



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 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.

Nepal warns of climate threat after deadly floods

Nepal's foreign minister warned on Saturday of the growing threat from climate change in the Himalayas, as China offered water and satellite data after devastating floods on their shared border killed hundreds.

The US Geological Survey said the disaster on Wednesday near the high-altitude China-Nepal border was caused by a glacial collapse that sent a torrent of debris downstream, with nearly 3,000 people missing and 682 confirmed dead.

While the exact cause of the collapse is unclear, climate change

is causing glaciers to melt worldwide, increasing the risks of such disasters.

Foreign Minister Shisir Khanal said he had spoken by phone with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi, agreeing to increase the sharing of "real-time hydrological data", according to a statement.

Wang, in a Chinese foreign ministry statement, said Beijing had "shared crucial information with Nepal, including disaster area imagery, satellite and hydrological data, as well as early warnings about upstream barrier lakes".

Wang added that "China and Ne-



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.

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 Condoles 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.