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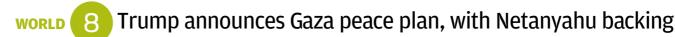
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Exciting doubleheader on the cards with Bahrain **Touring Car** Challenge and Time Attack hitting the track | P16





Selena Gomez marries Benny Blanco

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## **HM King decree** for SIO reform

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 $\mathbf{H}$ is Majesty King Ham-ad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued Decree (61) of 2025 restructuring the Social Insurance Organisation (SIO), based on a proposal of the Minister of Finance and National Economy and following the approval of the Cabinet.

The decree defines SIO's governance, outlines mandates for actuarial, legal, communications, insurance, operations and pensioners' affairs, repealing the Decree (79) of 2019.

The Minister of Finance and National Economy shall implement the decree, which takes effect from the date of issuance and will be published in the Official Gazette.

### **Bahrain condoles** with King Salman

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 $\mathbf{H}$ is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of condolences to King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, following the passing of Her Royal Highness Princess Abta bint Abdulaziz bin Abdulrahman Al Saud.

#### **Global success**

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, extended his congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa on the Kingdom's achievement of securing first place in the 2025 Microsoft Showcase Schools Program.

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#### HM King bolsters Bahraini-Russian ties





His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa underscored the strength of Bahraini-Russian relations and the shared interest to strengthen and expand them across all fields to serve the aspirations of both nations and peoples. HM the King was speaking as he received a gift of two rare Siberian Gyrfalcons from Russian President Vladimir Putin. The gesture reflects the strong ties between His Majesty and President Putin and underscores the commitment to further strengthening Bahraini-Russian relations. The gift was presented during HM King Hamad's reception at Al Sakhir Palace of His Excellency Alexey Skosyrev, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Bahrain, accompanied by Ivan Alexandrovich Kushch, Director of the Department of International Cooperation and Climate Change at the Ministry of Natural Resources of Russia, and Shukhrat Razakov, General Director of the Kamchatka Falcon Centre. His Majesty the King expressed appreciation to President Putin for the valuable gift and for his role in advancing the historical relations and joint cooperation between the two countries. The delegation conveyed to His Majesty the greetings and best wishes of President Putin for Bahrain's continued progress and prosperity. HM the King requested the delegation to convey his greetings and best wishes to HE President Putin and the Russian people, wishing them further development and advancement. The Russian Ambassador and officials expressed gratitude to His Majesty for the generous hospitality.

# Heavenly Harmony

HRH Crown Prince shares Bahrain's message of coexistence with H.H. Pope Leo XIV

Bahrain showcased as interfaith model

HRH highlights freedom of worship

Vatican ties reaffirm shared values

**Mahir Haneef** TDT | Manama

is Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, met His Holiness Pope Leo XIV during an official visit to the Vatican City State and the Italian Republic on Monday, delivering most influential religious cen-

leadership of His Majesty King sations and cultures.



As part of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's official visit to the Vatican City State and the Italian Republic

His Royal Highness met with His Holiness Pope Leo XIV HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister:

Affirmed the Kingdom's commitment, under the leadership of HM the King, to strengthening bilateral relations with the Vatican City State



and temples in Bahrain reflects the Kingdom's spirit of peace and harmony, and its historic commitment to openness and dialogue among civilisations and cultures

Outlined the Vatican's leading role in promoting religious coexistence and understanding, and in advancing global solidarity between faiths

Expressed his appreciation for the efforts of His Holiness in advancing the values of coexistence, tolerance, compassion, and peace.



Bahrain stands out in the Gulf for allowing mosques, churches, and temples to operate openly, often in the same areas, symbolising a legacy of coexistence and interfaith dialogue.

Bahrain's message of peace and and respect among faiths. HRH temples across the Kingdom reglobal solidarity between faiths, coexistence to one of the world's emphasised that the Kingdom's flects its deep-rooted spirit of underscoring the importance of

identity is shaped by freedom of peace, His Royal Highness noted continued dialogue between na-His Royal Highness reaf- historic commitment to open- bodies coexistence in practice. and peace. HRH expressed ap- His Majesty King Hamad to firmed that Bahrain, under the ness and dialogue among civili-

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, stands Highlighting that the pres- moting religious coexistence and efforts in advancing coexistence, rain's continued progress and

worship, mutual respect, and its that Bahrain's social fabric em- tions that champion compassion greetings and best wishes of His Royal Highness outlined preciation to His Holiness Pope His Holiness, who reciprocatthe Vatican's leading role in pro- Leo XIV for his humanitarian ed with warm wishes for Bahas a living model of tolerance ence of mosques, churches, and understanding and in advancing tolerance, and harmony across prosperity.

During the meeting, His Royal Highness conveyed the

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