Confederate victory over Union forces



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TWEETS

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@WHO is scaling up its response to #Nepal's flood emergency further, releasing US\$150,000 in immediate funding, with additional resources expected to be released as needs assessments continue.

@DrTedros

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Nuclear tests shatter trust, fuel a nuclear arms race & betray every community still living with the legacy of past nuclear tests. I call on all countries possessing nuclear weapons to maintain existing moratoria & bring the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty into force. Let's re-commit to ending nuclear testing.

@antoniouterres

03



This deal is a huge win for both the American and Venezuelan people. It demonstrates how President Trump's bold foreign policy is driving America First wins: securing stable reserves and low-cost oil in our Hemisphere and lowering gas prices here at home. For the Venezuelan people, this deal will bring nearly \$100 billion in private investment, support thousands of high-paying jobs, and drive the reconstruction of Venezuela's economy.

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Over the next few days, will be in Uzbekistan and the Kyrgyz Republicl

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Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)

Trump announces deal for huge US stake in Venezuelan oil reserves

AFP | Washington, United States

President Donald Trump said Friday his administration has reached a huge oil deal with Venezuela that gives the United States majority control of 65 billion barrels of proven petroleum reserves.

In a Truth Social post, Trump called this "the biggest oil deal in world history" and said it will more than double US oil reserves.

Venezuela has operated under intense pressure and close

scrutiny from the Trump administration since the US ousted and captured long-time ruler Nicolas Maduro in January. It allowed his then vice president, Delcy Rodriguez, to stay on and serve as interim leader so long as she toes the US line.

Trump said Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth had reached this new oil deal with Rodriguez "through a partnership with private business."

"This Transaction will great-

ly strengthen the already growing relationship between Venezuela and the United States!" Trump wrote.

He did not say what Venezuela gets out of the arrangement.

But the news site Axios reported Thursday the two countries were in talks on a dozen productive oil fields with 90 billion barrels of proven reserves -- about a third of Venezuela's total proven reserves of 300 billion barrels. Axios quoted two US officials.

Russia blows up arms depot near Kyiv, killing 37

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

Russia struck an arms depot near Kyiv overnight, sparking fires and explosions that killed 37 people and wounded dozens of others, authorities said yesterday.

AFP reporters saw plumes of black smoke over the capital's western suburbs, while videos published by Ukraine's rescue services showed firefighters battling a large blaze overnight.

The attack was the second to hit a munitions depot near Kyiv in less than two months, and prompted angry calls from Ukrainian officials to stop storing munitions near residential areas.

Both Russia and Ukraine have intensified long-range strikes on each other in recent months, pushing civilian casualties to their highest level since Moscow invaded in 2022.

"Those who allowed this to happen must be held accountable for their decisions... ammunition cannot be stored near homes or other residential areas," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in a post on X.

The depot was owned by the Ukrainian military and stored drones, shells and other munitions, he said in a later video address.

At least 37 people were killed in the blast, among them the



A Ukrainian rescuer stand next to a truck with a spray of water as they work to extinguish a fire in a warehouse following an air attack at an undisclosed location in the Kyiv region

mayor of the nearby town of Dmytrivka, Kyiv region governor Tymur Tkachenko said on Telegram.

"Rescuers and all relevant services are continuing their operations at the scene of the tragedy," Tkachenko said.

Hundreds have been forced to evacuate, he said earlier.

Ozon warehouse hit

Russia launched at least two missiles and 267 drones at Ukraine between late Friday and early Saturday, according to the Ukrainian air force.

In addition to the depot strike, Russian attacks on Ukraine killed three people on Saturday, including a two-year-old infant in Kyiv and a 14-year-old girl in the capital's outer suburbs, officials said.

In Russia, Ukrainian strikes killed three people in the Belgorod region and caused a fire at a warehouse belonging to Russian retailer Ozon, officials said.

A strike on the city of Sevastopol in Crimea killed one person, according to Sevastopol's Russian-installed governor.

US-led diplomatic efforts to end the conflict, Europe's deadliest since World War II, have been at a standstill for months.

Russia has demanded sweeping territorial and political concessions from Ukraine, which Kyiv has ruled out as tantamount to capitulation.

Earlier this week, US Central Intelligence Agency Director John Ratcliffe visited Moscow on an unannounced trip, amid escalating tensions in the four-and-a-half-year war.

Iran's president admits sanctions impacting economy

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian has admitted that US sanctions on his country are hurting its economy, despite just days ago insisting they would achieve nothing.

"Some say sanctions have no effect at all; to those people, I really don't know what to say," Pezeshkian told state TV in an interview late on Friday.

"We are in a war situation, and we must accept these war-time conditions," he added.

On Monday, US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent laid out plans for the "economic asphyxiation" of Iran, warning of dire consequences for countries that do not join the American



campaign.

The new measures build on a sanctions regime by the US and allies that has been in place

since 2018 when President Donald Trump withdrew from an international deal struck with Tehran on its nuclear programme.

Pezeshkian said Friday that Iran's exports and imports had fallen by 25 to 35% in recent months as the US maintains a naval blockade of Iranian ports.

The president said the price of petrol should be increased in Iran to account for the fall in trade.

"We should raise the price of the third-tier quota... For example, from 5,000 toman to 10,000 toman," he added.

That quota refers to one of several consumption rates that determine the price an Iranian consumer is charged.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Paying the price for the climate crisis



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

When a wall of ice and mud collapses thousands of miles away in the Himalayas, it is remarkably easy to shrug it off as somebody else's distant problem. But the recent, horrifying catastrophe in Nepal—where a glacier collapse triggered a tsunami of debris that swept away entire villages—is a wake-up call we can no longer afford to snooze through. Climate change is not some polite theoretical debate for future generations; it is a brute reality tearing down mountains right now.

To put the sheer scale of this disaster into perspective, imagine a frozen behemoth with an alleged width of 2,000 feet breaking loose. Picture laying that staggering chunk of ice right across the sweeping expanse of the Bahrain World Trade Centre towers, and you begin to grasp the terrifying magnitude of what gave way on the roof of the world. So far, the Nepal-Tibet tragedy has resulted in over 600 deaths at the time of going to press and thousands missing. When nature unleashes power on that scale, no borders can keep us safe unless our laws and climate policies finally catch up with the crisis.

We desperately need governments worldwide to stop treating environmental legislation like an optional bureaucratic tick-box exercise. Every nation, big or small, needs stringent, legally binding climate policies that actually match the terrifying speed at which our planet is warming. If countries continue to drag their feet, these catastrophic events will become a grim routine.

Yet, in moments of profound heartbreak, humanity's better instincts shine through. Here in Bahrain, where a vibrant community of around thirty thousand Nepalese nationals live, work, and call our islands a second home, the response to the tragedy has been deeply personal. The Kingdom has officially expressed its heartfelt sympathy and solidarity with Nepal, while local communities rally together to support families shattered by the floods. Any day now, we will undoubtedly start actively collecting aid also for the stricken and our sympathy and actions will be a powerful reminder that while environmental crises know no borders, neither does human empathy.

Ultimately, solidarity in the aftermath of a disaster is only half the battle. If we want to honour the lives lost in the valleys of Nepal and the mountains of Tibet, governments globally must rewrite their playbook. We need robust environmental laws that curb emissions, protect fragile ecosystems, and treat climate change for what it truly is: an emergency knocking loudly at our front door.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

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Digital Cooperation Organization set for major membership expansion

The Digital Cooper- ation Organization (DCO) has approved the candidacies of eight coun- tries to join as member states, in what it described as a major expansion of its international digital cooperation network.

Albania, Azerbaijan, Ka- zakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Palestine, the Syrian Arab Re- public and Zambia will join the organization after com- pleting the required formal ac- cession procedures, including signing, adopting and ratifying the DCO Charter in accordance with their respective national processes.

The expansion would in- crease the DCO's membership from 16 to 24 countries, rep- resenting approximately 980 million people. This would mean that around 12% of the global population would be represented through the or- ganization's efforts to develop policies and frameworks for the digital economy.

The DCO will also welcome Tajikistan as an associate member. The organization said the move will create new



opportunities for cooperation in areas including digital in- novation, skills development, public-private partnerships and digital inclusion.

DCO Secretary-General Deemah Al-Yahya said the or- ganization had evolved sig- nificantly since it was estab- lished in 2020 by five founding countries. She described the planned expansion as evidence that countries are increasingly looking for practical cooper- ation as global rules around artificial intelligence, data and cross-border digital trade con- tinue to develop.

The expansion will signif- icantly broaden the organi- zation's geographical reach. For the first time, the DCO will

establish a presence in Cen- tral Asia, while also expanding into the Caucasus and Western Balkans. The organization said this will create new regional opportunities for cooperation among countries with rapidly developing digital economies.

The growing membership comes as the DCO implements its 2025-2028 strategic agen- da, which focuses on turning digital ambitions into practi- cal outcomes. Its programmes cover areas such as digital policy, digital public in- frastructure, AI governance, digi- tal skills, startup ecosystems, cross-border data flows and digital economy measurement.

The organization also aims to strengthen partnerships

between governments, busi- nesses, international organi- zations, universities and civil society.

According to the DCO, the prospective accessions will strengthen its ability to coor- dinate international efforts on digital transformation and give more countries an opportunity to contribute to discussions shaping the future of the glob- al digital economy.

With the planned expansion, the organization is positioning itself as a broader platform for countries seeking to cooperate on digital development, inno- vation and technology policy while ensuring that the bene- fits of the digital economy are more widely shared.

US diplomats, families begin returning to Middle East embassies

A merican diplomats and some family members are beginning to return to US embassies across the Mid- dle East, six months after many personnel were ordered to leave amid the war with Iran.

The State Department has started easing staffing restric- tions, although most embassies will not immediately return to full strength. The move is not necessarily a shift in Washing- ton's Iran policy, which is cur- rently focused more on econom- ic pressure than direct military action.

Instead, the changes are large- ly linked to regulations govern- ing overseas assignments. These



rules limit how long diplomats can remain away from their posts while continuing to receive housing, pay and other benefits.

On Friday, US embassies in Bahrain, Qatar and Kuwait an-

were announced for US person- nel in Israel and Lebanon.

Several US embassies were placed under ordered or au- thorised departure measures in March after Iranian retaliation increased security risks across the region.

The State Department has now introduced a "restricted op- erations" status, allowing each embassy to determine staffing levels and family presence based on local conditions.

Officials said the priority re- mains protecting American per- sonnel while maintaining essen- tial diplomatic operations.

Earlier, similar arrangements

Dozens of Israeli settlers attack West Bank village of Qusra



D ozens of Israeli set- tlers attacked the Palestinian village of Qusra in the occupied West Bank on Saturday, following weeks of heightened tensions in the area.

Residents said the confronta- tion began when a small group of settlers approached Pales- tinians working on a house be- fore returning with dozens of others. The settlers allegedly surrounded Palestinians inside the property and threw stones.

The Israeli military said soldiers and border police were deployed following re-

ports of violent clashes and stone-throwing. Security forces found dozens of Israeli rioters barricaded inside a Palestini- an home while residents were still inside, according to the military.

Forces removed the settlers, separated the groups and con- fiscated vehicles suspected of being used to reach the area. Police have opened an inves- tigation.

The incident comes amid a wider rise in settler violence in the West Bank, where tensions have intensified since the Gaza war began in October 2023.

Egypt, Türkiye call for renewed Iran-US diplomacy



E gyptian Foreign Min- ister Badr Abdelatty and Turkish For- eign Minister Hakan Fidan have called for intensified diplomatic efforts to reduce tensions in the region and restore the diplomatic and negotiating track between Iran and the United States.

During a phone conver- sation on Friday, the two ministers discussed regional developments and stressed the importance of continued efforts to achieve de-escalation and prevent further escalation.

They also underlined the need to preserve the mem- orandum of understanding

reached between Washington and Tehran, saying it could help create a favourable envi- ronment for reaching broader and lasting understandings between the two sides.

Abdelatty and Fidan said renewed dialogue and nego- tiations could play an impor- tant role in addressing out- standing issues and reducing regional tensions.

The two ministers empha- sised that a sustained diplo- matic process would contrib- ute to strengthening security and stability across the re- gion, while providing a path toward resolving disputes through dialogue rather than further confrontation.

Korea and Bahrain Mark 50 Years of Ties with Friendly Volleyball Match



The national volleyball teams of South Korea and Bahrain met in Korea for a friendly match celebrating 50 years of diplomatic relations. Organized by both embassies, national volleyball associations, and the Korean Community Association in Bahrain, the match highlighted five decades of bilateral ties and mutual solidarity. The ceremonial opening serve was delivered by South Korean Ambassador Choi Byoung-sun, the Charge d’Affaires of the Bahraini Embassy in Korea, and Korea Volleyball Association President Oh Han-nam, who previously coached Bahrain’s national team in the 1990s. The event aims to further strengthen sports and cultural exchanges between the youth of both nations.

BHA and Greater Barishal Welfare Association Sign Landmark Pact to Promote Hockey in Bahrain



The Bahrain Hockey Association (BHA) and the Greater Barishal Welfare Association, Bahrain have signed a partnership agreement to expand hockey and nurture young talent across the Kingdom. The agreement was signed, at Al Najma Club in Juffair by Sarwor Hossain, General Secretary of the Greater Barishal Welfare Association, and Malik Abid Awan, General Secretary of the BHA. Under the slogan “Together We Collaborate, Together We Promote Hockey,” the initiative’s first step involves forming boys’ and girls’ hockey teams at Bangladesh School Bahrain to develop future national and international athletes.

SNCS Kicks Off Onam and Chathayam Celebrations in Bahrain



The Sree Narayana Cultural Society (SNCS) launched its 2026 Onam and Chathayam Day festivities with a cultural convention and traditional performances. The event was presided over by Chairman Suneesh Susheelan and inaugurated by prominent businessman Pampavasan Nair, alongside addresses by General Secretary Prakash K.P. and Cultural Secretary Sangeetha Gokul. The two-day celebration featured cultural performances—including Thiruvathirakali, Pulikali, and dance routines—followed by a grand Onamsadhya yesterday serving over 700 attendees. The festivities will culminate with a Mega Onam Celebration on October 9, 2026, at the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam Auditorium.

SPB-S. Janaki Tribute Night Evokes Nostalgic Melodies



The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) hosted ‘Alaigal Oivathillai’, an SPB-S. Janaki tribute musical night, as part of its ‘Savanam 2026’ Onam celebrations. Selected through preliminary auditions involving 51 contestants, 21 singers performed timeless Malayalam and Tamil classics from the golden era of cinema. The event opened with a welcome address by Rajeev P. Mathew, followed by felicitations from BKS Acting President Ravikumar and Savanam General Convenor Harikrishnan. Music Club Convenor Mathew Jacob delivered the vote of thanks, and the evening was hosted by Vinod Aliyath and Neha Sherin.

ARAM Bahrain Cools Down 200 Outdoor Workers in ‘Beat the Heat’



Volunteer group ARAM Bahrain distributed fresh juice to nearly 200 outdoor road construction workers across the Kingdom as part of its “Beat the Heat” campaign. Aimed at bringing relief during peak summer heat and humidity, volunteers visited various project sites to hand out beverages directly to the laborers. Organizers highlighted the drive as a gesture of appreciation for the outdoor workforce while promoting community solidarity and compassion across all backgrounds.

Thanal Bahrain Chapter Holds Blood Donation Drive



Thanal Bahrain Chapter organized a blood donation camp in collaboration with Salmaniya Medical Complex. The drive was inaugurated by Salmaniya Blood Bank In-Charge Howrah Abdul Aziz. Chief Coordinator Rasheed Mahi welcomed the attendees, while OICC Global Secretary Binu Kunmanthanam attended as chief guest and pledged ongoing support for Thanal’s charitable work. Syed Hanif and O.K. Kassim also offered greetings. The drive was managed by Anil Koduvally, Hussain Wayanad, and Rafeeq Nadapuram, with Treasurer U.K. Balan delivering the vote of thanks.

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High-flying cagers eye third win

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

Bahrain will look to maintain their perfect start to the FIBA Asia Cup 2029 pre-qualifiers when they take on Nepal today at 4pm, Bahrain time.

The kingdom's senior men's basketball national team head into their third Group A encounter in Dubai, the UAE, with two wins from as many games following victories over Oman and hosts UAE.

The Bahrainis opened their campaign with a ruthless 106-62 victory over Oman before showing their resilience in an 83-80 win against the UAE on Friday night at Sheikh Saeed bin Maktoum Sports Hall.

Greek-Slovenian head coach Slobodan Subotic's cagers will now be heavily favoured to make it three straight against a Nepal side still searching for their first victory.

Nepal have suffered two de-



Mustafa Hussain goes up for a lay-up in Bahrain's previous game

feats so far, going down 110-64 to the UAE in their opener before losing 88-65 to Kuwait on Friday.

Bahrain, meanwhile, have shown two different sides to their game across their opening contests.

They dominated Oman from start to finish in a 44-point rout before having to fight their way back from nine points down with less than five minutes remaining to edge the Emiratis.

Mustafa Hussain and JaKarr Sampson were instrumental in that comeback, combining for 49 points. Hussain finished with a game-high 28, including four three-pointers, while Sampson posted 21 points and 14 rebounds.

Ahmed Salman, who added 19 points in the victory, credited Subotic's leadership for Bahrain's composure during the tense closing stages.

"I've been coached by a lot of coaches, and he is one of the best," Salman said. "I'm not just saying that because he's

here. The calmness we showed against the UAE came from our leader. He stayed calm, and that helped us stay calm as well."

Victory over Nepal would further strengthen Bahrain's position in the battle for one of Group A's three places in the second round.

The Bahrainis are amongst 18 national teams competing across four groups in the first round, with the top three from each advancing.

The 12 qualifiers will then be divided into two groups of six for the second round, scheduled to be played from November 23 to December 1.

The top four from each of those groups will earn places in the 2029 Asia Cup qualifiers, joining the 16 nations that competed at the 2025 continental championship in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Bahrain then wrap up their Group A campaign against Kuwait tomorrow at 7pm, Bahrain time.

Bahrain set for U20 qualifying bid

Hussain Almaskati
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Bahrain will begin their bid to reach the AFC U20 Asian Cup 2027 when they take on Tajikistan tomorrow at Khalifa Sports City Stadium in Isa Town.

The kingdom's junior men's football national team are hosting Group D of the qualifiers, which also features Jordan and Afghanistan, with matches running until September 6.

Head coach Ali Aamer has selected a 23-player squad for the campaign as Bahrain look to end a decade-long absence from the continental tournament.

The Bahrainis begin against Tajikistan tomorrow before returning to action against Jordan on Thursday. They then conclude their Group D fixtures against Afghanistan on September 6, with all three matches kicking off at 8.30pm.

Aamer, the former Bahrain and Muharraq midfielder, has been overseeing the team's final preparations at the Bahrain Football Association (BFA) pitches at Isa Sports City in Riffa.

His final squad features Hus-



Bahrain junior men football Coach Ali Amer

GROUP D SCHEDULE		
Date	Fixture	Time
Tomorrow, Aug 31	Jordan v Afghanistan	5pm
	Tajikistan v Bahrain	8.30pm
Thursday, Sept 3	Afghanistan v Tajikistan	5pm
	Bahrain v Jordan	8.30pm
Sunday, Sept 6	Jordan v Tajikistan	5pm
	Bahrain v Afghanistan	8.30pm

sain Zuhair, Sayed Ahmed Alwadaie, Amjad Jaafar, Khaled Ahmed, Bader Hussain, Khaled Alkhalaf, Mubarak Fawaz, Mohammed Salah, Khaled Alkhaladi, Adam Fareed, Jassim Qasem, Abdulrahman Bassam, Ali Mehran, Karrar Huwaida, Ahmed Nasser, Ahmed Almuraisi, Kmail Alsitrawi, Abdulla Osama, Ali Hussain and Mohammed Aljazzaf.

Goalkeepers Abdulla Ahmed, Hassan Albastaki and Hussain Ebrahim complete the 23-man roster.

Bahrain are amongst 32 teams competing in the qualification competition, divided into eight groups of four playing at centralised venues.

Each group will be contested in a single round-robin format, with the eight group winners and seven best runners-up securing their places at next year's AFC U20 Asian Cup in China.

The continental showpiece is scheduled to take place from March 24 to April 10.

Bahrain are seeking their 10th appearance at the tournament and their first since 2016, having missed out on each of the past three editions.

Sixth straight loss ends Bahrain U18 campaign



Zahra AlAsfoor attacks at the net

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

A sixth straight defeat brought Bahrain's Arab U18 Women's Volleyball Championship campaign to a bleak end yesterday as Morocco won 3-0 in Amman, leaving the young side without a victory or a single set.

Morocco took the match 25-16, 25-7, 25-6, closing out Bahrain's run in a seven-team field that also included Jordan, Egypt, Algeria, Lebanon and Palestine.

The result capped a hard week for a newly assembled Bahrain side asked to play six international matches in eight days.

They had already lost in

straight sets to hosts Jordan, Egypt, Palestine and Algeria before facing Morocco in their last outing. Algeria won 25-12, 25-10, 25-9 in Bahrain's previous match.

The championship was played at the Sports Palace Hall in Al-Hussein Youth City from August 22 to 29 under a single round-robin format.

For Bahrain, the main gain came from testing a young group against stronger regional sides and giving the players a run of international matches.

The six games also helped head coach Ebrahim Hasan, assistant Wadea Abdulla and general manager Abdulradhi Ashoor identify weaknesses in reception, attack and rally play.

Norris extends McLaren stay until 2030

AFP | London

Reigning F1 world champion Lando Norris has committed his long-term future to McLaren after signing a contract extension that will keep him at the team until 2030.

The new deal comes less than a week after Norris secured back-to-back wins with victory at the Dutch Grand Prix, rekindling the British driver's hopes of a successful defence of his world title.

It includes an option for a multi-year extension beyond 2030, McLaren said in its announcement yesterday.



Lando Norris celebrates with the trophy after Dutch Grand Prix

Last season, the 26-year-old Norris delivered McLaren's first drivers' title since Lewis

Hamilton won it in 2008.

Norris joined McLaren's junior programme when he was

just 17 and made his F1 debut two years later, in 2019.

"McLaren is my home, and I'm very pleased to be signing a new contract to keep me with the team until at least 2030," Norris said in a team statement.

"When I started this journey nine years ago, I was clear about the goals I wanted to achieve: to get McLaren back to the front and to win championships.

"We've achieved that goal, but we want more, we want to keep on winning, and we know as a team that we're capable of achieving it."

Third Asian title beckons for Bahrain

Young Warriors battle past Iran to set up Qatar title clash

Hussain Almaskati

Bahrain marched into the final of the 11th Asian Men's Youth Handball Championship last night after overcoming Iran 26-23 in a hard-fought semi-final at Princess Sumaya Hall in Amman, Jordan.

The kingdom's under-19 handball team, who secured qualification for next year's IHF Men's Youth Handball World Championship with their quarter-final victory over Saudi Arabia, held a slender 14-13 advantage at half-time before outscoring the Iranians 12-10 over the final 30 minutes.

Bahrain will now face Gulf rivals Qatar in the gold medal game tomorrow as they bid to capture their third Asian youth crown.

Qatar booked their place in the final with a 32-28 victory over South Korea in yesterday's other semi-final.

The Bahrainis, coached by Mohamed Soliman, made the brighter start despite conceding the opening goal, responding with four unanswered strikes to move 4-1 ahead after eight minutes.

Sayed Majeed Almuhafda

struck twice on breakthroughs during that early surge, but Mohammadreza Rajabi's Iran gradually fought their way back and drew level at 6-6 in the 17th minute.

Little separated the teams for the remainder of the opening period, with the scores level on several occasions. Sayed Omran Almahafdh converted three seven-metre penalties to help keep Bahrain in front, before Hasan Saif struck from centre back to make it 13-12.

Iran levelled once more, but Mohamed Marzooq finished a fast break in the closing seconds to send Bahrain into the interval 14-13 ahead.

The youngsters carried that momentum into the second half as Saif struck from centre back and Mahmood Ahmed followed with a long-range effort to stretch their advantage to 16-13.

Ahmed then converted on the fast break to make it 17-14, but Iran refused to go away and eventually restored parity at 18-18 in the 42nd minute, setting up a tense final stretch.

The Warriors responded superbly.



Bahrain's U19 handball team celebrate after booking their spot in the final

Ahmed put them back in front with a strike from the left wing before Mahdi Ali scored twice on breakthroughs to help establish a 21-19 advantage. Marzooq then struck from the left wing to make it 22-20, before Ali converted a seven-metre penalty to stretch the gap to three with four minutes remaining.

Bahrain goalkeeper Ali Almahroos also played a key role

in keeping Iran at bay, finishing the contest with 12 saves from 33 shots. His performance earned him the Man of the Match award.

Almahroos produced another important stop in the 57th minute before Ahmed Abdulla found an empty net from long range to make it 24-20 with two minutes remaining.

Abdulla then struck again, this time on a breakthrough, before

Ali put the result beyond doubt with another breakthrough goal for Bahrain's 26th in the final minute. Iran managed a final consolation before the buzzer.

Four Bahrain players shared the scoring honours with four goals apiece. Almuhafda and Almahafdh were joined by Ahmed and Ali on four, while Saif contributed three.

Marzooq, Abdulla and Ali

Hasan each added two goals, with Hussain Abadi also on the scoresheet.

Iran's Shayan Sousani was the game's leading scorer with eight goals.

The victory extends an impressive tournament for the nationals, who progressed through preliminary-round action unbeaten before defeating Saudi Arabia 30-28 in their quarter-final to reach the last four and secure a seventh appearance at next year's youth world championship.

Tomorrow's final-day programme begins with hosts Jordan facing Uzbekistan in the seventh-place play-off at noon, followed by Kuwait against Saudi Arabia for fifth place at 2pm.

South Korea and Iran will contest the bronze medal match at 4pm, before Bahrain and Qatar bring the championship to a close with the gold medal showdown at 6pm.

That final will conclude Bahrain's 10th continental championship appearance, with the kingdom now one victory away from adding to their titles won in 2016 and 2018.

Riffa start strong as A'ali strike late

Hussain Almaskati

Riffa made a winning start to their 2026-27 Nasser bin Hamad Premier League campaign with a 2-0 victory over Al Ettifaq last night as the opening matchweek drew to a close.

Samuel Toscas and Yacouba Diarra were on target for the Riffa-based outfit at the National Stadium, giving Kuwaiti head coach Mohamed Mashan a perfect start to the new season.

Elsewhere, newly promoted Manama were denied victory in dramatic fashion as A'ali struck in stoppage time to salvage a 1-1 draw at Al Ahli Club Stadium in Mahooz.

Riffa needed just three minutes to break the deadlock against an Al Ettifaq side coached by former Bahrain star Fawzi Ayyash.

A quickly taken corner created space for Brazilian Rodrigo Yuri on the left, whose cross was



Toscas celebrates his early goal with Riffa teammates

headed home by compatriot Toscas to give the Sky Blues an early advantage.

Another set-piece situation produced their second goal around the hour mark. Bahrain international Ali Madan delivered an inviting ball from deep on the right, with Malian Diarra meeting it to double the lead.

Riffa entered the new campaign looking to build on a strong

2025-26 season in which they finished third behind champions Muharraq and runners-up Al Khaldiya, while also lifting the Khalid bin Hamad Cup.

At Al Ahli Club Stadium, Ismael Karami's Manama appeared set for a winning return to the top flight when new signing Zachary Hadji broke the deadlock in the 82nd minute.

Full-back Rivaldo Moraes pro-

Standings			
Pos	Team	Pts	GD
1	Al Khaldiya	3	+5
2	Sitra	3	+3
3	Hidd	3	+2
4	Riffa	3	+2
5	Al Ahli	1	0
6	Muharraq	1	0
7	Manama	1	0
8	A'ali	1	0
9	Al Ettifaq	0	-2
10	East Riffa	0	-2
11	Malkiya	0	-3
12	Al Najma	0	-5



Santos races away after netting A'ali's equaliser against Manama

duced a clever piece of skill on the right to beat his marker before sending the ball across the face of goal, where Hadji was on hand to convert at the far post.

The striker, who joined Manama from Al Najma ahead of the new season, is the son of former Morocco star Mustapha Hadji.

A'ali, coached by Brazilian Vinicius Eutr pio, however, snatched a point in stoppage

time. Brazilian centre-half Matheus Santos rose highest to meet a corner and guided his header into the far corner to break Manama hearts and make it 1-1.

Attention now turns to matchweek two, which gets underway on Wednesday with Malkiya facing Al Najma at Al Ahli Club Stadium and East Riffa taking on Sitra at the National Stadium.

Friday will see Al Khaldiya face A'ali at the National Stadium, while Al Ettifaq take on defending champions Muharraq at Al Ahli Club Stadium.

The round concludes on Saturday, with Hidd facing Al Ahli at the National Stadium and Manama taking on Riffa at Al Ahli Club Stadium.

All six matches are scheduled for 7pm kick-offs.

National spikers suffer friendly defeats

Hussain Almaskati

Bahrain's senior men's volleyball team suffered back-to-back friendly defeats during their training camp in South Korea as they prepare for next month's AVC Volleyball Men's Continental Championship 2026.

The Bahrainis were beaten 3-1 by South Korean club KB Stars in their opening warm-up before going down by the same scoreline against the South Korean national team.

The latter encounter had been



Bahrain's senior men's volleyball team with their South Korean counterparts

arranged as part of celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Bahrain and South Korea.

Prior to the camp, South Kore-

an Ambassador to Bahrain Choi Byung-sun visited the national team's training session at Isa bin Rashid Volleyball Arena at Isa Sports City in Riffa, where

he was received by Bahrain Volleyball Association president Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa and other officials.

Montenegrin head coach Ivan

Joksimovic has used the camp as the final stage of preparations ahead of the continental championship, which will be held in Fukuoka, Japan, from September 4 to

13.

Bahrain have been drawn in Group A alongside hosts Japan, Australia and Oman, with the coaching staff looking to raise the players' technical and physical readiness ahead of the tournament.

The Kingdom head into the championship following a strong year, having claimed gold at the fourth GCC Games in Doha in May before reaching the semi-finals and finishing fourth at the AVC Men's Cup in Ahmedabad.