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UK flights disrupted by tech glitch

AFP | London

UK flights were disrupted yesterday by a technical glitch that was quickly resolved, according to the air traffic control service.

The number of aircraft in London's air space was limited by the service, known as NATS, as a result of a technical issue, causing airports including Gatwick and Edinburgh to stop departures.

NATS said in a statement it had "restored" the system and was "resuming normal operations" in London.

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Youth Engine

Public-private model to power national talent

● Youth strategy enters next phase

● Institutional reform targeted

● Website to boost youth access

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Bahrain is building a structured national framework to embed youth empowerment into the country's long-term development, Minister of Youth Affairs Her Excellency Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi said on Tuesday. She unveiled a new institutional approach that connects government bodies with private sector partners.

Chairing a high-level meeting of the Youth Empowerment Committee at Youth City 2030, the minister said the National Youth Empowerment Strategy 2023 to 2028 is moving into its next phase. This phase prioritises sustainable, system-wide support for young Bahraini talent.



H.E. Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi

ent.

She called for a coordinated, cross-sector pipeline to channel youth potential into innovation, entrepreneurship, and national productivity. This, the minister said, will be achieved by fostering joint initiatives and codifying partnerships that translate aspirations into structured outcomes.

Structured Strategy

"The future we are pre-



Youth City 2030, now in its twelfth edition, has trained thousands of Bahraini youth since its inception, with many going on to leadership roles in the public and private sectors.

paring for must be built with youth as active partners today," the minister noted. She highlighted the importance of designing programmes that reflect young people's evolving ambitions.

Tawfiqi said sustainable results could only be achieved through institutional mechanisms that link ministries, businesses, training bodies, and civil society. This ensures young people are not just participants

but decision-makers in shaping Bahrain's future.

The meeting spotlighted the role of the Youth Empowerment Committee in coordinating such efforts and affirmed its commitment to opening development pathways across industries.

Digital Tools, Real Results

Officials reviewed standout outcomes from Youth City 2030 programmes, including success stories in skills training, entrepreneurship, and innovation. Emphasis was placed on extending these results nationwide through continuous collaboration with private companies and NGOs.

The ministry also introduced its new digital platform that streamlines access to youth programmes. The site offers real-time registration, opportunity tracking, and customised guidance. This allows young Bahrainis to take charge of their development paths more easily than ever before.

In her closing remarks, Tawfiqi underscored the ministry's goal and said it is focused on preparing a generation not just to succeed but to lead.

UN says Gaza aid conditions 'far from sufficient'

AFP | Geneva

The United Nations' humanitarian agency said yesterday that the conditions for delivering aid into Gaza were "far from sufficient" to meet the immense needs of its "desperate, hungry people".

OCHA also said fuel deliveries were nowhere near what is needed to keep health, emergency, water and telecommunications services running in the besieged Palestinian territory.

This week, Israel launched daily pauses in its military operations in some parts of the Gaza Strip and opened secure routes to enable UN agencies and other aid groups to distribute food in the densely populated territory of more than two million.

However, these pauses alone "do not allow for the continuous flow of supplies required to meet immense needs levels in Gaza", OCHA said in an update.

"While the UN and its partners are taking advantage of any opportunity to support people in need during the unilateral tactical pauses, the conditions for the delivery of aid and supplies are far from sufficient," the agency said.

Nature's fury

Russian volcano erupts after powerful quake

AFP | Moscow

A volcano in Russia's far east erupted yesterday, Russian scientists said, hours after a major quake prompted evacuations and tsunami alerts across parts of the Pacific coast.

Eruptions of the Klyuchevskoy volcano - the highest active in Europe and Asia - are quite common, with at least 18 of them happening since 2000 according to the Smithsonian Institution's Global Volcanism Program.

"The Klyuchevskoy is erupting right now," Russia's Geophysical Survey said on Telegram, posting photos of an orange blaze on top of the 4,700 metre (15,000 feet) volcano.



People evacuate the coastal area due to a tsunami warning in Viña del Mar, Chile. Chile warned of a "high probability" of a tsunami in the country as a result of an 8.8 magnitude earthquake off the coast of Russia, the Navy reported. (AFP)

The initial quake caused limited damage and only light injuries, despite being the strongest since 2011, when 15,000 people were killed in Japan.

Lava

"Red-hot lava is observed flowing down the western slope. There is a powerful glow above the volcano and explosions," it added.

Earlier yesterday, an 8.8 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Russia's far eastern Kamchatka region. **(Detailed report on World Page)**

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Bahrain Extends Global Anti-Trafficking Role

Kingdom showcases expertise to region

- Bahrain marks global anti-trafficking day
- Committee pushes regional partnerships
- Study on supply chains reviewed

Mahir Haneef
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Bahrain is stepping up its role as a regional source of expertise in combating human trafficking, with its national anti-trafficking committee confirming efforts to share the Kingdom’s model with countries seeking to replicate its approach.

The move was underlined during the committee’s regular meeting this week, chaired by Labour Market Regulatory



A national anti-trafficking committee’s regular meeting

Authority (LMRA) CEO Nabras Talib, who also serves as head of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

The session coincided with the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, observed annually on July 30, and reaffirmed Bahrain’s commitment to supporting global efforts to eradicate trafficking and promote awareness across communities.

Talib said the day served

as a timely moment to renew Bahrain’s pledge and highlight its “internationally respected” standing in the field. He added that Bahrain had made firm and consistent progress toward becoming a regional leader in anti-trafficking due to institutional collaboration and policy reforms aimed at improving labour conditions.

During the meeting, committee members also reviewed Bah-

rain’s latest initiatives to support a fair and sustainable labour market. These included stronger partnerships with private sector entities and diplomatic missions from labour-sending countries.

Experience Sharing

Bahrain’s strategy now includes inviting other nations to study its mechanisms and learn from its policies. The meeting stressed the value of institutional

partnerships and knowledge exchange to boost regional efforts.

A key focus was also placed on a new study evaluating the effectiveness of Bahrain’s oversight on procurement and supply chains, a rising global benchmark for ethical practices that prevent trafficking-related abuses.

Ongoing Coordination

Talib emphasised the importance of working closely with all stakeholders to uphold a labour market that protects employers and workers alike. He praised the role of diplomatic missions and employers in spreading awareness of national laws that safeguard labour rights.

The committee vowed to continue refining its systems to adapt to labour market changes and challenges, ensuring Bahrain’s continued leadership on the global anti-trafficking stage.

Stephen Wilson Jr’s first concert in Bahrain

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Beyon Al Dana Amphitheatre, the Kingdom’s leading global entertainment destination, recently announced hosting singer/songwriter Stephen Wilson Jr. for the first time in Bahrain, on December 4, at The Desert Garden.

Hailing from southern Indiana, USA, Stephen Wilson Jr. has taken a winding path to his musical career, making stops as a Golden Gloves boxing finalist, scientist, and indie rock band member before finding his voice as a solo artist. His genre-defying debut double album, *son of dad*, released in 2023, cemented him as a force in country and Americana music.

The 22-song collection, dedicated to his late father, received widespread critical acclaim, earning accolades from Billboard, Rolling Stone, Whiskey Riff, Wide Open Country, and many more. It was named the Best Album of 2023 by *Holler and All Country News*, and hailed by *Rolling Stone* as “the most existential release of the year.”

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Keep it private



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Public shaming through the broadcast of family and moral disputes has no place in a civilised society, MP Jalal Kadhem has said.

The lawmaker warned that such exposure is a breach of privacy with serious consequences for individuals and the wider public.

He described the spread of these cases across media outlets and online platforms as a clear intrusion into personal and family life.

The fallout, he said, can be deeply damaging, both to those involved and to the cohesion of society.

Details

Publishing these details serves no shared good. Instead, it risks smearing reputations and drawing in people who were never part of the matter.

Kadhem added that this behaviour clashes with religious teachings and long-standing customs that value discretion.

In some cases, he warned, it may verge on indecency.

Legislation

He pointed out that Islamic law and national legislation treat defamation and the invasion of private life as criminal offences.

Justice, in his view, is the domain of the courts and reform institutions, not the realm of public spectacle.

Parliament, he noted, has recently passed a draft law that penalises interference in per-



“Islamic law and national legislation treat defamation and the invasion of private life as criminal offences.”

- MP JALAL KADHEM

sonal and family life.

Legal protection

The intention behind the measure is to offer clearer legal protection for private matters and to curb the reckless handling of sensitive issues by the media.

Kadhem called on the relevant authorities to act against content that breaches privacy or harms the names of people not involved.

This is especially necessary in cases that have no bearing on public order or community safety.

Freedom of expression

He stressed the need to weigh freedom of expression against the responsibility to avoid harm.

Public peace at risk

Man arrested over sectarian social media posts

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

A 36-year-old man has been taken into custody after posting sectarian videos online, with prosecutors accusing him of stirring division and threatening public peace.

The arrest followed a report from the Cybercrime Directorate at the Ministry of Interior, which had identified videos on the man’s public social media account.

Footage

The footage, investigators said, contained remarks aimed at certain religious sects, in a manner likely to inflame tensions across society.

Prosecutors viewed the material and found that it included speech targeting specific beliefs and groups.

The man was summoned for questioning, shown the content,



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and ordered to remain in detention while inquiries continue.

Mobile phone

His mobile phone, thought to have been used in connection with the incident, is being examined by forensic teams.

According to the Chief of the Cybercrime Prosecution, the office will enforce the law in cases

involving provocation against religious beliefs, in order to uphold social order and protect the rights of all communities.

The Ministry of Interior called on the public to act responsibly when using social media, warning against the posting or sharing of material that breaks the law or unsettles social peace.



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Doscord

The Cybercrime Directorate added that it would keep responding to attempts to cause discord through online platforms.

It said measures would be taken against anyone seeking to upset unity or disrupt calm through digital means.

Registration open for evening education programs

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The Ministry of Education has announced the opening of registration for new students in evening education programs for the equivalent basic education stages — primary and preparatory — for the academic year 2025/2026.

Eligible students must be born in 2010 or earlier and be

15 years of age or older.

Registration will be open from August 3 to August 24, 2025.

According to the Ministry, applications must be submitted electronically via a dedicated form available on the official Ministry website: www.moe.gov.bh.

Applicants are required to complete the form and upload all necessary documents as



specified in the instructions.

Registration will be accepted based on available capacity.

The Ministry further clarified that students already enrolled in evening education during the 2024/2025 academic year will be automatically re-registered and do not need to complete a new application.

For additional information or assistance, the public may contact the Ministry at the following numbers: 17873053, 17896975, or 17896992.

Embassy Services Shift

● New ICAC opens on Friday

● All services shift from embassy

● No appointment for document pickup

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The Indian Embassy in Bahrain has announced that all consular services will be shifted from the embassy premises to a new Indian Consular Application Centre (ICAC) at Bahrain Mall starting tomorrow.

The newly opened centre, located at K.A. Visa Services on the first floor of Bahrain Mall in Sanabis, will handle passport, visa, attestation, and other miscellaneous services previously offered at the embassy.

New Centre Details

From August 1, services will be available at the ICAC between 8 am and 6 pm, Saturday to Thursday, excluding public

holidays. Applicants can collect their processed documents directly from the same location during working hours without needing an appointment.

Appointments can now be booked exclusively through www.skylane.com/bh/india, as the EoIBH Connect App is no longer in use. In addition to Government of India fees, a service charge of 180 fils (0.180 BHD) will apply, along with any applicable bank fees.

The ICAC will offer several complimentary services to ease the application process. These include form filling, document photocopying, photographs, and courier service, at no extra cost to applicants.

Flexible Payment Options

Applicants can pay using cash, debit or credit card, Benefit, or STC Pay. They are also reminded to bring original documents for verification, as mandated by embassy procedures.

Further information and documentation requirements can be found on the Embassy of India, Bahrain’s official website at www.eoibahrain.gov.in.

NIHR closely monitoring anti-trafficking measures

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His Excellency Ali Ahmed Al Derazi, Chairman of the National Institution for Human Rights, has emphasised that the NIHR is closely following the Kingdom’s efforts in combating human trafficking, a key part of its independent role.

On the occasion of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, Al Derazi noted that the institution continuously monitors policies and practices in this domain, including legislative and institutional measures issued by official bodies.

He noted that the Kingdom has maintained its Tier 1 ranking in the US Department of State’s Trafficking in Persons Report for several consecutive years, which reflects its continuous efforts and commitment in this area.

Al Derazi highlighted that the NIHR monitors relevant developments and submits observations and recommendations to the concerned authorities.

This contributes to strengthening national efforts and achieving a balance.

Reckless driver held



A driver was arrested for endangering road users by driving recklessly and making disturbing noises. The necessary legal measures were taken, and the vehicle was seized.

Unlicensed bus driver arrested



A bus driver in the Capital Governorate was arrested for operating public transport without the required legal license. The arrest came after a video documenting the violation circulated widely on social media platforms. Legal action has been taken against the suspect, and the bus has been impounded. Authorities confirmed that the measures fall within ongoing efforts to monitor violations, regulate transportation activities, and ensure full compliance with applicable laws and safety standards.

Bahrain's financial sector hits \$245bln in assets

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Assets worth \$245.6 billion sit on the books of Bahrain's banks, the Central Bank's May tally shows.

They are spread across 369 licensed finance houses.

Eighty-three of those houses are banks. Fifteen are Islamic, and their combined assets stand at \$62.6 billion.

The payroll in the wider financial field reached 14,775 in 2024.

Bahrainis held 10,259 posts, which accounts for around seven in ten. Expatriates filled the remaining 4,516.

Output

Nominal output came in at \$47.1 billion last year, a rise of two per cent.

In real terms the figure was \$40.3 billion, up 2.6 per cent. Finance accounted for 17.2 per cent of that real total.

Insurance followed suit. One hundred and thirty-seven licensed firms had written BD239.4 million in premiums by December 2024.

Investment firms numbered 50 at the same date.

BACA launches Children's Cultural Programme

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The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) has announced the launch of the Children's Cultural Programme, set to take place from August 4 - 27, every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 am to 12 pm at the Bahrain National Museum.

The programme offers children and their families the flexibility to choose the week that best suits them, with registration open for any of the four themed weeks.

Aimed at nurturing cultural awareness among children, the programme features educational activities that highlight the importance of cultural heritage and promote its preservation, encouraging participants to become cultural ambassadors within their communities.

Field visits

It also includes field visits to prominent cultural landmarks such as the Bahrain National Museum, the Post Office Museum, the House of Basket Weaving, and the Al Jasra Handicrafts Centre.

These visits are designed to reinforce practical understanding of Bahrain's historical legacy, strengthen national identity, and introduce children to the civilisations of their ancestors.

Targeting children aged 8 to 12, registration is open via the Authority's official website: www.culture.gov.bh.

Farming on the rise

Bahrain's livestock numbers surge by 85% in a decade

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's livestock numbers have risen sharply over the past decade, with the total number of animals recorded in 2024 reaching around 102,500.

This marks a rise from 55,300 in 2015, according to figures published by the government's public data platform, showing an increase of 85.4 per cent across various types of farm animals.

Sheep continue to dominate. Their numbers climbed from 30,000 in 2016 to more than 63,000 in 2018 and have stayed near that level since.

The figures suggest steady demand for mutton in the local market, both for daily use and during seasonal periods.

Goats

Goats rose from 20,000 in 2016 to 25,000 in 2018. Since then, the count has remained



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Sheep numbers doubled from 2016 to 2018, reflecting strong, consistent demand for mutton in daily and seasonal local markets.

5,000 and 5,500, with 5,150 recorded in 2023.

Camels

Camels followed a similar pattern, holding at roughly 3,000 in most years.

One exception came in 2023, when the figure dropped to 31 before returning to the usual level in 2024.

Separate figures show little change in the number of chicken farms from 2015 to 2024, although broiler farms have consistently outnumbered those producing eggs.

Broiler farms

There were 17 broiler farms in 2024, compared with 21 in 2015 and again in 2020.

Layer farms dropped to two in the past three years, after reaching five in 2019 and 2020.

The gap is linked to the emphasis on local meat production, with broiler chickens playing a central role in the country's food supply.

between 24,000 and 25,000.

Cattle reached 7,000 in 2024, after shifting between 5,500 and 7,600 over the past ten years.

Horse numbers have stayed broadly stable.

They have ranged between

Aluminium and iron drive BD2bln in Bahrain exports

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Bahrain's national exports reached BD2.014 billion in the first six months of 2025, driven largely by shipments of raw aluminium alloys and agglomerated iron ores.

Data from the Information and eGovernment Authority show that metals and basic industrial goods formed the bulk of what was sold abroad.

Raw aluminium alloys brought in BD572.7 million, the highest in value, while iron ores followed with BD322.3 million.

Iron ores also topped the list by weight, with exported quantities exceeding 5.4 billion kilograms.



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Aluminium alloys came in second at around 497 million kilograms, with urea in third place at roughly 449 million kilograms.

kilograms.

The figures reflect Bahrain's continued focus on metals, chemicals, food items and scrap.

In the metalworks trade, unalloyed aluminium wire thicker than seven millimetres earned over BD103 million.

Iron bridge parts were valued at BD88.8 million.

Electrical cables made with aluminium and steel cores, and part-finished iron and steel pieces, were also among the exports.

Chemical products included urea, widely used in farming, which brought in nearly BD82 million. Methanol was export-

ed in bulk for use in industrial processes.

Processed cheese

Among food products, processed cheese stood out. Bahrain also re-exported tin-coated scrap iron and steel, feeding recycling factories abroad.

Most of the iron ore went to nearby markets. Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Qatar together accounted for more than BD215 million of the trade. Algeria, Libya and Egypt were also among the destinations.

Aluminium and related products were shipped to the UAE, Germany and Australia.

Filipino bowling charity event at Funland successful

TDT | Manama

Bowling enthusiasts and community members gathered at Funland Centre, for an exhilarating Friday gathering filled with games, fellowship, and fundraising during the "Bowling Charity" tournament on July 25, 2025.

This event blended camaraderie, competition, and a commitment to a noble cause.

Distinguished guests

Among the distinguished guests in attendance were Her Excellency Ambassador Anne Jalado-on Louis; Labor Attaché Dr. Orville Ballitoc; Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Welfare Officer Ms. Juvilyn Gumabay; Ms. Celia V. Cabadonga, Supervising Administrative Staff of the Migrant Workers Office (MWO); and Mr.



H.E. Philippine Ambassador Anne Jalado-on Louis and Pinay IKaw Na president Dinah Sta. Ana with organisers and participants

Yusuf Lori, Director of Communication and Follow-up of the Bahrain Capital Governorate — each representing unwavering support for the community and the humanitarian spirit of the occasion.

These interfaith initiatives were spearheaded by Pinay IKaw Na (PIN), coordinated by its president, Dinah Sta. Ana, along with Good Cause Bahrain

chairperson, Antonette Guese Avila.

A total of 18 teams from various groups and professions participated in the competition, resulting in a challenging and highly competitive tournament.

Engaging matches

Through a series of engaging matches, APO Bahrain Alumni

Association emerged Champion on account of their outstanding team coordination and reliability on the lanes.

THE FOBS emerged as the 1st Runner-Up, with AB Guardians earning the 2nd Runner-Up.

Individual awards were given to recognize outstanding performances:

High Series (Men): Carlo Gaspar (AB Guardians)

High Series (Women): Josephine Tomambo (APO Bahrain Alumni Association)

High Game (Men): Carlos Diapolet (AB Guardians)

High Game (Women): September Rose Loplop (Golden Petals)

Most Strikes (Men): William Abiera (APO Bahrain Alumni Association)

Most Strikes (Women): Irma M. Ventura (The Lucky Strikers)

Spirit of giving

Apart from the friendly competition, the tournament also called forth the spirit of giving.

The proceeds from the tournament will be applied to help cancer patients, distress overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and members of the community who require the most attention and care.

Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company

BCFC Reports BD 2.2 Million Net Profit in the First Half of 2025

- The Group reported a net profit of BD 1.1 million
- During the six months period ended 30 June 2025, the Group achieved a net profit of BD 2.2 million

Manama

Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company BSC (trading code: BCFC) announced its financial result for the three months and six months periods ended 30 June 2025.

The Group reported a net profit of BD 1.1 million, 27% low-

er than the net profit during the same period last year of BD 1.5 million. The basic and diluted earnings per share amounted to a profit of 6 Fils, 25% lower compared to 8 Fils for the same period last year. The Group registered a total comprehensive income of BD 1.0 million, 23% lower than BD 1.3 million for the same period last year.

Six months

During the six months period ended 30 June 2025, the Group achieved a net profit of BD 2.2 million, 33% lower than the net profit of BD 3.3 million for the same period last year. This resulted in a basic and diluted earnings per share amounting to a profit of 11 Fils, 35% lower compared to 17 Fils for the same period last year.

The Group achieved a to-



BCFC Chairman Mr. Abdulrahman Fakhro

total comprehensive income of BD 1.8 million, 44% lower compared to BD 3.2 million for the same period last year.

Total shareholders' equity stands at BD 104.6 million as of



BCFC CEO Mr. Abdulla Bukhowa

30 June 2025, 1% lower than 31 December 2024 of BD 105.9 million. The Group's total assets as of 30 June 2025 stand at BD 219.2 million, 0.7% lower than 31 December 2024 of BD 220.8 million.

The Group's total liabilities reached BD 114.6 million as of 30 June 2025, 0.3% lower than 31 December 2024 of BD 114.9 million.

Mr. Abdulrahman Fakhro, the Chairman of Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company (BCFC), expressed his appreciation for the Group results and stated "During the period, the Board acknowledges the Group's positive performance, with the majority of business segments delivering encouraging results, reflecting the resilience of the Group's diversified portfolio. Our focus continues to be on creating long-term value, approaching future opportunities with cautious optimism and a firm commitment to delivering sustainable returns for our shareholders."

Mr. Abdulla Bukhowa, the

Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company (BCFC), stated, "The Group's performance over the past six months reflects a sound financial result, despite the ongoing economic headwinds, particularly the pressures of elevated interest rates. These outcomes highlight the Group's resilience and its ability to adapt effectively in a dynamic operating environment."

Looking forward to continuing the implementation of our strategy and reaffirm our commitment to our clients by delivering high-quality services and innovative solutions. We remain optimistic about strengthening our position and continuing to create long-term value for our shareholders, clients, and all stakeholders."



BAHRAIN COMMERCIAL FACILITIES COMPANY B.S.C.

Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements 30 June 2025

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS				
For the six months ended 30 June 2025				
	Six months ended		Three months ended	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)
Bahraini dinars in thousands				
Interest income	7,694	8,735	3,853	4,498
Interest expense	(3,261)	(3,741)	(1,663)	(1,866)
Net interest income	4,433	4,994	2,190	2,632
Automotive revenue	24,086	22,632	12,628	11,767
Cost of sales	(19,976)	(18,427)	(10,819)	(9,591)
Gross profit on automotive revenue	4,110	4,205	1,809	2,176
Net fees and commission income	1,018	1,629	516	808
Rental and real estate income	415	367	209	182
Other income	529	734	299	188
Total operating income	10,505	11,929	5,023	5,986
Salaries and related costs	(3,934)	(4,136)	(1,728)	(2,031)
Other operating expenses	(5,675)	(5,145)	(2,822)	(2,646)
Total operating expenses	(9,609)	(9,281)	(4,550)	(4,677)
Profit before provisions, credit losses and recoveries	896	2,648	473	1,309
Provisions and credit losses	(938)	(530)	(462)	(400)
Recoveries from written off balances	2,290	1,207	1,104	604
Profit for the period	2,248	3,325	1,115	1,513
Basic and diluted earnings per share	11 fils	17 fils	6 fils	8 fils

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
For the six months ended 30 June 2025				
	Six months ended		Three months ended	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)
Bahraini dinars in thousands				
Profit for the period	2,248	3,325	1,115	1,513
Other comprehensive loss: Items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss				
Net change in cash flow hedge reserve	(427)	(87)	(142)	(170)
Total comprehensive income for the period	1,821	3,238	973	1,343

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
At 30 June 2025		
Bahraini dinars in thousands	30 June 2025 (Reviewed)	31 December 2024 (Audited)
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with banks	11,191	15,232
Loans and advances to customers	138,545	137,320
Trade receivables	4,511	3,927
Inventories	20,627	18,900
Investment properties	9,790	9,849
Property and equipment	29,180	28,613
Other assets	5,373	6,963
TOTAL ASSETS	219,217	220,804
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	21,257	21,197
Bank term loans and other borrowings	93,348	93,731
TOTAL LIABILITIES	114,605	114,928
EQUITY		
Share capital	20,419	20,419
Treasury shares	(599)	(599)
Statutory reserve	10,210	10,210
Share premium	25,292	25,292
Other reserves	27,733	28,074
Retained earnings	21,557	22,480
TOTAL EQUITY	104,612	105,876
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	219,217	220,804

OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION				
For the six months ended 30 June 2025				
	Operating income		Profit / (loss)	
	Six months ended		Six months ended	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)
Bahraini dinars in thousands				
Lending	5,177	6,387	780	1,851
Automotive	4,476	4,450	1,598	1,572
Insurance	437	425	23	45
Real estate	415	667	(153)	(143)
	10,505	11,929	2,248	3,325

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
For the six months ended 30 June 2025		
Bahraini dinars in thousands	30 June 2025 (Reviewed)	30 June 2024 (Reviewed)
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Loan repayments, interest received and other credit related receipts	107,862	99,055
Cash receipts from automotive sales	24,056	22,498
Insurance commission received	234	331
Proceeds from sale of real estate inventory	364	418
Rental and evaluation income received	423	252
Directors' remuneration paid	(306)	-
Loans and advances to customers	(99,148)	(83,201)
Payments to suppliers	(21,570)	(13,341)
Payments for operating expenses	(6,745)	(12,049)
Interest paid	(3,260)	(4,058)
Net cash generated from operating activities	1,910	9,905
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Addition to property and equipment	(3,692)	(4,689)
Addition to investment properties	(20)	-
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	1,304	1,744
Fixed deposits with maturities of more than three months	1,000	1,000
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,408)	(1,945)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Bank term loans and other borrowings availed	25,105	23,117
Bank term loans and other borrowings paid	(25,077)	(30,996)
Dividends paid	(3,021)	-
Donations paid	(64)	(103)
Net cash used in financing activities	(3,057)	(7,982)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(2,555)	(22)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	10,658	6,214
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 JUNE	8,103	6,192
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:		
Cash and balances with banks	11,191	12,207
Less:		
Restricted cash	(88)	(194)
Bank overdrafts	-	(821)
Fixed deposits with maturities of more than three months	(3,000)	(5,000)
	8,103	6,192

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY								
For the six months ended 30 June 2025								
(Reviewed)	Share capital		Reserves and retained earnings				Retained earnings	Total equity
	Share capital	Treasury shares	Statutory reserve	Share Premium	Cash flow hedge reserve	Donation reserve	General reserve	
Bahraini dinars in thousands								
As at 1 January 2025	20,419	(599)	10,210	25,292	559	15	27,500	105,876
2024 appropriations (approved by shareholders):								
- Donations	-	-	-	-	-	150	-	-
- Dividends to equity holders	-	-	-	-	-	-	(150)	(3,021)
Balance after 2024 appropriations	20,419	(599)	10,210	25,292	559	165	27,500	102,855
Comprehensive income for the period:								
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,248	2,248
Other comprehensive loss:								
- Net change in cash flow hedge reserve	-	-	-	-	(427)	-	-	(427)
Utilisation of donation reserve	20,419	(599)	10,210	25,292	132	165	27,500	104,676
At 30 June 2025	20,419	(599)	10,210	25,292	132	101	27,500	104,612

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 30th July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

AbdulRahman Yusuf Fakhro
Chairman

Reyadh Yusuf Sater
Vice Chairman

Abdulla Abdulrazaq Bukhowa
Chief Executive Officer

The above Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, have been extracted from the interim condensed consolidated financial statements of Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company BSC for the six-months period ended 30th June 2025 on which an unqualified review conclusion was issued by Ernst and Young, Kingdom of Bahrain on 30th July 2025.

For further information please visit: www.bahraincredit.com.bh.

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BEYON

Beyon Announces Q2 2025 and Half Year 2025 Financial Results

Manama

Beyon BSC (Ticker: BEYON), announced its financial results for the second quarter and first half of 2025. Beyon reported net profit attributable to equity holders of BD17.2M (US\$45.6M) for Q2 2025, a 13% decrease from BD19.8M (US\$52.5M) reported for the corresponding quarter of 2024. The YoY decline in net profit attributable to equity holders is mainly due to additional taxes from the application of Domestic Minimum Top-Taxes (“DMTT”), effective 1 January 2025, and acquisition charges associated with the acquisitions completed in 2024. Earnings per share (EPS) are 10.4 fils for the second quarter of 2025, compared to 12.0 fils in Q2 2024.



Beyon CEO - Andrew Kvaalseth



Beyon Chairman Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa

Second quarter

Total comprehensive income attributable to equity holders in Q2 2025 was reported at BD26.7M (US\$70.8M), a 53% increase from BD17.4M (US\$46.2M) in the second quarter of 2024, mainly due to favorable foreign currency translation differences and investment fair value changes.

Operating profit in Q2 2025 of BD28.5M (US\$75.6M) is in line with BD28.5M (US\$75.6M) reported in Q2 2024. EBITDA stands at BD46.9M (US\$124.4M) in Q2 2025 compared to BD45.2M (US\$119.9M) in Q2 2024, an increase of 4%. The company maintained a healthy EBITDA margin of 37% in Q2 2025. Revenues for the second quarter of 2025 increased by 11%

to BD125.3M (US\$332.4M) compared to BD112.5M (US\$298.4M) in Q2 2024.

Six months

For the first six months of 2025, net profit attributable to equity holders of the company of BD35.3M (US\$93.6M) decreased by 9% compared to BD38.6M (US\$102.4M) in 2024, mainly due to DMTT and acquisition related charges. Earnings per share (EPS) are 21.3 fils for the period compared to an EPS of 23.3 fils for H1 2024.

Total comprehensive income attributable to equity holders of the company decreased by 32% from BD57.1M (US\$151.5M) in H1 2024 to BD38.6M (US\$102.4M) in H1 2025 mainly due to investment fair value changes.

Operating profits decreased by 2% from BD55.6M

(US\$147.5M) in H1 2024 to BD54.5M (US\$144.6M) in H1 2025. However, EBITDA increased by 3% from BD89.2M (US\$236.6M) in H1 2024 to BD92.3M (US\$244.8M) in H1 2025. The company maintained a healthy EBITDA margin of 38% in H1 2025.

Revenues for the first six months of the year of BD242.8M (US\$644.0M) increased by 9% from BD222.9M (US\$591.2M) of revenues in H1 2024, mainly due to increases in mobile, fixed broadband, wholesale and digital services. Beyon was able to grow its overall customer base by 6% YoY with a 7% and 3% increase in mobile and broadband subscribers respectively.

Cash dividend

The Board of Directors approved an interim cash divi-

dend for shareholders of 13.5 fils per share or 13.5% of paid-up capital for the six-month period of 2025. This is in line with the 2024 interim dividend payment and the Board of Directors’ commitment to continuously deliver strong returns to shareholders. Beyon Chairman Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa commented on the financial results for the second quarter of 2025 and the first six months of 2025 following a meeting of the Board of Directors on Wednesday 30th July, at Beyon’s Campus, Hamala, Kingdom of Bahrain.

Beyon CEO, Andrew Kvaalseth, said, “Our results in the second quarter of 2025 reinforce the strength of our operations and our disciplined approach to delivering value.”

Trump says imposing **25%** tariff on Indian imports

The measures will kick in on Friday, Trump posted on his Truth Social platform

● India resisted to fully open its agricultural and dairy sectors

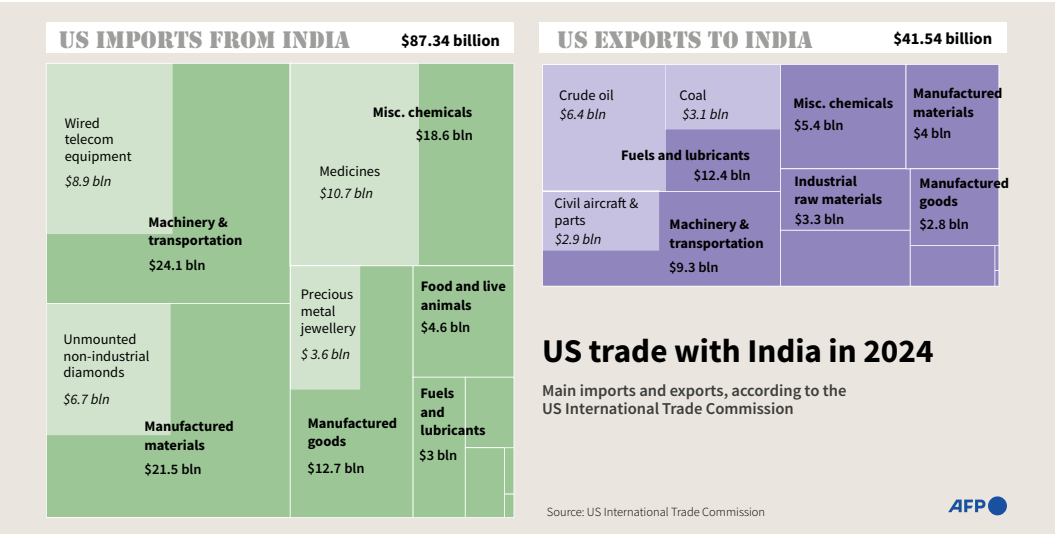
● Trump did not specify what the penalty he referred to for Russia trade will be

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump said yesterday that imports from India will face 25% tariffs, while also announcing an unspecified “penalty” for New Delhi’s purchases of Russian weapons and energy.

The measures will kick in on Friday, Trump posted on his Truth Social platform.

“Remember, while India is our friend, we have, over the years,



done relatively little business with them because their Tariffs are far too high, among the highest in the World, and they have the most strenuous and obnoxious non-monetary Trade Barriers of any Country,” Trump

said. He also posted in an all-caps message that the United States has a “massive” trade deficit with India.

He added that India has “always bought a vast majority of their military equipment from

Russia, and are Russia’s largest buyer of ENERGY, along with China, at a time when everyone wants Russia to STOP THE KILLING IN UKRAINE.”

Trump did not specify what the penalty he referred to for

Russia trade will be.

The measure comes as the 79-year-old Republican has signaled he intends to tighten US pressure on Moscow to halt fighting in Ukraine and negotiate a peace deal.

On Tuesday, Trump said he was giving Russian President Vladimir Putin 10 days -- which would mean the end of next week -- to change course in Ukraine or face unspecified punishment.

“We’re going to put on tariffs and stuff,” he said, but “I don’t know if it’s going to effect Russia because obviously he wants to keep the war going.”

India, the world’s most populous country, was one of the first few major economies to engage Washington in broader trade talks.

But six months later, Trump’s sweeping demands and India’s reluctance to fully open its agri-

cultural and dairy sectors have so far prevented New Delhi from sealing a deal that would shield it from punitive tariffs.

On Tuesday, Trump had said India could face a 20-25% rate since a trade deal had not been finalized. The announced tariffs will mark a huge leap from the current 10% baseline tariff on Indian shipments to the United States.

Trump has set out to upend the global economy by trying to leverage US economic power to squeeze trading partners with tariffs and force foreign companies to move to the United States.

Complex talks are underway with the European Union, China, Canada and other big partners.

Trump has threatened to hit dozens of other countries with stiffer tariffs from this Friday unless they reach trade deals.

BisB Becomes First Bank in Bahrain, GCC, and Middle East to Win “ISACA” Cybersecurity Award

Manama

Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of innovative Islamic financial solutions for simplifying money matters in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has been honoured with the ‘Most Innovative Solution Award’ as part of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) Global Achievements Awards 2025. The award recognised the Bank’s Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Mohammed Isa Hammad, for leading a series of pioneering initiatives that significantly enhanced



Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Executive Officer of BisB
Bahrain’s cybersecurity capabilities in combating financial fraud.

Ms. Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Executive Officer of BisB stated,

“This esteemed title from ISACA is a proud moment for both BisB and the Kingdom of Bahrain. It reflects our steadfast focus on strengthening financial resilience across the national and regional financial landscape. Through collaborations with regulators, government bodies, and financial sector partners, we have helped shape policies, controls, and platforms that safeguard the digital wellbeing of our citizens and residents. This award validates our leadership in driving these impactful initiatives from the heart of the Middle East.”

The accolade marks the first

time an organisation or individual from Bahrain, the GCC, and the wider Middle East has received such an honour from ISACA, the world’s foremost authority in information security, IT audit, risk management, and data privacy. Established in 1967, ISACA boasts over 185,000 members globally, and the Global Achievement Awards represent the highest level of recognition it confers after a rigorous international evaluation process.

Spearheaded by Mr. Hammad, the awarded initiatives reflect BisB’s unwavering commitment to ensuring a safer

and more secure digital infrastructure across the Kingdom’s banking sector. These efforts involved cross-sector collaborations with regulators, governmental entities, and financial institutions to develop unified policies, controls, and strategic platforms aimed at reducing fraud, enhancing resilience, and fortifying Bahrain’s cybersecurity framework.

The accomplishment builds upon BisB’s track record of being among the sector’s leaders, exhibiting foresight in information security, privacy, and operational continuity. Over the past five years, the Bank has

achieved several firsts in the region, including certifications and awards that underscore its proactive approach to innovation-led risk mitigation. The certifications include being the first bank in Bahrain to obtain ISO 27001:2022 information security standard, first Islamic bank in Bahrain to obtain ISO 27701:2019 data privacy standard, first bank in Bahrain to obtain ISO 22301:2019 business continuity standard, first bank in Bahrain to obtain PCI-DSS 4.0 card security standard, and its ongoing compliance with SWIFT CSCF payment security framework.

Takaful

Takaful International Pioneers Surplus Distribution, Upholding the Principle of Mutual Participation

Manama

In a groundbreaking initiative that reflects a deeper commitment to ethical responsibility and financial empowerment, Takaful International Company proudly announces the distribution of Surplus to its valued policyholders — an unprecedented step in the Takaful market.

This announcement underscores the strength and sustainability of the company's cooperative model, built on the principles of mutual support, Sharia compliance and transparency in the management of the insurance portfolios.

These distributions are made in accordance with the business model adopted in the Kingdom of Bahrain for Takaful companies, which mandates the distribution of any surplus from the Takaful funds—comprising contributions (premiums)—in excess of the funds' requirements, after setting aside the necessary reserves and technical provisions. The surplus in Takaful insurance companies represents the remaining bal-



ance in the participants' fund after accounting for total contributions, investment returns, and any other entitlements, following the deduction of the company's management fees (Wakala fee), the Mudarib's share, settlement of approved claims, payment of re-Takaful contributions, and any other obligatory charges.

The surplus distributions cover all motor and property policies for the underwriting year 2024, regardless of the claims history associated with these policies.

Takaful International Company maintains a stable financial position and holds the highest credit rating in the Kingdom,

having recently been assigned a credit rating of A- by the global rating agency AM Best.

"Our slogan for this campaign, 'Powered by Sharing', is not just a phrase — it's a philosophy we live by," said Mr. Essam Al-Ansari, Chief Executive Officer of Takaful International Co.. He further added, "We are proud to announce the distribution of Surplus to our policyholders — a move that not only reflects our strong financial standing but also the true spirit of Takaful. At the heart of this initiative is our belief that when we do well, our policyholders should benefit directly. This is what sets us apart in the insurance industry — our success is shared, not siloed. We

thank our customers for their continued trust and invite them to enjoy the rewards of a system that's designed to serve them."

The distribution process is carried out under the supervision of the company's Shari'a Supervisory Board, ensuring that all procedures comply with the principles and provisions of Islamic Shari'a. The process is conducted within a framework of transparency and fairness, and guided by the independent actuary, who reviews the company's technical data.

Dr. Shaikh Abdullatif Mahmood Al- Mahmood, Shari'a Supervisory Board Chairman commented:

"The Surplus distribution re-

flects the true nature of Takaful — one rooted in mutual benefit, social solidarity, and justice. It reinforces the ethical values we champion and demonstrates the sustainability of our model. We are pleased to see these values translated into direct benefit for participants."

Redemption Options

The Surplus amount may be redeemed through one of the following channels as per the preference of each participant (policyholder):

1. Bank Transfer - The Surplus can be transferred to a bank account upon submission of a valid IBAN certificate through the designated online

platform.

2. Policy Renewal Discount - A discount may be applied to the next policy renewal, regardless of any claims made during the coverage period.

3. Charitable Contribution - The Surplus may be donated to a charitable cause. The donation amounts will be allocated to the Royal Humanitarian Foundation.

The surplus redemption is available through the official company website (www.gigtakaful.bh) and the SMART Takaful application. Policyholders are eligible to redeem their Surplus within a period of five years from the date of the distribution announcement. Additionally, the surplus may be collected within three months prior to the expiry of the insurance policy.

The Policyholders may visit the website or mobile application and enter their personal identification number or commercial registration number, along with either the vehicle number or policy number, to check their eligibility for a surplus refund.

Fourth Arab Conference of UN Global Compact Advocates 2025



Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Sameer Nass, affirmed that artificial intelligence (AI) has become a key driver in achieving sustainable development and improving quality of life in the middle east. He highlighted its role in offering innovative solutions to economic, social, and environmental challenges, while opening new horizons for vital sectors such as education, healthcare, and environmental protection. This Came during his opening remarks during the opening session of the Fourth Arab Conference of UN Global Compact Advocates 2025, held on Tuesday. He noted that the Bahrain Chamber has actively adopted AI to enhance institutional performance and improve services for its members, in line with its vision to embrace technological advancements and boost private sector competitiveness.

China says childcare subsidies to 'add new impetus' to economy

AFP | Beijing, China

China said yesterday that recently announced subsidies to support families with young children will provide a much-needed economic boost, as Beijing seeks to promote spending and avert a demographic crisis.

Authorities in the world's second-largest economy on Monday declared the new nationwide policy, which offers parents the equivalent of around \$500 per child under the age of three per year.

"The childcare subsidy system can directly increase people's cash income," Guo Yanhong, vice minister of China's National Health Commission (NHC), said at a press conference in Beijing on Wednesday.

The measure "will better protect and improve people's livelihoods", Guo said.

"At the same time, it will help promote a virtuous cycle of improving people's livelihoods and economic development, adding new impetus to the sustained and healthy development of the economy," she added.

Chinese leaders have in recent years struggled to breathe life into the economy, beset by a yearslong property crisis that has spooked would-be homebuyers and dissuaded many people from having children.

Beijing has since late last year introduced a series of aggressive pro-consumption policy measures -- including key rate cuts and cancellations of certain restrictions on homebuying -- but results have been limited.

The slump comes as worrying demographic trends have become more pronounced.

Bahrain Chamber

Bahrain Chamber Holds Meeting with Strategic Partners of "Experience It" Programme

Manama

The Bahrain Chamber, led by Chairman Sameer Nass, held a consultative meeting with strategic partners of this year's "Experience It" programme. The meeting was attended by CEO of the Nasser Center for Science and Technology, Dr. Abdullah Al Noaimi, General Manager of Hope Ventures, Latifa Mohammed, and Director of Events and Programs at the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Abdulkarim Al Meer. The meeting was held at the Chamber's headquarters to finalize preparations ahead of the program's launch next week.

The discussion centered on the program's mission to equip Bahraini youth with practical experience and in-demand skills, preparing them for the labor market and supporting Bahrain's sustainable development



efforts. The initiative aligns with the Kingdom's national vision, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and supported by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Chairman Nass expressed deep appreciation to His Highness Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad

Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, for his continued support. He emphasized that His Highness's guidance has played a pivotal role in advancing the program as a model for youth empowerment through

experiential learning and career readiness. The fourth edition of "Experience It" will launch next week with an expanded scope, offering training across diverse fields such as stock market fundamentals, engineering and tech innovation, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, leadership, entrepreneurship, photography, and video pro-

duction. This expansion reflects the Chamber's commitment to equipping youth with modern, market-relevant skills and opening new career pathways. The program will be delivered in two phases. The first includes a series of expert-led workshops and theoretical sessions, while the second consists of a two-week internship at private sector organizations, allowing students to apply what they've learned in real-world settings.

Nass reaffirmed the Chamber's commitment to building on the program's success. He noted that over the past three editions, the initiative has empowered young Bahrainis to render their training into meaningful career steps, enhancing their competitiveness and role as contributors to national development. He also stressed the value of strong collaboration between the Chamber and its

partners in delivering impactful national programs that elevate youth potential and drive economic progress.

Nass commended the contributions of the partner institutions. The Nasser Center will provide specialized training in mechanical and electrical engineering, AI, and cybersecurity. Hope Ventures, in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs, will lead sessions on leadership and entrepreneurship under Youth City 2030.

"Experience It" is one of the Chamber's flagship youth initiatives, targeting high school students aged 15 to 18. By offering hands-on training in private sector companies, the program aims to spark creativity, foster innovation and entrepreneurial thinking, and guide participants toward career paths aligned with the needs of today's workforce.

News in brief

◆ **A Syrian-Israeli** ministerial meeting is set to take place Thursday in Baku to discuss security matters in southern Syria, a diplomat told AFP. The meeting between Syrian Foreign Minister Asaad al-Shaibani and Israeli Minister of Strategic Affairs Ron Dermer follows a similar meeting between the two ministers in Paris last week. It will take place after an unprecedented visit by Shaibani to Moscow on Thursday, added the diplomat, who requested anonymity due to the sensitivity of the matter. Israel and Syria have technically been at war since 1948. The meeting in Baku will focus on “the security situation, particularly in southern Syria”. The Paris meeting focused mainly on “recent security developments and attempts to contain the escalation in southern Syria”, according to Syrian state television.



Syrian, Israeli ministers to hold meeting in Baku today: diplomat

Belgium asks ICC to look at war crimes claims against two Israelis

◆ **Belgium said** yesterday it would ask the International Criminal Court (ICC) to look into accusations of war crimes levelled against two Israelis who travelled to a Belgian music festival this month. The pair were briefly held for questioning by prosecutors upon attending the electronic dance music festival near Antwerp, following a complaint filed by pro-Palestinian groups who identified them as Israeli soldiers and accused them of violations in Gaza. Authorities initially said they took action after concluding that Belgian courts had extraterritorial jurisdiction over war crimes cases. But after analysing the complaints the federal prosecutor’s office said on Wednesday that the justice ministry would refer the cases to the ICC, which is already investigating possible violations of humanitarian law in the Palestinian Territories.

◆ **A Chinese submersible** has discovered thousands of worms and molluscs nearly 10 kilometres (six miles) below sea level in the Mariana Trench, the deepest colony of creatures ever observed, a study revealed yesterday. The discovery in Earth’s deepest underwater valley suggests that there could be much more life thriving in the hostile conditions at the bottom of our planet’s largely unexplored oceans than previously thought, the China-led team of scientists said. Almost all life on Earth is supported by light from the Sun. However in the total darkness at the bottom of the world, these creatures live off of chemicals such as methane seeping through cracks in the seafloor, a process called chemosynthesis. Last year, the Chinese submersible “Fendouzhe” -- or “Striver” -- dove 23 times into the depths of the Mariana Trench in the western Pacific Ocean with researchers on board, according to the study in the journal Nature.

Chinese sub discovers deepest-ever creatures 10 km undersea



SPOTLIGHT

Australia to ban under-16s from YouTube



AFP | Sydney, Australia

Australia will use landmark social media laws to ban children under 16 from video-streaming site YouTube, a top minister said Wednesday stressing the need to shield them from “predatory algorithms”. Communications Minister Anika Wells said four-in-ten Australian children had reported viewing harmful content on YouTube, one of the most visited websites in the world. “We want kids to know who they are before platforms assume who they are,” Wells said in a statement. “There’s a place for social media, but there’s not a place for predatory algorithms targeting children.” Australia announced last

year it was drafting laws that will ban children from social media sites such as Facebook, TikTok and Instagram until they turn 16. The government had previously indicated YouTube would be exempt, given its widespread use in classrooms. “Young people under the age of 16 will not be able to have accounts on YouTube,” Prime Minister Anthony Albanese told reporters on Wednesday. “They will also not be able to have accounts on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, and X among other platforms. “We want Australian parents and families to know that we have got their back.” Albanese said the age limit may not be implemented perfectly -- much like existing restrictions on alcohol -- but it was still the right thing to do.



The tsunami-hit Severo-Kurilsk on Paramushir island of Russia’s northern Kuril islands.

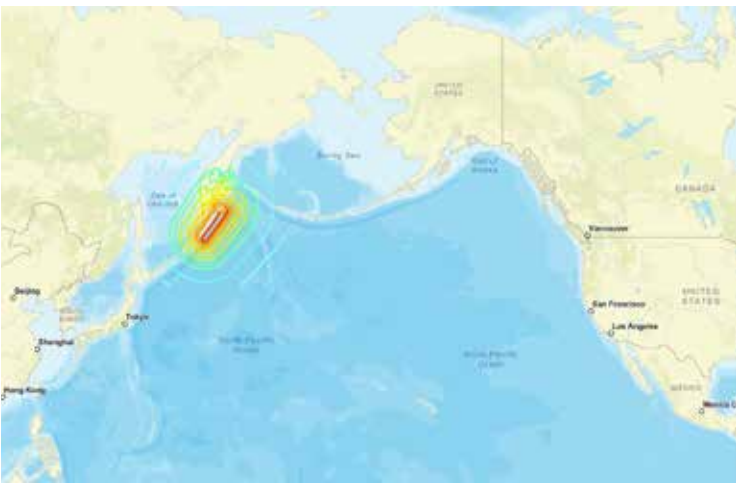
Huge quake off Russia sparks Pacific tsunamis

Almost two million people in Japan were told to head to higher ground

- “STAY STRONG AND STAY SAFE!” US President Donald Trump said on social media
- A tsunami had already hit and flooded the port town of Severo-Kurilsk
- Strongest in the Kamchatka region since 1952

AFP | Chiba, Japan

One of the strongest earthquakes ever recorded struck Russia’s sparsely populated Far East on Wednesday, causing tsunamis up to four metres (12 feet) high across the Pacific and sparking evacuations from Hawaii to Japan. The magnitude 8.8 quake struck off Petropavlovsk on Russia’s Kamchatka peninsula, and was the largest since 2011 when one of magnitude 9.1 off Japan caused a tsunami that killed more than 15,000 people. Almost two million people in Japan were told to head to higher ground and tsunami warnings were issued across the region, before being rescinded or downgraded -- though scientists warned of the danger of powerful aftershocks. A tsunami had already hit and flooded the port town of Severo-Kurilsk, crashing through the port area and submerging the local fishing plant, officials said. Russian state television footage showed it sweep buildings and debris into the sea. Authorities said the population of around 2,000 people had been evacuated. The waves reached as far as the town’s World War II monu-



This image courtesy of the US Geological Survey (USGS) shows the epicenter of an 8.7 earthquake that hit off of Russia’s far east

ment about 400 metres from the shoreline, said Mayor Alexander Ovsyannikov. Several people were injured in Russia by the quake, state media reported, but none seriously. “The walls were shaking,” a Kamchatka resident told state media Zvezda. “It’s good that we packed a suitcase, there was one with water and clothes near the door. We quickly grabbed it and ran out... It was very scary,” she said. Later Wednesday, the authorities in the Kamchatka peninsula announced the tsunami warning had been lifted. **Millions advised to flee** Officials from countries with a Pacific coastline in North and South America -- including the United States, Mexico, Ecuador and Colombia -- issued warnings to avoid threatened beaches and low-lying areas. In Japan, nearly two million people were advised to evacuate, and many left by car or on foot to higher ground. One woman was killed as she drove her car off a cliff as she tried to escape, local media reported.

A 1.3-metre high tsunami reached a port in the northern prefecture of Iwate, Japan’s weather agency said. By Wednesday evening, the agency had downgraded its tsunami alerts -- issued for much of the archipelago -- to advisories. In Hawaii, governor Josh Green said flights in and out of the island of Maui had been cancelled as a precaution. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center later downgraded the alert for Hawaii to an advisory and local authorities cancelled a coastal evacuation order. Earlier, tsunami sirens blared near Hawaii’s popular Waikiki surf beach where an AFP photographer saw gridlocked traffic as Hawaiians escaped to higher ground. “STAY STRONG AND STAY SAFE!” US President Donald Trump said on social media. **Pacific alerts** Wednesday’s quake was the strongest in the Kamchatka region since 1952, the regional seismic monitoring service said, warning of aftershocks of up to 7.5 magnitude.

The epicentre is in roughly the same location as a 9.0-magnitude quake that year that caused a Pacific-wide tsunami, according to the USGS. The organisation said Wednesday’s was one of the 10 strongest earthquakes ever recorded. The quake was followed by at least six aftershocks that further rattled the Russian Far East, including one of 6.9 magnitude. The US Tsunami Warning Centers said waves exceeding three metres above the tide level were possible along some coasts of Ecuador, northwestern Hawaiian islands and Russia. Between one- and three-metre waves were possible along some coasts of Chile, Costa Rica, French Polynesia, Hawaii, Japan and other islands in the Pacific, it added. Waves of up to one metre were possible elsewhere, including Australia, Colombia, Mexico, New Zealand, Tonga and Taiwan. **Fukushima evacuated** At Inage Beach in Chiba prefecture in Japan, officials have set up a security perimeter. One rescue worker told AFP the seaside area was off limits until further notice. The stricken Fukushima nuclear plant in northeast Japan -- destroyed by a huge quake and tsunami in 2011 -- was evacuated, its operator said. In Taitung in Taiwan, hotel resort worker Wilson Wang, 31, told AFP: “We’ve advised guests to stay safe and not go out, and to avoid going to the coast.” Pacific nation Palau, about 800 kilometres (500 miles) east of the Philippines, ordered the evacuation of “all areas along the coastline”. Waves of up to four metres are expected overnight in the Marquesas Islands, French Polynesia, authorities said in a press statement.

Pilgrim Fathers depart Leiden, Netherlands, for England on their way to America

World War I: Battle of Passchendaele (Third Battle of Ypres) begins and lasts until November 6, 1917, causing approximately 500,000 casualties



Israel welcomes its one millionth immigrant

Operation Banner, the presence of the British Army in Northern Ireland, comes to an end as the longest-running British Army operation ever

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Human trafficking is a horrific crime & a gross violation of human rights. On this #EndHumanTrafficking Day, let's act together to stand with victims, hold perpetrators to account & build a world where no one is bought, sold, or exploited.

@antonioguterres

02



A joyous day for our cultural heritage! It would make every Indian proud that the sacred Piprahwa relics of Bhagwan Buddha have come home after 127 long years. These sacred relics highlight India's close association with Bhagwan Buddha and his noble teachings. It also illustrates our commitment to preserving and protecting different aspects of our glorious culture.

@narendramodi

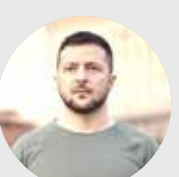
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This false nomenclature of "researcher" and "engineer", which is a thinly-masked way of describing a two-tier engineering system, is being deleted from @XAI today. There are only engineers. Researcher is a relic term from academia.

@elonmusk

04



On land, at sea, and in the sky – our warriors are inflicting significant losses on the enemy everywhere. They protect our people and do everything possible for Ukraine to be strong and independent.

@ZelenskyyUa

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US, India launch powerful satellite

Tracks subtle changes in Earth's land and ice surfaces

● A milestone in growing US-India cooperation

● Equipped with a 12-meter dish that will unfold in space

● NISAR will record nearly all of Earth's land and ice twice every 12 days

AFP | Washington, United States

A formidable new radar satellite jointly developed by the United States and India launched yesterday, designed to track subtle changes in Earth's land and ice surfaces and help predict both natural and human-caused hazards.

Dubbed NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar), the pickup truck-sized spacecraft blasted off around 5:40 pm (1210 GMT) from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre on India's south-eastern coast, riding an ISRO Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle rocket.

Livestream of the event showed excited schoolchildren brought to watch the launch and mission teams erupting in cheers and hugging.

Highly anticipated by scientists, the mission has also been hailed as a milestone in growing US-India cooperation between President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Our planet surface undergoes constant and meaningful change," Karen St Germain, director of NASA's Earth Science division, told reporters ahead of launch.

"Some change happens slowly. Some happens abruptly. Some changes are large, while



A part of the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite resting in a thermal vacuum chamber, meant to mimic the conditions found in space, at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in August 2020

some are subtle."

By picking up on tiny changes in the vertical movement of the Earth's surface -- as little as one centimeter (0.4 inches) -- scientists will be able to detect the precursors for natural and human-caused disasters, from earthquakes, landslides and volcanoes to aging infrastructure like dams and bridges.

"We'll see land substance and swelling, movement, deformation and melting of mountain glaciers and ice sheets covering both Greenland and Antarctica, and of course, we'll see wildfires," added St Germain, calling NISAR "the most sophisticated radar we've ever built."

India in particular is interested in studying its coastal and nearby ocean areas by tracking yearly changes in the shape of the sea floor near river deltas and how shorelines are growing or shrinking.

Data will also be used to help guide agricultural policy by mapping crop growth, tracking plant health, and monitoring

soil moisture.

Equipped with a 12-meter dish that will unfold in space, NISAR will record nearly all of Earth's land and ice twice every 12 days from an altitude of 464 miles (747 kilometers).

Microwave frequencies

As it orbits, the satellite will continuously transmit microwaves and receive echoes from the surface.

Because the spacecraft is moving, the returning signals are distorted, but computer processing will reassemble them to produce detailed, high-resolution images.

Achieving similar results with traditional radar would require an impractically large 12-mile-wide dish.

NISAR will operate on two radar frequencies: L-band and S-band. The L-band is ideal for sensing taller vegetation like trees, while the S-band enables more accurate readings of shorter plants such as bushes and shrubs.

NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and India's ISRO shared the workload, each building components on opposite sides of the planet before integrating and testing the spacecraft at ISRO's Satellite Integration & Testing Establishment in the southern Indian city of Bengaluru.

NASA's contribution came to just under \$1.2 billion, while ISRO's costs were around \$90 million.

India's space program has made major strides in recent years, including placing a probe in Mars orbit in 2014 and landing a robot and rover on the Moon in 2023.

Shubhanshu Shukla, a test pilot with the Indian Air Force, recently became the second Indian to travel to space and the first to reach the International Space Station -- a key step toward India's own indigenous crewed mission planned for 2027 under the Gaganyaan ("sky craft") programme.



NISAR will be the first radar of its kind in space to systematically map Earth, using two different radar frequencies (L-band and S-band) to measure changes of our planet's surface, including movements as small as centimeter. Synthetic aperture radar (SAR) refers to a technique for producing fine-resolution images from a resolution-limited radar system.

UAE begins pipeline project to ease Gaza water shortage

Jerusalem, Undefined

The United Arab Emirates has begun construction on a major pipeline to carry desalinated water from Egypt to southern Gaza, according to multiple sources.

Technical teams sent by the UAE have started transporting equipment needed for the project, the Emirati state news agency WAM reported on Wednesday.

The nearly seven-kilometre (4.5-mile) pipeline aims to help alleviate what WAM described as a "water crisis" in the Gaza Strip.

Earlier this week, COGAT -- the Israeli defence ministry body overseeing civil affairs in the Palestinian territories -- said construction of the pipeline would begin in the coming days and was expected to take weeks.

The project would link a desalination plant in Egypt to the Al-Mawasi area along Gaza's coast and could supply about 600,000 people daily, COGAT said.

WAM said the UAE had launched "several initiatives to drill and rehabilitate potable water wells".

Access to clean drinking water is extremely limited across Gaza, forcing its 2.4 million residents to rely on salty, often undrinkable water or irregular aid deliveries.

More than 80 percent of Gaza's water infrastructure has been damaged during the war between Israel and Hamas, according to estimates from the Palestinian Water Authority.

After Israeli supply cuts, most Gazans rely on polluted wells or sporadic NGO water deliveries, hindered by limited aid access.

Gaza civil defence says 14 killed by Israeli fire

Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

Gaza's civil defence agency said 14 Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire in four separate incidents on Wednesday, three of them near aid distribution sites.

The territory has been in the grip of war for almost 22 months and now, according to a UN-mandated report, its two-million-plus inhabitants are facing an unfolding famine.

Gaza's civil defence agency spokesman Mahmud Basal said six people were killed by Israeli fire near an aid distribution centre northwest of Rafah.

The Israeli military said it fired warning shots at a group of people who approached its troops hundreds of metres (yards) away from the aid centre and hours before its opening.

Labour Fund

Tamkeen-Skills Bahrain Highlights Emerging Jobs and Key Insights from the Manufacturing Sector Skills Report at the ‘Future Skills – Manufacturing’ Event

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Skills Bahrain, an initiative under the umbrella of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), held the ‘Future Skills – Manufacturing’ event, bringing together key stakeholders from Bahrain’s manufacturing industry to discuss the findings of the latest Manufacturing Sector Skills Report developed by Skills Bahrain.

The Manufacturing Sector Skills Report sheds light on labor market trends, skills in demand and emerging jobs in the manufacturing sector, it also highlights the significant transformation in the skills landscape, driven by the adoption of Industry 4.0 technologies. Among the most in-demand roles in the sector are



Research and Development Scientists, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Experts, Materials Engineers, and Digital Transformation Specialists, along with other fast-growing jobs. The report also underscores the importance of mastering technical skills such as Data Analysis and

Big Data Management, Machine Operation, and project management, reflecting the growing need to develop national talent capable of meeting the evolving demands of the manufacturing sector.

As part of the event, a panel discussion brought together representatives from key stake-

holders, including Mr. Ahmed Shaheen – Associate Director of Sector Skills Development Skills Bahrain, Mr. Khalid Salman Al Qassimi – Director of Industrial Development at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and Ms. Yusra Al Hussaini – Chief of Business Development and Lifelong Learning– Polytechnic

Bahrain. The session explored emerging trends, key opportunities, and the critical skills and jobs shaping the future of the manufacturing sector—aimed at strengthening the readiness and competitiveness of the national workforce.

Amer Marhoon, Managing Director of Skills Bahrain stated: “Bahrain’s manufacturing sector is a dynamic and diverse component of the national economy, currently undergoing substantial transformation driven by advancements in technology. As the sector continues to evolve, it is crucial to shed light on the importance of reliable data and insights that reflect current and future needs. This event brought together industry voices to shape future

strategies. It was also essential in raising awareness about the key findings presented in the report. These insights help professionals across the sector guide workforce planning, align training efforts, and make informed decisions that contribute to sustainable industry growth.”

Mr. Khalid Salman Al Qassimi, Director of Industrial Development, emphasized that the Industry Sector Strategy 2022–2026 is built upon key pillars, including achieving sustainable growth for the sector, increasing its contribution to GDP, creating promising employment opportunities for citizens, and enhancing competitiveness at the local, regional, and global levels.

France, Saudi push **two-state peace** path

UN summit to back joint effort

● **France to recognise Palestine**

● **Global push backed by France, KSA begins**

● **UN summit scheduled in September**

Mahir Haneef

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France will formally recognise the State of Palestine in September, French Foreign Affairs Minister Jean-Noël Barrot announced during a high-level international conference in New York, marking a decisive shift in European diplomacy that now aligns with Saudi Arabia’s regional peace-building efforts.

The move was revealed at a UN General Assembly-led plenary session on the peaceful settlement of the Palestine question, where Barrot called on world leaders to join what he described as an “irreversible momentum” toward a two-state solution.



(L/R) Conference co-chairs Saudi Arabia’s Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud and French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot speak during a press conference during the United Nations conference on a two state solution for Israel and the Palestinians, at UN headquarters on July 28, 2025, in New York City. Ever since the partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states in 1947, the United Nations has been inextricably linked to the fate of Palestinians, with the organization meeting this week hoping to revive the two-state solution. (Photo by CHARLY TRIBALLEAU / AFP)

The September announcement is expected to coincide with a summit of heads of state and government during the UN General Assembly.

Arab Coordination

The French minister praised the coordination with Saudi

Arabia, which is working with France to revive the stalled peace roadmap. He said this new collective initiative has already led to historic commitments from both the Palestinian Authority and regional Arab powers.

Barrot cited a recent letter from the Palestinian Authority

to President Emmanuel Macron and Saudi Crown Prince HRH Mohammed bin Salman, where the Palestinian leadership condemned the 7 October attacks for the first time, pledged the disarmament of Hamas, promised to end payments to prisoners convicted of terrorism charges, and announced elections for 2026.

“This recognition, a major decision by France, expresses a refusal, and also contains a call,” Barrot told the assembly, urging countries that have not yet recognised Palestine to act now while the political window remains open.

Two-State Revival

The announcement comes amid concern that the two-state solution is slipping further out of reach. Barrot warned that the current trajectory, marked by ongoing Israeli military operations in Gaza, the expansion of West Bank settlements, and the political fragmentation of Palestinian territories, has placed the prospect of coexistence in mortal danger.

He sharply criticised both Hamas and Israeli extremists,

saying the violence and rejectionism on both sides were undermining any viable path to peace.

“The two-state solution is about to give way to perpetual confrontation,” he said, stressing that France’s recognition of Palestine is meant to empower non-violent actors, isolate Hamas, and pressure Israel to abandon annexation plans.

Next Steps

France’s top diplomat called on Arab and Muslim countries to renew normalisation efforts with Israel and help construct a regional security architecture. He also urged Israel to lift the humanitarian blockade on Gaza, cease its military operations, and resume dialogue.

Barrot framed the move as both a moral imperative and a strategic necessity. “Today, we have the opportunity to save a peace process. That is our responsibility before history,” he said.

France’s recognition will make it the first permanent member of the UN Security Council to take such a step since Russia’s recognition in 1988, and could

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More than 140 countries have already recognised the State of Palestine, but France’s move marks the first by a permanent UN Security Council member in over a decade.

provide new diplomatic momentum in the lead-up to the UN General Assembly summit this September.

So far, over 140 UN member states have recognised Palestine, but France’s move carries unique weight given its position in both the EU and global security institutions.

France’s message, Barrot concluded, is simple. “Refusing to give up on peace is the most powerful act of diplomacy in our time.”

Hilton Bahrain

Hilton Bahrain Turns Up the Heat This August With Extended Tropical Brunches, Seafood Nights, and More

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Hilton Bahrain is delighted to unveil an exciting lineup of culinary events and special promotions for August 2025 across its signature venues — Origin Kitchen & Culture, Cocoluna Lounge, Lamar Café & Lounge, and the iconic Society Club.

Origin Kitchen & Culture - This month, guests can continue to bask in the sunshine of our beloved Tropical Brunch, extended by popular demand throughout August. Taking place every Friday from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM on the 6th floor, this brunch experience offers an irresistible blend of island-inspired cuisine, refreshing beverages poured until 5:00 PM, and lively vibes perfect for celebrating summer with friends and family. The brunch is priced at BHD 39 net with unlimited



beverages and BHD 28 net with unlimited soft beverages. Special rates are also available for military personnel and group bookings.

On Thursdays, seafood lovers are invited to indulge in Seafood Night from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, featuring an abundant selection of fresh catch and live cooking stations. This ocean-to-table experience promises a feast for the senses, priced at BHD 32 net with unlimited selected



beverages or BHD 30 net with unlimited soft beverages.

Guests can also begin their day with a variety of breakfast options available throughout the week. From Sunday to Friday, the daily breakfast buffet is served from 6:30 AM to 10:30 AM for BHD 13 net per person. Saturdays feature a Lazy Break-



fast service from 6:30 AM to 11:30 AM, perfect for late risers seeking a leisurely start. Meanwhile, Sundays and Mondays are perfect for the ladies with the Breakfast Club, a delightful offer at BHD 5 net per person (minimum group of six), available from 6:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

Cocoluna Lounge – Now operating from 6:00 PM to 2:00 AM, continues to elevate evenings with vibrant weekly events. Ladies Night takes place



every Wednesday from 7:00 PM to midnight, offering three complimentary selected beverages. From Sunday to Wednesday, ladies can also enjoy 50% off flavored shisha during Shisha Sessions under the stars. For those seeking post-brunch fun, the After Brunch offer on Fridays from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM features unlimited gin and tonic for just BHD 10 net.

Lamar Café & Lounge - Sweet indulgences await daily with

Sweets After Dark, where guests can enjoy 50% off all signature pastries and cake slices after 5:00 PM.

Society Club - For those seeking elevated nightlife, Society Club on the 44th floor offers an exclusive, sophisticated ambiance. Open Thursday and Friday nights from 9:00 PM to 2:00 AM and from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM Saturday through Wednesday, Society invites guests to unwind in style. On Thursdays, guests can enjoy the vibrant rhythms of the Afro Series, an evening of music, dance, and curated cocktails.

Whether you’re planning a weekend escape, a midweek treat, or an evening of celebration, Hilton Bahrain offers something unforgettable for every guest. Join us this August and let every moment be filled with flavor, fun, and five-star flair — only at Hilton Bahrain.

celebs

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Pete Davidson

Of seeing the doctors on set, he added: "I'm like, 'What's going on?' And my buddy James [DeMonaco], who directed it, he's like, 'Yeah, well. They're

Pete tried unsuccessfully to argue that no one would expect it to be his eye in the scene but ultimately found himself with it being held open in a way he

He continued: "So I take the thing off. I'm like, you know,

He added: "I had a really good time, and it was just weird. It's a weird one."

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Jamie Lee Curtis



her mom wouldn't have approved of how she "looked" in some of her film roles.

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Meanwhile, Selena pre-

SELENA GOMEZ

"I love making [children] laugh; they're just so sweet. So absolutely, when that day comes, I'm so ex-

“They’ll wait and say like one thing throughout the night that winds up being the most poignant or funny thing of the night. But I’m gonna have diarrhoea of the mouth talking to everyone.



Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Speaking on The Tonight Show
Starring Jimmy Fallon, Rachel said:

“I was really worried, obviously, about this upcoming tour, and I got really desperate and I started asking people if anyone knew, like an energy

And it seems the curse on the Marvelous Mrs Maisel star has now been lifted.



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

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 or; 16- Fruit-filled pie; 17- Celtic paradise; 18- Heston's orgie; 19- Concert halls; 20- Standing
 alone; 23- ... there yet; 26- Grassland; 27- Prepares for publication; 28- Currency unit in
 Western Samoa; 29- Use an abacus; 30- Pas' partners; 31- Two wheel vehicle; 33- Portable
 bed; 34- Yank's foe; 37- ... was going to St. Ives... 38- Dawn goddess; 39- Actor Vigoda; 40-
 Man-mouse link; 41- Little bit; 42- Allow; 43- Beef portrait; 45- Goffer Erie; 46- Suffer; 47-
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1- Santa _____ California; 2- Monetary unit of Bulgaria; 3- Eggs; 4- To midpoint; 5- Love to pierce; 6- Rational; 7- Washed lightly; 8- Main artery; 9- Final Four org.; 10- In disagreement; 11- Spokes; 12- Lot of Mississippi; 13- Male deer; 21- Firstborn; 22- More in order; 23- Ready to hit; 24- Mrs. Gorbachev; 25- Spanish hero; 29- Emollient-yielding plants; 30- It merged with Exxon; 32- Underground room; 33- Gambling house; 34- Spacious; 35- Great Lakes tribesmen; 36- Marriage announcement; 44- Marine crustacean; 45- Builds; 46- Not up; 48- Leading; 49- Less doubtful; 50- Steak order; 51- Dawn; 52- Broadcaster; 54- _____ Nostra; 55- Franklin D.'s mother; 59- du Diable; 60- Bro counterpart; 61- Blaster's need;

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Stokes out of India series decider

England captain sidelined with shoulder tear ahead of decisive fifth Test

- Pope to captain England
- 140-over workload takes toll
- 17-wicket series leader sidelined

AFP | London

England captain Ben Stokes has been ruled out of the fifth and deciding Test against India with a shoulder injury in a devastating blow for the home side.

The England and Wales Cricket Board said vice-captain Ollie Pope would lead the team in the match at the Oval starting today, with England 2-1 up in the series.

All-rounder Stokes has struggled with various fitness issues in the four Tests against India so far, during which he has sent down 140 overs -- the most he has bowled in any series.

The 34-year-old, who is the leading wicket-taker on either side with 17 scalps, has injured his right shoulder -- his bowling arm -- and it is understood he could need up to 10 weeks to recover.

"I am obviously disappointed to not be able to finish the series," an emotional Stokes told reporters yesterday.

He added: "I have got a decent tear of one of the (shoulder) muscles I can't pronounce. A bit of emotion goes into this kind of stuff when you find out what you have done -- bowling was ruled out as soon as we got the scan results."

The drawn fourth match of



England's captain Ben Stokes (2nd R) gestures to shake hands for a draw but is ignored on day five of the fourth test

the series at Old Trafford, which ended on Sunday, was a personal triumph for Stokes, who became just the fourth England cricketer to score a hundred and take five wickets in the same Test.

But that came at a cost as the talismanic all-rounder, whose career has been blighted by hamstring trouble, struggled with a number of fitness issues.

India lost just four wickets in their second innings as they batted out a marathon 143 overs to keep the series alive.

'Give everything'

Stokes, asked if he could have done any more to manage his workload, replied: "No, not at all. When I'm out on the field I play to win and give everything I possibly can."

"If I feel there's a moment

BETTER YOU KNOW

Stokes became just the fourth Englishman to score a century and take five wickets in the same Test—but that historic effort may have aggravated the tear that's now ruled him out for 10 weeks

in a game where I need to put everything I'm feeling aside I'll do that because it's how

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BEN STOKES

with Stokes considered central to their hopes of regaining the urn.

He said his decision to miss the India finale in London had been based on a simple calculation.

"It was more of 'What's the risk here?' he explained. "What's the worst possible thing that could happen with where this injury is at to where it could head to? Hearing where it could head to was not something that was worth taking a risk on."

England have made four changes to their team at the Oval as they attempt to wrap up the series.

Spin-bowling all-rounder Jacob Bethell makes his first Test appearance of 2025, effectively as a replacement for Stokes.

Fast bowlers Josh Tongue, Gus Atkinson and Jamie Overton all come into the side, with Jofra Archer and Brydon Carse rested.

Liam Dawson has been dropped after just one match, with England opting to play without a specialist spinner, entrusting slow-bowling duties to Bethell and Joe Root.

India's Gill says Oval groundsman caused 'unnecessary' row

India captain downplays heated Gambhir-groundsman spat as series tension boils ahead of Oval finale

- Gambhir clashed with groundsman Lee Fortis
- India say they only viewed the pitch

AFP | London

India captain Shubman Gill said the head groundsman at the Oval had sparked an "unnecessary" row with coach Gautam Gambhir following the latest flashpoint in a fractious series against England.

Gambhir shared terse words on Tuesday with Lee Fortis at the Oval, the London venue for the fifth Test.

India trail 2-1 in the series ahead of the deciding match, which starts today.

Former India batsman Gambhir was caught on camera wagging his finger as Fortis towered over him, repeatedly stating: "You can't tell us what to do."

Gambhir was also heard adding: "You're just the groundsman, nothing beyond."

Surrey groundsman Fortis is understood to have been keeping a protective eye on the playing area during India's practice session, with plenty of cricket still to be played on it this season.

YOU KNOW WHAT

The spat erupted after the Oval's award-winning groundsman ordered Indian coaches to stay 2.5m from the pitch—while England staff reportedly inspected the surface unbothered, further adding to claims of uneven treatment



India's captain Shubman Gill (C) and teammates leave the pitch at the end of a session

refusing to shake hands on a draw early in the fourth Test in Manchester to allow Washington Sundar and Ravindra Jadeja to reach centuries, a decision that angered England.

Gill previously accused England of ignoring the "spirit of cricket" with time-wasting tactics in the third Test at Lord's, where India fast bowler Mohammed Siraj was fined for the aggressive send-off he gave to Ben Duckett.

But he said the incidents were not connected.

"I think I have already ex-

What happened yesterday, I thought, is just absolutely unnecessary. I mean, it's not the first time that we were having a look at the wicket

SHUBMAN GILL

plained what happened at Lord's and about even the incident that happened on the last day in the

previous Test," he said.

"Both the teams have been very competitive. And sometimes when you are competitive, you know, in the heat of the moment, you do or say things that you might not do (otherwise)."

"But I think once the match is over, there is mutual respect between both the teams."

Despite India's superb rear-guard action to earn a draw in Manchester, Gambhir remains under pressure.

Since he took over as head coach, India have won just two and lost eight out of 12 Tests.

Zverev returns strong in Toronto

Seeds advance as Zverev, Rune, Musetti show resilience, while star absences reshape Toronto field

● Alexander Zverev beats Adam Walton 7-6(6), 6-3

● Career win #499 achieved

● Ruud, Khachanov advance

● Shapovalov's home drought continues

● Sinner, Alcaraz withdrew

AFP | Toronto

Alexander Zverev made a storming return after a month away from tennis on Tuesday, with the top seed pounding out a 7-6 (8/6), 6-3 win over Adam Walton to reach the third round of the ATP Toronto Masters.

The German top seed, who lost in the Wimbledon first round, has spent the last weeks dealing with mental burnout and also made a trip to Rafael Nadal's Mallorca academy for consultations and perhaps some career advice during his time away.

The ATP world number three came from 4-1 down in the opening set tiebreaker and did not face a break point until he found himself down 0-40 as he tried to serve out victory leading a set and 5-3.

Though he lost that game, the German immediately broke back, with his Australian opponent double-faulting on a Zverev match point.

His victory included a massive 52-shot rally, with the triumph putting Zverev on 499 wins in his career.

"Sometimes it's just about winning," Zverev said. "It was not the prettiest match, though."

The 2017 champion in Canada will now play Italian Matteo Arnaldi,

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ALEXANDER ZVEREV



Lorenzo Musetti of Italy serves to James Duckworth of Australia

who defeated qualifier Tristan Schoolkate 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Third-seeded Lorenzo Musetti and number five Holger Rune both eased into action with comfortable straight set wins. The pair began after byes and wasted little time in advancing into the third round, with Musetti hammering Australian qualifier James Duckworth 7-5, 6-1.

Rune dispatched big hitter Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard 7-6 (9/7), 6-3.

Number eight Casper Ruud put out Roman Safiullin 6-3, 6-3 for another seeded win.

The event is missing the absolute cream of the player field, with both number one Jannik Sinner and second-ranked Carlos Alcaraz out with injury and fatigue issues.

Musetti, a former semi-finalist at both Wimbledon and Roland Garros, was ruthless with Duck-

worth, advancing in 82 minutes.

He broke for a set and 5-1 on his opponent's double-fault and finished up a game later with an ace.

The Italian is coming back into form after losing his only grass match of the summer (Wimbledon) and then going down last week in his Washington opening match. His last victory came in early June in the Roland Garros quarters.

Musetti had 17 winners while Duckworth was undone by more than 30 unforced errors.

The Italian next faces American Alex Michelsen, a 7-6 (9/7), 6-3 winner over Chilean qualifier Tomas Barrios Vera.

Rune, who was back in action a month after a first-round Wimbledon defeat, handed French Mpetshi Perricard a fourth career loss against top 10 players. Denmark's four-time finalist



Zverev's next win will make him the 5th active player (after Djokovic, Nadal, Murray, and Gasquet) to reach 500 career victories

at the Masters level produced his first hardcourt win since last March at Indian Wells.

"It was a very tricky first match for me, he's a big server and (there was) not a lot of rhythm in the match," Rune said after his 75-minute win.

"I had to really take care of my own serve, and then just look for the opportunities.

"It was about finding a way to win at the end of the (first set) tiebreak.

"In the second set I was pretty good when it mattered. I think I was serving very well today."

World number nine Rune limited his unforced errors to just 10 -- less than half of those struck by his opponent.

Elsewhere, 11th seed Karen Khachanov beat Juan Pablo Ficovich of Argentina 6-4, 6-2.

Last year's winner in Canada, Alexei Popyrin, defeated local wild card Nicolas Arseneault 7-6 (9/7), 6-3.

Canadian Denis Shapovalov continued his unlucky home streak taking a 7-6 (7/4), 7-5 loss to Learner Tien and extending a losing run dating to 2019 at home.

Tenth-seeded former champion Daniil Medvedev got through his opening match and will next face Popyrin after a 7-6 (7/3), 6-4 win against Czech lucky loser Dalibor Svrčina, ended with more than 40 unforced errors.

Marchand shatters record as US, Australia win more world gold

AFP | Singapore

Leon Marchand smashed the 200m individual medley world record in Singapore yesterday with another breathtaking swim while Australia and the United States celebrated more gold.

Racing in the semi-finals at the world championships, the 23-year-old Frenchman wiped more than a second off the previous record of 1:54.00 set by Ryan Lochte in 2011.

Marchand beat Michael Phelps's long-standing 400m medley record at the world championships in Japan two years ago.

"Actually I can't believe it right now," said Marchand, who won four individual golds in front of his home fans at the Paris Olympics a year ago and was the face of the Games.

"I knew I was going to be close to my PB (personal best) because I felt really good today and preparation has been pretty good.

"But 1:52 is unbelievable for



France's swimmer Leon Marchand competes in a semi-final of the men's 200m individual medley

me."

Marchand took an extended break from swimming after Paris and only returned to competition in May.

He is focusing on the individual medley events in Singapore

and had said he was gunning for Lochte's record.

Marchand got his world championships campaign under way yesterday morning, clocking a time of 1:57.63 in the heats.

He said he would go all-out

for the record in the semi-finals rather than conserve his energy for Thursday's final.

In yesterday's finals, Tunisia's Ahmed Jaouadi won the 800m freestyle thanks to a perfectly timed attack.

Jaouadi made his move midway through the race and eased away to touch the wall in 7min 36.88sec, ahead of German pair Sven Schwarz (7:39.96) and 400m champion Lukas Martens (7:40.19).

Jaouadi, who finished fourth at last year's Paris Olympics, clocked the third-fastest time ever.

"At some point I saw that the rhythm wasn't that fast so I decided to just go and make the move," said the 20-year-old.

Ireland's Olympic champion Daniel Wiffen finished last.

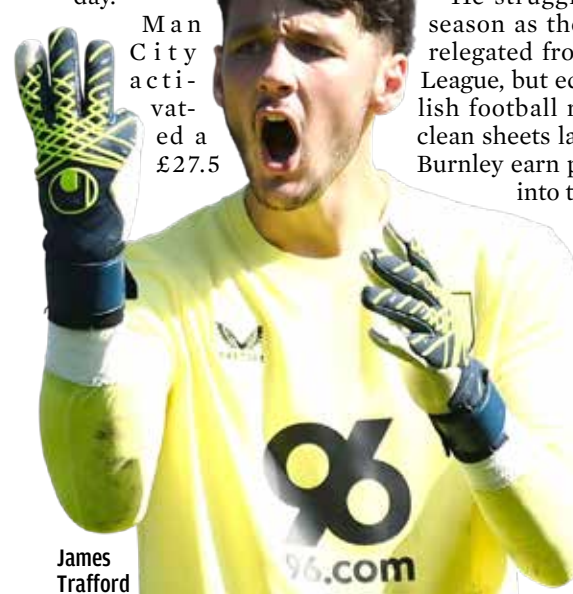
Australia's Olympic champion Mollie O'Callaghan was just as emphatic in romping to victory in the women's 200m freestyle in 1:53.48.

Second was China's Li Bingjie (1:54.52) and third Claire Weinstein of the United States (1:54.67).

Goalkeeper Trafford returns to Man City from Burnley

AFP | Manchester

Goalkeeper James Trafford has signed a deal to return to Manchester City from Burnley, the Premier League giants announced on Tuesday.



James Trafford

million (\$36.7 million) buy-back clause for the 22-year-old England youth international, according to British media reports.

Trafford, who never played for the City senior team during his first spell at the Etihad Stadium, left for Burnley in 2023.

He struggled in his first season as the Clarets were relegated from the Premier League, but equalled an English football record with 29 clean sheets last term to help Burnley earn promotion back into the top flight.

"This is the place I call home -- it's a truly special football club with fantastic people who make it such a unique place to work and play," he said in a statement.

Gauff survives epic Montreal battle

Gauff, Ito produce drama-filled victories as Andreescu withdraws and Joint shocks Fernandez

- **Gauff outlasts Collins 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (7/2)**
- **Qualifier Ito stuns Paolini**
- **Andreescu withdraws injured**

AFP | Montreal

World number two Coco Gauff battled into the third round of the WTA Canadian Open on Tuesday by outlasting US compatriot Danielle Collins 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (7/2).

Gauff won the last six points of the match to capture her opener in her first hardcourt tune-up event on the road to the US Open, which starts on August 24.

Top seed Gauff, the reigning French Open champion who also won the 2023 US Open, advanced to a third-round Montreal match against fifth-ranked Veronika Kudermetova, who eliminated Serbian Olga Danilovic 6-4, 6-2.

“It was a frustrating match for me just because I felt like I was practicing well

and then I don’t think I transferred it,” Gauff said.

“But hopefully I got my bad match of the tournament out of the way and I can come back stronger in the next round.”

The 21-year-old Gauff, seeking her 11th career WTA title, fired 23 double faults against

three aces, but closed out the match with an ace after two hours and 55 minutes.

“It was a tough battle out there,” Gauff said. “Making serves in the court was the

toughest challenge. Maybe if I cut that in half it could be a quicker match for me. I thought I was playing well, except for that part of my game.”

Gauff converted nine of 16 break chances in her first victory since capturing the title at Roland Garros.

“For me to break her as many times as I did, there are some positives to take from today,” Gauff said.

Collins and Gauff exchanged breaks in the first four games before Gauff held and then broke again for a 4-2 lead then held again.

But serving for the set, Gauff swatted a cross-court forehand wide to surrender a break and Collins held to 5-5, only for Gauff to hold then break at love to take the first set in 53 minutes on

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COCO GAUFF

the fifth of 13 Collins double faults.

After trading four breaks in the first six games, Collins broke at love to 4-3 and held twice to force a third set.

Collins served for the match leading 6-5 in the final set only for Gauff to break with a backhand crosscourt winner to force a tiebreaker.

Gauff fell behind 2-1 but landed an mis-hit lob winner and never dropped another point, Collins hitting a forehand long, double faulting and netting a backhand to 5-2 before Gauff blasted a service winner and ace to end matters.

Ito ousts Paolini

The day’s biggest shocker saw Japanese qualifier Aoi Ito stun Italian seventh seed Jasmine Paolini 2-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7/5).

The 21-year-old beat American Katie Volynets in the first round for her first WTA 1000 level triumph then followed with her first victory over a top-10 opponent by rallying from a set and break down to advance after two hours and 27 minutes.

World number 110 Ito saved a match point in the 10th game of the second set and outlasted sixth-ranked Paolini to book a third-round match against Spain’s 51st-ranked Jessica Bouzas Maneiro, who defeated American Ashlyn Krueger 6-4,

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Gauff hit 23 double faults—her career most—yet still managed to close out an almost three-hour rollercoaster with an ace, escaping from two points from defeat to reach Round 3

6-4.

Ito reached the semi-finals last October at Osaka in her WTA debut and claimed a 125-level title at Canberra in January, but until this week had not won a tour-level match this year.

In other matches, DC Open champion Leylah Fernandez dropped her opener on home soil, falling to Australian Maya Joint 6-4, 6-1.

Washington runner-up Anna Kalinskaya advances, the Russian beating American Ann Li 7-6 (8/6), 0-6, 6-3.

Russian fourth seed Mirra Andreeva advanced to the third round in a walkover past Canada’s Bianca Andreescu due to a left ankle injury.

Redemption route to Baghdad

After a rocky run in Kyrgyzstan, Bahrain’s Olympic squad hits reset with camp in Iraq

- **Bahrain eyes Baghdad for crucial prep**
- **Two U-23 Iraq friendlies booked**

TDT | Manama

Bahrain’s Olympic football team (U-23) are heading to Baghdad today, entering a week-long training camp that could define their road to the AFC U-23 Asian Cup qualifiers this September. The camp, running from July 31 to August 6, offers a chance to regroup after a mixed bag of performances in their recent outing in Kyrgyzstan.

Squad on a Mission
Leading the charge is national coach Ali Majid, flanked by



Bahrain’s Olympic team lines up before kickoff

assistant Hassan Al Mousawi. While it’s technically a training camp, Bahrain are to play two friendlies against Iraq’s U-23 team, on August 2 and 5.

The full list of players heading to Iraq includes: Abdullah Farih, Mohammed Khalifa, Ashraf Mubarak, Bader AlAsum, Salman Younis, Mohammed Al-Sheehani, Abdullah Al Qassab, Ahmed Dhiyaa, Isa Abdullah,

Abdulrahman Al Khayyat, Rashid Mujiran, Abdulrahman Aboud, Mahmoud Al Bannai, Sayed Ahmed Al Wadaei, Abdulrahman Al Obaidli, Hassan Sameer, Ali Taradah, Saud Mohsen, Saad Al Attar, Ali Sahwan, Salem Al Doseri, Khalid Khalaf, Mubarak Mohammed, Abdullah Al-Sabaie.

Lessons from Bishkek
Their previous camp in Kyr-

gyzstan ended with more questions than answers. A 1-0 loss to Oman, a 1-1 draw with Syria, and another 1-0 defeat to the hosts didn’t exactly scream confidence. But the team showed sparks, particularly in midfield transitions and defensive shape. The Baghdad camp is where Bahrain hopes to transform those sparks into something resembling momentum.

Wirtz opens Liverpool account in friendly win in Japan



Liverpool’s Florian Wirtz (C) advances the ball

AFP | Yokohama

Florian Wirtz scored his first Liverpool goal as the Premier League champions beat Yokohama F. Marinos 3-1 in a pre-season friendly in Japan yesterday.

French forward Hugo Ekitti made his debut for Liverpool, one week after joining from Eintracht Frankfurt for a reported 69 million pounds (\$92 million).

Wirtz equalised after Yokohama opened the scoring early in the second half, the German slamming home a right-foot shot from inside the box in front of over 65,000 fans.

“I am really happy that I could score my first goal. I hope there are more to come,”

said Wirtz, who joined Liverpool from Bayer Leverkusen in a blockbuster deal.

Trey Nyoni and Rio Ngumoha also scored for Liverpool, who announced the sale of Colombian forward Luis Diaz to Bayern Munich yesterday.

Liverpool manager Arne Slot said he was happy to see his team come from behind to win but was not pleased with their missed chances.

“It could be with a tough training camp and it could be with the heat circumstances,” said the Dutchman.

“But that’s something that we definitely have to improve.”

Goalkeeper Alisson Becker missed the match after travelling home to Brazil “for private reasons”, Liverpool said.

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Despite the setbacks in Kyrgyzstan, Bahrain conceded only three goals in three games