

Chemical Import Permits Go Digital

The Supreme Council for Environment (SCE) upgraded its Chemical Import Request service into a fully digital platform, allowing businesses to apply online for permits to import chemicals and refrigerant gases.

The updated service streamlines procedures, reduces required documents, improves application tracking and cuts processing time from 20 working days to just five days.

SCE Chief Executive Amna Hamad Al Rumaihi said the digital transformation will enhance monitoring of imported chemicals, ensure compliance with environmental regulations and improve the quality of data supporting decision-making.

Major Shuwaiter Secures Top Rank



Chief of Public Security Lieutenant General Tariq bin Hassan Al Hassan received Major Ibrahim Hamad Shuwaiter in recognition of his outstanding achievement in the Middle Leadership Course held at the Police Academy in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Major Shuwaiter, Head of the Self Affairs Division at the Human Resources Directorate, secured third place with an "excellent" grade in the leadership course. He also achieved second place in the sports excellence category during the programme.

Major General Adel Abdullah Amin, Assistant Undersecretary for Human Resources, attended the meeting.

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Joint Drill Reinforces Gulf Security

His Majesty the King Attends 'Bahrain Shield' Joint Military Exercise

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, attended the joint military exercise "Bahrain Shield" on Thursday.

The exercise was also attended by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of the United Arab Emirates.

The exercise brought together personnel from the Mohammed bin Zayed Squadron, members of the armed forces of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states, the Peninsula Shield Force, and participants from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It aims



to strengthen joint military cooperation, enhance operational coordination, and facilitate the exchange of expertise among participating forces.

Addressing the gathering, His Majesty welcomed the distinguished guests to the Kingdom



of Bahrain, highlighting the deep bonds of brotherhood and solidarity that unite the GCC countries.

He said Bahrain values the unwavering support shared among Gulf nations in every circumstance, reflecting their enduring unity, mutual respect, and collective commitment to achieving prosperity and security for all.

His Majesty also praised the Gulf Cooperation Council's achievements over the years, describing it as a successful model of regional cooperation. He noted that the "Bahrain Shield" exercise represents a practical extension of GCC efforts to strengthen collective security and further develop the region's integrated defence and joint deterrence capabilities.

Bahrain Joins Coalition to Secure Key Waterway

Military chiefs unite to protect key shipping route



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Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, participated in a meeting of Chiefs of Staff from countries involved in the Maritime Defense Coalition for safeguarding freedom of navigation in the Bab el-Mandeb Strait.

The meeting was held in Saudi Arabia on Thursday and brought together senior military leaders from several brotherly and friendly nations to discuss regional maritime security and cooperation.

During the meeting, Lt. Gen. Al Nuaimi expressed his appreciation to Saudi Arabia's Chief of the General Staff, General Fayyadh bin Hamed Al Ruwaili, for the invitation to attend the high-level gathering.

He underscored the importance of ensuring the security of international waterways and maintaining safe navigation through close cooperation among participating countries to preserve regional security and stability.

The Chief of Staff noted that the region is witnessing rapid de-



velopments and growing security challenges, with maritime security remaining one of the highest priorities. He stressed that any threat to freedom of navigation or disruption of shipping lanes

would directly affect global energy security and the stability of the international economy, while also impacting the vital interests of countries overlooking the Bab el-Mandeb Strait.

Bahrain Condemns Iranian Attacks on Kuwait

Iran Hits Kuwait Again- Bahrain Calls for UN Action

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Bahrain has strongly condemned renewed Iranian attacks targeting civilian and vital facilities in the State of Kuwait, expressing full solidarity with the neighbouring Gulf country.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the attacks, which targeted a building belonging to a Chinese company in northern Kuwait, resulted in a worker's death and caused



significant material damage.

Bahrain described the incident as a violation of Kuwait's sovereignty, a threat to the safety of civilians, and a

breach of international law, the UN Charter, and UN Security Council Resolution 2817.

The ministry affirmed Bahrain's unwavering support for Kuwait and its legitimate measures to protect its sovereignty, security, stability, and territorial integrity.

It stressed that Kuwait's security is closely linked to the security of Bahrain and all Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states, while praising the efforts of the Kuwaiti Armed Forces and relevant

authorities in safeguarding citizens and residents.

Bahrain also extended condolences to the victim's family and wished safety and security for all those affected.

The Foreign Ministry called on the international community, particularly the UN Security Council, to take urgent and decisive measures to ensure compliance with international law, prevent further attacks, protect regional stability, and guarantee the safety of maritime navigation.

HRH Welcomes New Chapter in Bahrain-UK Ties



His Royal Highness Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received a telephone call on Thursday from the Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

During the call, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister congratulated Prime Minister Burnham on his appointment, wishing him success in his new role.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted the longstanding historical ties between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Kingdom, noting that the relationship is built on close cooperation and a shared commitment to expanding bilateral collaboration across various sectors to support mutual interests.

Kingdom expresses solidarity with Egypt and Japan

Bahrain strongly condemned the drone attack targeting two ships at Damietta Port in northern Egypt, which caused a fire onboard, describing it as a violation of international law and a threat to regional security and global energy supplies.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirmed Bahrain's full solidarity with Egypt and support for measures to protect its sovereignty and vital facilities, while calling for an immediate halt to such attacks.

Meanwhile, Bahrain conveyed condolences and sympathy to Japan following a devastating earthquake in the south of the country that caused deaths and injuries, expressing support for the Japanese government, people and affected families.

Road Closures Announced

The Ministry of Works announced temporary lane closures due to ongoing road improvement projects. The slow lane on Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Causeway towards Muharraq will be closed from Friday, July 31, until Sunday, August 2, while two lanes will remain open for traffic.

A phased closure of one lane on National Charter Highway in Riffa, between Road 3908 and Al Muaskar Highway, will also begin on July 31 for three months. Two lanes will remain available for motorists.

NBB Introduces Young Participants to Digital Banking at Youth City 2030



The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) delivered the first of three sessions planned as part of its participation in Youth City 2030, introducing young participants to key concepts in digital banking and financial management.

Led by NBB's Retail Digital team, the 'Future Digital Banker' workshop was designed for participants aged 9 to 14. The interactive session covered the fundamentals of digital banking,

financial planning and budget management, while giving attendees the opportunity to test their understanding through practical challenges and real-life financial scenarios.

The workshop helped participants build an early understanding of money management and explore how technology is shaping modern financial services. It forms part of NBB's platinum sponsorship of Youth City 2030 and the Bank's broader

contribution to initiatives aim to develop the knowledge and capabilities of Bahraini youth across a range of disciplines relevant to their personal and professional development.

Two further NBB sessions and additional initiatives will be announced in due course. Please follow NBB and Youth City 2030 on Instagram for the latest updates and register through the announced channels when applications open.

Humanitarian Goals Meet Engineering Expertise

Meeting explores ways to support humanitarian and development programmes



The Acting Secretary-General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF), Eng. Ibrahim Dalhan Al Doseri, received Dr. Hamid Abdulah Saleh, Chief Executive of the Bahrain Society of Engineers, along with a delegation from the society, to discuss strengthening cooperation and exchanging expertise between the two sides.

During the meeting, both parties explored opportunities for collaboration in several areas of mutual interest, particularly exchanging expertise, professional training and engineering consultancy. The discussions focused on supporting initiatives and programmes that serve shared objectives while enhancing institutional efficiency.

The two sides underscored

the importance of expanding cooperation and developing their partnership to make greater use of Bahrain's engineering expertise and national talent. They also highlighted the role of such collaboration in supporting humanitarian and development projects.

The meeting was attended by Yousif Fouad Al Muharraqi, Assistant Secretary-General for Financial and Human Resources at the Royal Humanitarian Foundation; Eng. Khalid Al Shaikh, Board Member of the Bahrain Society of Engineers; Eng. Abdulnabi Al Sabah, President of the Bahrain Society of Engineers; and Dr. Raed Hussein Abu Ziyad, member of the Bahrain Society of Engineers and Secretary-General of the Association of Arbitrators and Experts.

Women's Leadership Push Gains Support

Economic leaders highlight women's role in strengthening corporate governance and growth

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Economic and executive leaders in Bahrain have praised the Supreme Council for Women's (SCW) initiatives to increase the participation of Bahraini women in decision-making positions, particularly on boards of directors of public shareholding companies.

The remarks came during an awareness meeting organised by the Council at its headquarters in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, the Central Bank of Bahrain, Bahrain Bourse, Tamkeen, and the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance.

The meeting focused on the importance of strengthening Bahraini women's representation on company boards and developing their leadership capabilities.

Participants highlighted that awareness and training programmes, along with cooperation between the SCW and public and private sector institutions, have helped prepare qualified women to take up leadership roles, supporting corporate governance and enhancing the competitiveness of Bahrain's economy.

They stressed the need to con-



"Training programmes strengthen women's readiness for leadership roles and contribute to better governance in the private sector."

- AHMED AL SALLOOM, MP



tinue these efforts to expand women's participation in economic decision-making.

MP Ahmed Al Salloom, Chairman of the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee at the Council of Representatives, said increasing women's presence on boards represents an investment in national talent.

He praised Bahrain's model in empowering women, attributing

its progress to the support of the leadership and the initiatives of the Supreme Council for Women.

Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry First Vice Chairman Youssef Salahuddin said women's representation on company boards is a key pillar in developing the private sector and improving governance

and innovation in the business environment.

He affirmed the Chamber's support for national initiatives that promote women's economic empowerment, noting that Bahraini women have demonstrated their ability to contribute effectively to leading companies and decision-making processes.

Fresh Dates, Steady Prices at Bahrain Palm Festival

Farmers report lower harvest due to weather, but visitors can still enjoy quality local produce and traditional crafts.

● Stable prices despite a smaller harvest this season.

● Ghurra dates now around BD1/kg, down from BD4-5/kg at the start of the season

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The seventh Palm Festival opened yesterday at the Farmers Market in Howrat A'ali, bringing together local farmers, artisans and businesses to showcase fresh dates, traditional crafts and Bahraini products.

Running until Saturday, the three-day event gives visitors a chance to explore Bahrain's date harvest, purchase locally grown produce and learn more about crafts linked to the Kingdom's palm heritage.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, farmer Muhsin said date prices have remained stable compared with last year, despite a lower harvest this season due to challenging weather



conditions.

"Premium varieties such as Khalas and Barhi are selling for between BD1 and BD2 per kilogram, while Khneizi and Khawaja are priced between BD1 and BD1.5. Prices have remained almost the same as last year," he said.

Muhsin added that the Ghurra variety, the first to ripen each season, is currently selling for around BD1 per kilogram as its harvest comes to an end. At the start of the season, however, it can reach BD4 to BD5 due to limited supply and high demand.

"Ghurra is always in high demand at the beginning of the

season because it is the first fresh date available. As more quantities reach the market, prices naturally become lower," he said.

Muhsin said this year's production was affected by strong winds, unseasonal rainfall and difficult weather conditions during the pollination period.

Date palms require careful pollination to produce a successful crop. Unlike many fruit trees, male and female flowers grow on separate trees, with pollen from male palms transferred to female flowers through natural or manual methods. Weather conditions during this sensitive stage can



affect the season's yield.

"The harvest is lower than expected because of the weather, but we are happy to bring fresh Bahraini dates to the festival and showcase our local produce," Muhsin added.

The festival also highlights Bahrain's traditional crafts, with local artisans showcasing basket weaving and pottery. A heritage display features palm-frond products, including ropes, furniture and fishing traps, while traditional A'ali pottery is available for visitors to purchase.

Bahrain is home to more than 100 varieties of dates, including popular types such

as Khalas, Khneizi, Barhi, and Ghurra. Date palms have been part of the Kingdom's agricultural identity for thousands of years, providing food, shade and materials used in traditional crafts.

The Kingdom is also exploring sustainable approaches to date palm cultivation by combining traditional farming knowledge with modern techniques to improve production and protect local varieties.

The annual festival continues to support local farmers, promote Bahraini produce and celebrate the Kingdom's enduring connection with the date palm.



Bahrain's Date Palm at a Glance

- Home to 100+ varieties of dates.
- Popular varieties include Khalas, Khneizi, Barhi and Ghurra.
- Date palms have been cultivated in Bahrain for thousands of years.
- They are a key part of the Kingdom's agricultural and cultural heritage.
- Palms provide fresh fruit, shade and raw materials for traditional crafts.
- Palm fronds are used to make baskets, ropes, furniture and fishing traps.
- The annual Palm Festival promotes local farmers, traditional crafts and Bahraini produce.

Three Bahrain Companies Win Anti-Trafficking Excellence Award

Bapco Refining, Alba and Talabat honoured for outstanding efforts in safeguarding labour rights



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Bahrain has honoured Bapco Refining, Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) and Talabat with the Best Practices Award in the Private Sector for Combating Human Trafficking, recognising their efforts in protecting workers' rights and promoting responsible workplace standards.

The awards were announced during the third edition of the Anti-Human Trafficking Forum, held under the theme "National Partnerships in Combating Human Trafficking."

The event was opened by Nibras Talib, Chief Executive Officer of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) and Chairman of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons, in the presence

of Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Labour, diplomatic representatives, committee members, officials and specialists.

Talib emphasised that sustaining efforts and mechanisms to combat human trafficking remains a key priority for Bahrain, stressing that cooperation between government entities, the private sector and civil society is essential to strengthening these efforts as a shared national responsibility.

He highlighted that Bahrain's approach is based on a comprehensive framework that ensures continuous evaluation and development of anti-trafficking measures in line with changes in the labour market, while protecting the rights of workers and employers.

During the forum, the new identity of the Regional Training Centre for Combating Human Trafficking was launched. Operated by the LMRA, the centre provides specialised "training of trainers" programmes, conducts research, develops guidelines and delivers training initiatives focused on victim protection and prevention strategies in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Talib noted that Bahrain continues to strengthen cooperation through initiatives including a recent memorandum of understanding with the Institute of Public Administration, aimed at developing training programmes, building capabilities and promoting best practices in rights protection and combating trafficking.

Anti-Trafficking Research Competition Opens

New National Competition Seeks Solutions to Human Trafficking

General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science has announced the opening of participation in the National Research Competition on Combating Human Trafficking, launched following an announcement by Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa on the occasion of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.

The competition aims to encourage researchers, academics and postgraduate students to conduct specialised scientific studies on human trafficking issues and enrich Bahrain's research landscape with peer-reviewed studies addressing current and emerging challenges related to the crime.

It also seeks to support decision-makers with reliable research findings that contribute to developing legislation, security and social policies, while strengthening cooperation between security institutions and academic and research



bodies in Bahrain.

The initiative reflects Bahrain's continued efforts to maintain its leading global position in combating human trafficking and preserving its Tier 1 ranking internationally.

The competition is open to academic researchers, university faculty members, postgraduate students pursuing master's and doctoral degrees, legal and security professionals, as well as interested participants from government entities, private organisations and civil society institutions.

Research papers must be submitted in Arabic. They should demonstrate originality, follow recognised

- The research topics include:**
- Developing Bahrain's legal framework to combat human trafficking in line with international developments.
 - Early detection mechanisms and investigation methods.
 - Victim protection, rehabilitation and social reintegration.
 - The role of security media and public awareness campaigns.
 - Combating cross-border trafficking through regional and international cooperation.
 - Emerging crimes linked to digital fraud and online trafficking.
 - The role of modern technologies and artificial intelligence in detecting and combating trafficking crimes.

academic standards, and include practical recommendations supported by implementation strategies or action plans.

Individual and joint research submissions are accepted, with a maximum of two researchers per study. Each research paper should



Verdict Set in BHD 22,250 Money Laundering Case

Judge rules claimant was a business partner, not an employee

The Labour Court dismissed a lawsuit filed by an Arab woman seeking BD1,200 in unpaid salaries, end-of-service benefits and compensation after ruling she was a business partner rather than an employee.

The woman claimed she had worked as a Pest and Epidemic Control Specialist for a monthly salary of BD400. However, the company argued that the employment contract

was created only to secure her residency while she awaited investor status.

After reviewing witness testimony, WhatsApp messages and emails, the court found that the claimant had not performed actual employment duties and that the relationship between the parties was a business partnership. The lawsuit was dismissed, and the claimant was ordered to pay legal costs and lawyers' fees.

Man Ordered to Repay Ex-Wife BD50,000

Court finds woman solely funded property despite husband's name on title

High Civil Court ordered a Bahraini man to repay BD50,000 to his ex-wife after ruling she fully financed a property registered in his name during their marriage.

The court found that the woman purchased the property using proceeds from selling her own land along with bank financing; registering it in her husband's name was only for administrative convenience.

After the property was sold, the husband kept half of the



proceeds without proving any financial contribution. Relying on witness testimony, bank records and an expert's report, the court ordered him to return the remaining BD50,000 and pay the legal costs.

Nearly Half of Bahrain's Animal Species Unclassified



Nearly half of Bahrain's 1,953 recorded animal species remain unclassified, while 15 face some degree of extinction risk, new state figures show.

The total has grown by 23 species since 2018, rising from 1,930 to 1,945 in 2022 and then to 1,953 in the latest count published on Bahrain's Open Data Portal.

Birds rule the list. Some 682 species have been recorded, making up 34.9pc of the total.

Fish come next with 483 species, or 24.7pc, followed by 368 types of mollusc, equal to 18.8pc. The count also includes 140 invertebrate species, 126 crustaceans, 64 insects, 46 mammals, 42 reptiles and only two amphibians.

Among the 15 species facing risk, five are classed as critically endangered. They include two invertebrates and one species each of mammal, fish and reptile.

Five others are listed as vulnerable: two bird species and one each from the amphibian, mammal and reptile groups.

A further two species from the reptile and bird groups are classed as endangered, while two fish and bird species are near threatened. One bird species falls within the lowest-risk category named in the data.

The figures classify 976 species as known, equal to 49.97pc of the total. Birds again form the largest share, with 341 known species. They are followed by 241 fish, 184 molluscs, 70 invertebrates, 63 crustaceans, 32 insects, 23 mammals, 21 reptiles and one amphibian. Another 962 species, or 49.26pc, have yet to be classified.

They include 336 birds, 240 fish and 184 molluscs, as well as 68 invertebrates, 63 crustaceans, 32 insects, 21 mammals and 18 reptiles.

Online Apps Fuel Human Trafficking Risks, Says MP

Calls for stronger laws, specialised training and public awareness to tackle cyber-enabled exploitation

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Mohammed Darwish

Traffickers are turning phones, apps and online platforms into tools of abuse, forcing Bahrain to keep its laws one step ahead, MP Hassan Ibrahim has warned.

He said online fraud and digital exploitation now posed some of the fastest-growing threats to people at risk, with criminals using new ways to find, deceive and trap victims.

Mr Ibrahim called for regular legal reviews, stronger training for police and judges, and wider public awareness of the tricks used by gangs online.

He said Bahrain had built firm laws and state bodies to fight human trafficking, protect workers, track abuse rings and aid victims. Marking World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, he said the crime crossed borders and demanded close work between the state and the public.

The aim, he said, was to shield victims, cut off routes used by abusers and teach people how to spot fraud before harm was done.

Mr Ibrahim said Bahrain had kept pace with new technology while protecting rights and freedoms through the work of Parliament, the Government and other state bodies.

He said the country's record stemmed from the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al



Hassan Ibrahim, MP

Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Bahrain has remained in Tier 1 of the US State Department's Trafficking in Persons Report for eight years in a row.

Mr Ibrahim said the ranking showed the strength of the country's work against trafficking and its efforts to protect workers, pursue gangs and improve the handling of cases.

He said the Council of Representatives would keep supporting laws and steps aimed at groups most at risk, as traffickers make growing use of social media and other online platforms to reach victims.

Beyon Announces Q2 2026 and Half Year 2026 Financial Results

Manama, Bahrain

Beyon BSC (Ticker: BEYON), today announced its financial results for the second quarter and first half of 2026.

For the second quarter of 2026, Beyon reported net profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company of BD18.3M (US\$48.5M), representing a 7% increase compared to BD17.2M (US\$45.6M) reported for the corresponding period in 2025. The increase was primarily driven by higher net revenues and continued operational efficiencies. Earnings per share (EPS) for the quarter stood at 11.1 fils, compared to 10.4 fils in the second quarter of 2025.

Total comprehensive income attributable to equity holders in Q2 2026 was reported at BD20.1M (US\$53.3M), a 25% decrease from BD26.7M (US\$70.8M) in the second quarter of 2025, due to foreign currency translation differences and investment fair value changes.

Operating profit for Q2 2026 increased by 4% to BD29.5M (US\$78.2M), compared to BD28.5M (US\$75.6M) in the corresponding period of 2025. EBITDA rose by 5% to BD49.4M (US\$131.0M), up from BD46.9M (US\$124.4M) in Q2 2025, with the company maintaining a healthy EBITDA margin of 39%.

Revenue for the second quarter of 2026 remained stable at BD125.8M (US\$333.7M), compared to BD125.3M (US\$332.4M) reported in the corresponding period of 2025.

For the first six months of 2026, net profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company was BD33.6M (US\$89.1M), a 5% decrease from BD35.3M (US\$93.6M) reported in the corresponding period of 2025. While the Group's financial performance showed improvement over the course of the period, results continued to be impacted by the regional geopolitical situation, particularly in the first quarter of 2026. Earnings per share (EPS) for the first half of 2026 stood at 20.4 fils, compared to 21.3 fils for



Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Beyon Chairman

the same period in 2025.

Total comprehensive income attributable to equity holders of the company decreased by 19% from BD38.6M (US\$102.4M) in H1 2025 to BD31.3M (US\$83.0M) in H1 2026 mainly due to foreign currency translation differences.

Operating profit for the first six months of 2026 was BD53.2M (US\$141.1M), compared to BD54.5M (US\$144.6M) in the corresponding period of 2025, reflecting a 2% decrease. EBITDA remained stable at BD92.4M (US\$245.1M), compared to BD92.3M (US\$244.8M) reported in the first half of 2025. The Company maintained a healthy EBITDA margin of 38% during the period.

Revenue for the first six months of 2026 increased by 1% to BD244.8M (US\$649.3M), compared to BD242.8M (US\$644.0M) in the corresponding period of 2025. The increase was primarily driven by growth in international operations and digital services. International operations contributed to 57% of revenues during the period compared to 55% during the same period last year.

Beyon's balance sheet remains strong with total equity attributable to equity holders of the company of BD569.6M (US\$1,510.9M) as of 30 June 2026, 1% lower than BD574.1M (US\$1,522.8M) reported as of 31 December 2025. Total assets of BD1,290.9M (US\$3,424.1M) as of 30 June 2026 are 1% lower than total assets of BD1,305.5M (US\$3,462.9M) as of 31 December 2025. Net assets as of 30 June



Andrew Kvaalseth Beyon CEO

2026 which stand at BD631.3M (US\$1,674.5M) are 1% lower than BD637.2M (US\$1,690.2M) reported as of 31 December 2025. The Company reported cash and bank balances of BD121.1M (US\$321.2M) as of 30 June 2026.

The Board of Directors approved an interim cash dividend of 13.5 fils per share, representing 13.5% of the Company's paid-up capital, for the six-month period ended 30 June 2026. The dividend is in line with the interim dividend paid in 2025 and reflects the Board's continued commitment to delivering sustainable and attractive returns to shareholders.

Beyon Chairman H.E. Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa commented on the financial results for the second quarter and first six months of 2026 following a meeting of the Board of Directors on Thursday 30th July.

"While the ongoing geopolitical situation in the region continues to impact our operations in Bahrain, the Group delivered a strong second quarter performance, supported by the continued growth of our international operations, which now contribute an increasing share of Group revenues. This reflects the success of Beyon's long-term strategy to diversify its business, expand its international presence and build multiple drivers of sustainable growth."

"The Board approved an interim cash dividend of 13.5 fils per share, in line with the dividend paid in 2025. This reflects our confidence in Beyon's financial position and our

continued focus on disciplined cost allocation while delivering sustainable returns for shareholders."

"The Board remains focused on strong governance and strategic oversight as Beyon continues to execute its long-term vision. Through strategic investment, regional expansion and continued innovation, we will continue to focus on delivering sustainable long-term returns for our shareholders while contributing to the Kingdom's digital transformation agenda."

Commenting on the second quarter, Beyon Group CEO Andrew Kvaalseth said, "Our second quarter performance reflects the strength of our execution, with higher profitability driven by continued operational efficiencies alongside steady growth across our core revenue streams, particularly in international operations and digital services."

"This reflects the successful execution of our growth strategy and the increasing scale and maturity of our operations across regional markets, while EBITDA increased and margins remained healthy, demonstrating the resilience of our diversified business."

"Across the Group, we continued to advance our strategy by enabling enhanced connectivity solutions, accelerating digital innovation and embedding AI-enabled capabilities. These investments reinforce our competitive position, improve customer experience, and create new opportunities for sustainable revenue growth across both our connectivity and digital portfolios."

"Looking ahead, we are confident in our strategic direction and remain focused on disciplined execution. We will continue investing in digital infrastructure, AI, cybersecurity and next-generation connectivity to support Beyon's regional leadership and unlock new opportunities for sustainable long-term growth."

This press release, along with the full set of financial statements, is available on the Bahrain Bourse website and on Beyon website, www.beyon.com

June Inflation Hits 2.3% in Bahrain Transport Costs Surge While Clothing Prices Decline

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Hasan Barakat

Annual inflation rate rose by 2.3 per cent in June 2026 compared with the same month last year, driven mainly by higher transport and food prices, according to the latest Consumer Price Index (CPI) released by the Information & eGovernment Authority (iga).

Transport recorded the largest annual increase among all major categories, rising 10.6 per cent, making it the biggest contributor to overall inflation.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages followed with a 5.8 per cent increase, while miscellaneous goods and services rose 3.3 per cent and education increased 2.8 per cent.

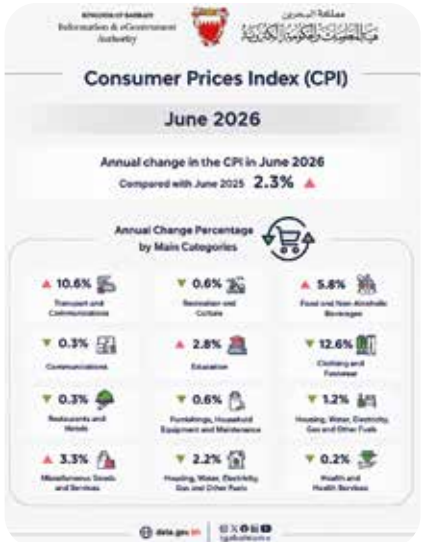
In contrast, clothing and footwear recorded the steepest annual decline, falling 12.6 per cent compared with June 2025.

Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels decreased

by 2.2 per cent, while furnishings, household equipment and routine home maintenance fell 1.2 per cent.

Smaller declines were also recorded in recreation and culture, and alcoholic beverages and tobacco, both down 0.6 per cent. Communication and restaurants and hotels each slipped 0.3 per cent, while health costs edged down 0.2 per cent.

The iga said detailed Consumer Price Index data is available through the Kingdom's Open Data Portal.



Filipina Designer Wins Wage Fight as Perfume Claim Fails

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Mohammed Darwish

A Filipina fashion designer has won over BD2,300 after her boss failed to pay months of wages, then claimed she owed nearly BD3,000 for perfume sent to the Philippines.

The High Labour Court dismissed the firm's claim after finding no proof that the worker owed it any cash or money for the goods.

The woman, represented by lawyer Zainab Madan, was awarded BD1,816.667 in unpaid wages and BD500 for unused annual leave.

She will also receive BD100 in legal fees, damages for the late wages and yearly interest of 1 pc on the holiday pay from February 11, 2026, until the bill is cleared.

The designer earned BD500 a month under a one-year contract that ran from November 7, 2024, to November 7, 2025.

She told the court she had not been paid for June, August or October 2025, or for her final seven days at work. She also sought BD200 cut from her September wage.

The firm claimed she had been given BD1,000 in cash, kept another BD100 and taken perfume worth BD2,860 abroad to sell.



Zainab Madan, lawyer

It asked the court to order her to pay BD2,960 and deduct that sum from any money she won.

But judges found no receipts, written records, admissions or other proof that she had received the cash or had agreed to pay for the perfume.

One witness said he had packed perfume for shipment to the Philippines at the worker's request. Yet he knew nothing about the terms of the deal, why the goods were sent, if they were sold or who got the money.

A second witness was not allowed to give evidence after records showed he was both a manager and partner in the firm.

The court said the employer had also failed to show that the missing wages had been paid through lawful channels.

It ordered the firm to pay BD134,500 in court costs and BD10 for the copy of the ruling used to enforce the award.

Dietitian Warns Against Extreme Weight Loss Diets Sustainable lifestyle changes remain the safest approach to lasting weight management

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Hasan Barakat

Many people seeking rapid weight loss before weddings, holidays or special occasions are putting their health at risk by following extreme low-calorie diets without medical supervision, according to Bahraini dietitian Shaima Mohammed.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Mohamed warned that very low-calorie diets (VLCDs), which typically restrict daily intake to 800 calories or less, are designed for a limited group of patients under the close supervision of doctors and dietitians—not for healthy individuals looking for quick results.

She explained that these diets often rely on specially formulated meal replacement products to provide essential nutrients and are generally prescribed only for short-term use, particularly for patients who need rapid weight loss before certain medical procedures.

She cautioned that while VLCDs can produce rapid weight loss, they also carry significant

health risks. One of the most serious complications is the increased likelihood of developing gallstones, with some patients eventually requiring gallbladder surgery.

Other common side effects include constipation, fatigue, dizziness, headaches, muscle cramps, low blood sugar, sensitivity to cold and noticeable hair loss.

Mohamed also highlighted the loss of lean muscle mass as a major concern, noting that it can slow metabolism and make it more difficult to maintain weight loss over time. Inadequate nutritional planning can also result in vitamin and mineral deficiencies that affect overall health.

Beyond the physical effects, she said highly restrictive diets can negatively impact mental and social wellbeing, making it difficult for people to participate in family meals, celebrations and social gatherings. They may also increase the risk of unhealthy eating habits, including binge eat-



ing, while the cost of commercial meal replacement programmes can create an additional financial burden.

Mohamed stressed that attempting these diets without professional guidance can lead to serious medical complications and, in rare cases, death. She said every individual's nutritional needs must be carefully assessed to ensure they receive adequate protein, vitamins and minerals throughout the programme.

Although VLCDs often produce faster initial weight loss than conventional dieting, Mohamed noted that much of the lost weight is typically regained once normal eating resumes, resulting in long-



They are not designed for people who simply want to lose weight quickly before a social event or holiday

CLINICAL DIETITIAN SHAIMA MOHAMMED

term outcomes similar to less restrictive weight-loss approaches.

"The goal of weight management should not simply be achieving a lower number on the scale, but improving health and developing healthy eating habits that can be maintained long term," she said.

She emphasised that sustainable lifestyle changes, rather than extreme calorie restriction, remain the safest and most effective strategy for achieving lasting weight management.

Youth City Inspires Future Leaders



Secretary-General of the Council of Representatives, Engineer Mohammed Ibrahim Al Sisi Al Buainain, and a delegation from the Parliament Secretariat visit Youth City 2030, where they toured programmes designed to develop the skills and capabilities of Bahraini youth and explored opportunities to strengthen cooperation in advancing youth empowerment.

Bahrain EDB Deepens Investment and Economic Partnerships Through Strategic Engagements in France and Monaco

TDT | Manama

A delegation from the Bahrain Economic Development Board (Bahrain EDB), led by H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development, Chief Executive of Bahrain EDB, has successfully concluded a strategic four-day visit to France and the Principality of Monaco. Designed to further strengthen economic ties, advance engagement with government stakeholders, investors, businesses, and strategic partners; the visit reflects Bahrain EDB’s continued efforts to promote the Kingdom’s competitive investment environment across international priority markets and foster partnerships that support long-term economic growth.

As part of its programme in France, Bahrain EDB held a series of meetings and discussions with strategic partners and business leaders. This included participation in activities surrounding Tour de France 2026, one of the world’s most prestigious annual cycling events, where the King-



dom’s pavilion provided a valuable platform to connect with a distinguished network of international investors and executives.

In the Principality of Monaco, H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif and the delegation met with H.E. Mrs. Isabelle Berro-Amadeï, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Mrs. Ludmilla Raconnat Le Goff, Chief Executive Officer of Invest Monaco; as well as key representatives from the Department of Finance and Economy. Discussions focused on enhancing

bilateral economic ties, exploring opportunities for greater collaboration, and identifying areas of mutual interest that support sustainable economic growth.

Alongside these activities, Bahrain EDB held working meetings with leading Monegasque companies operating across the tourism, hospitality, and education sectors, additionally participating in a dedicated business event attended by over 20 companies. The discussions highlighted the complementary strengths of Bahrain

and Monaco and identified pathways to expand commercial ties and encourage greater investment flows. Most recently, the opening of APM Monaco’s first flagship store in Bahrain marked another positive milestone in the growing commercial relationship between the two markets.

The visit represents another important milestone in the growing relationship between the Kingdom of Bahrain and France, and the Kingdom of Bahrain and Principality of Monaco; reaffirm-

ing Bahrain EDB’s commitment to building meaningful partnerships that support investment, innovation, and sustainable economic growth. Through a series of high-level meetings and strategic discussions held throughout the visit, the delegation exchanged perspectives, expanded relationships, and identified new avenues to deepen bilateral cooperation across key sectors.

With 177 years of diplomatic relations, Bahrain and France enjoy a partnership underpinned

by trade and investment. French companies have played an important role in the Kingdom’s economy, with leading firms such as BNP Paribas and Vinci Energies maintaining a presence in Bahrain. From major infrastructure and energy projects to financial services, advanced manufacturing, aviation, education, and cultural cooperation, the relationship continues to deepen through sustained high-level engagement and a shared commitment to long-term growth. Most recently, Bahrain’s sovereign wealth fund, Mumtalakat, partnered with French investment firm TRAIL to invest in the SLAM Fund, the first private equity fund dedicated to the sports, luxury, art, and music sectors. The Kingdom of Bahrain and Principality of Monaco additionally maintain robust diplomatic and economic relations sharing a commitment to diversification, sustainability, and high-value economic sectors, actively exploring new opportunities for collaboration across tourism, hospitality, and financial services.

INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, for the six months ended 30 June 2026

(All figures in Bahraini Dinars)

NATIONAL HOTELS COMPANY (B.S.C)



INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION At 30 June 2026			
	30 June 2026 (Reviewed)	31 December 2025 (Audited)	
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	36,512,360	36,242,610	
Investment property	26,430,032	26,718,337	
Investment in an associate	6,092,215	6,538,326	
Investment securities	4,623,334	4,553,138	
	73,657,941	74,052,411	
Current assets			
Inventories	69,440	81,468	
Investment securities	4,321,017	1,381,254	
Trade receivables and other assets	877,563	997,164	
Bank balances and cash	5,525,633	9,480,742	
	10,793,653	11,940,628	
TOTAL ASSETS	84,451,594	85,993,039	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Non-current liability			
Employees' end of service benefits	243,744	241,288	
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	1,291,008	1,912,099	
Total liabilities	1,534,752	2,153,387	
Equity			
Share capital	12,127,500	12,127,500	
Statutory reserve	6,063,750	6,063,750	
General reserve	1,087,579	1,087,579	
Property revaluation reserve	14,418,702	14,418,702	
Investments fair value reserve	1,746,418	1,660,641	
Share of reserves of an associate	101,581	96,627	
Retained earnings	47,371,312	48,384,853	
Total equity	82,916,842	83,839,652	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	84,451,594	85,993,039	

INTERIM STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the six-month period ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed)				
	Three-month period 30 June		Six-month period ended 30 June	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
Hotel services revenue	905,670	1,792,168	2,235,543	3,445,655
Rental revenue	409,493	428,258	820,204	883,414
Operating costs	(982,169)	(1,295,346)	(2,108,773)	(2,498,988)
GROSS PROFIT	332,994	925,080	946,974	1,830,081
Share of profit of an associate	376,913	538,710	648,935	886,026
Dividend income	-	-	199,948	149,957
Interest income	115,600	111,288	251,477	233,485
Change in fair value of investments at fair value through profit or loss	59,621	44,115	39,763	107,966
Other income	40,421	2,206	43,677	20,088
Depreciation	(545,269)	(602,504)	(1,089,782)	(1,201,067)
General and administration expenses	(119,138)	(198,345)	(235,648)	(340,774)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	261,142	820,550	805,344	1,685,762
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (FILS)	2	7	7	14
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME				
<i>Items not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:</i>				
-Net changes in fair value of investments at fair value through other comprehensive (loss) income	(55,122)	(149,532)	85,777	(139,128)
- Share of other comprehensive (loss) income of an associate	(10,391)	12,075	4,954	24,796
Other comprehensive (loss) income for the period	(65,513)	(137,457)	90,731	(114,332)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	195,629	683,093	896,075	1,571,430

INTERIM STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the six-month period ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed)		
	Six-month period ended 30 June	
	2026	2025
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit for the period	805,344	1,685,762
Adjustments to reconcile profit to net cash flows:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	679,105	793,950
Depreciation of investment property	410,677	407,117
Share of profit of an associate	(648,935)	(886,026)
Dividend income	(199,948)	(149,957)
Interest income	(251,477)	(233,485)
Change in fair value of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(39,763)	(107,966)
Allowance for expected credit losses	28,576	13,583
Provision for employees' end of service benefits	41,833	34,076
Operating profit before working capital changes	825,412	1,557,054
Working capital changes:		
Inventories	12,028	(14,045)
Trade receivables and other assets	2,727	198,559
Trade and other payables	(320,591)	(7,969)
Net cash flows from operations	519,576	1,733,599
Directors' remuneration paid	(269,500)	(262,125)
Charitable contribution paid	(31,000)	(31,790)
Employees' end of service benefits paid	(39,377)	(37,084)
Net cash flows from operating activities	179,699	1,402,600
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(948,855)	(724,474)
Additions to investment property	(122,372)	(18,258)
Purchase of debt investment at amortised cost	(2,900,000)	-
Maturity of debt investment at amortised cost	-	700,000
Interest received	355,356	246,860
Movement in bank deposits with maturity of more than three months	-	(600,000)
Dividend received from an associate	1,100,000	700,000
Dividends received on investments	199,948	149,957
Net cash flows (used in) from investing activities	(2,315,923)	454,085
FINANCING ACTIVITY		
Dividend paid	(1,818,885)	(1,818,885)
Cash flows used in financing activity	(1,818,885)	(1,818,885)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(3,955,109)	37,800
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	7,980,742	1,824,797
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 JUNE	4,025,633	1,862,597

INTERIM STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the six-month period ended 30 June 2026 (Reviewed)									
	Reserves						Total reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity
	Share capital	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Property Revaluation reserve	Investments fair value reserve	Share of Reserves of associate			
Balance at 1 January 2026	12,127,500	6,063,750	1,087,579	14,418,702	1,660,641	96,627	23,327,299	48,384,853	83,839,652
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	805,344	805,344
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	85,777	4,954	90,731	-	90,731
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	85,777	4,954	90,731	805,344	896,075
Dividend	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,818,885)	(1,818,885)
Balance at 30 June 2026	12,127,500	6,063,750	1,087,579	14,418,702	1,746,418	101,581	23,418,030	47,371,312	82,916,842

	Reserves						Total reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity
	Share capital	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Property Revaluation reserve	Investments fair value reserve	Share of Reserves of associate			
Balance at 1 January 2025	12,127,500	6,063,750	1,087,579	14,418,702	1,392,960	93,946	23,056,937	47,129,759	82,314,196
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,685,762	1,685,762
Other comprehensive (loss) income for the period	-	-	-	-	(139,128)	24,796	(114,332)	-	(114,332)
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the period	-	-	-	-	(139,128)	24,796	(114,332)	1,685,762	1,571,430
Dividend	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,818,885)	(1,818,885)
Balance at 30 June 2025	12,127,500	6,063,750	1,087,579	14,418,702	1,253,832	118,742	22,942,605	46,996,636	82,066,741

Russia adds Telegram founder Durov to ‘terrorist’ blacklist



Pavel Durov
AFP | Moscow

Russia yesterday added Telegram founder Pavel Durov to a blacklist of “terrorists and extremists”, a day after saying it was seeking his arrest over accusations he let his platform be used by Ukrainian intelligence.

The serial tech founder, who has lived outside Russia for years and holds French and United Arab Emirates passports, has frequently clashed with the Russian authorities as Moscow has tightened its grip on the internet.

His Telegram messenger is one of the country’s main communications platforms. Officials have repeatedly tried to block access or thwart its success in a bid to pressure Durov to hand over user data, or push Russians to use an unencrypted state-backed alternative.

Turkish crews battle fires near tourist areas, many declared under control

AFP | Istanbul

Firefighters continued battling forest fires yesterday in Turkey’s popular tourist regions of Antalya and the Dardanelles, authorities reported.

At least 115 active fires were billowing across the country. However, 110 were completely under control, Agriculture Minister Ibrahim Yumakli said yesterday.

The minister, speaking live yesterday from the wildfire coordination centre in Ankara, said 69 of the fires being fought on Wednesday ignited “outside forested areas”.

Meanwhile, the forestry directorate earlier said it was carrying out “intensive operations with our air and ground forces against the ongoing forest fires”, which broke out on Wednesday due to strong winds.

The directorate specifically mentioned the Antalya to Alanya and Mugla to Fethiye routes, where sea-side resorts line up along the “Turquoise Coast” on the Mediterranean shore.

Hundreds of migrants enter Spain’s Ceuta territory from Morocco



Migrants storm a barbed-wire fence as they attempt to cross the land border with Spain’s African enclave of Ceuta near Fnideq



Migrants try to cross into the Spanish enclave of Ceuta from Morocco



Hundreds of people swim from Morocco to Ceuta, while a crowd of people waits on the other side of the border

AFP | Ceuta

Hundreds of migrants entered the Spanish north African exclave of Ceuta yesterday, many of them having swum by sea around the frontier fence.

Migration from Morocco into Spain’s two north African territories, Ceuta and Melilla, has long been a politically sensitive issue between the two

countries, as thousands cross the border at times.

Reporters saw a stream of adults and children, most of them wet, entering the town, plus discarded flotation rings and clothes on the shore near where the frontier barrier meets the sea.

The president of Ceuta, Juan Vivas, said Wednesday that 1,500 migrants had come to Ceuta by sea in the past few days.

Japan quake toll hits 34 as survivors struggle in heat



A house is seen collapsed onto a car in Yatsushiro, Kumamoto prefecture

● Seven bodies recovered from mall rubble

● Thousands left without power and water

AFP | Kumamoto

Japanese emergency workers searched tirelessly for survivors at a wrecked shopping mall yesterday, as the death toll from a major earthquake hit 34 and tens of thousands were left without power in punishing heat.

The Kumamoto disaster management office issued the new tally for Tuesday’s quake, with seven bodies now extracted from the mass of rubble, steel and wires of the Aeon shopping mall after a suspected gas blast.

Eight people were also confirmed dead at the Nippon Paper Industries factory in Yatsushiro city, where part of a red-and-white smokestack collapsed, according to the office.

Five others were in a critical condition after the 7.1-magnitude tremor, while almost 9,500 locals were in evacuation centres in the

region of southwestern Japan on the island of Kyushu.

The quake caused widespread damage, flattening homes, damaging bridges, triggering fires and leaving tens of thousands of residents without power and water in temperatures forecast to hit 38C this weekend.

Some 13,520 households remained without electricity yesterday.

Hundreds of elderly people -- Japan has the world’s second-oldest population -- slumbered on thin mats on the hard lobby floor at one community centre in Uki city as they sought

relief from the searing sun.

“Thank God for these shelters,” said one woman, who declined to give her name, as people slept between chairs and tables or gathered around a television. At home or in the car “it’s too hot and there are too many mosquitoes,” she said.

“In this heat, if you don’t have electricity and air conditioning, it’s very tough,” father-of-four supermarket employee Hiroyuki Matsushima, 53, said.

‘So strong’

With no power and running water, Retiree Kenji Ota, 72, has been sleeping inside his car at night.

“This quake was so strong. It was horrible... I can only sleep for two hours or so at night,” he said.

The town of Hikawa was one of the areas worst hit, where many older structures crumpled in the quake and where residents still had no water or power yesterday.

“The biggest problem is that there is no toilet... I had to go to a nearby school,” said Kinuko Uemura, 85, who said she and her husband were lucky to survive the collapse of their traditional house.

France firefighters hopeful, as Spain ends national emergency

AFP | Ltge-Cap-Ferret

France firefighters yesterday were hopeful a massive forest fire was no longer spreading, as Spain lifted a state of emergency over wildfires near Madrid.

Europe has been gripped by successive heatwaves and a major drought this year, which scientists have attributed to human-caused climate change.

The neighbouring countries have battled some of the worst forest fires in living memory over the past week, burning vast areas and forcing tens of thousands of people from their homes.

In France, temperatures cooled near the wine capital of Bordeaux, raising hopes that



A volunteer fills a water bucket to help battling the fire in a forest in Lanton, west of Bordeaux

an end was near for the fire in a seaside pine forest that has displaced 220,000 people and

destroyed around 240 homes.

The regional firefighting service said they were “reasonably

optimistic”, after the fire that broke out a week ago had not progressed beyond 42,000 hectares -- an area larger than the US city of Detroit -- since the weekend.

“We’ve just reached a new threshold, a kind of tipping point,” firefighting chief Marc Vermeulen said around midday, saying hotspots had dropped from six to three since the morning.

Local authorities said they were allowing people to return home in nine villages of the coastal region that has seen France’s worst wildfire since 1949.

In the area of Lanton, volunteer Maxence Cereja however remained cautious as he put out smouldering embers from the

previous night’s blaze.

“Yesterday morning it was as calm as it is now, and then it all flared up again in the afternoon,” the owner of a tiling company yesterday

Earlier in the day, a clap of thunder had cracked over the town of Lege-Cap-Ferret, and a few raindrops started to fall.

“There’s thunder, that’s good,” said a firefighter at the command post set up in the town’s sports hall, though not much rain then fell on the area.

In Spain, Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez yesterday lifted a state of emergency over wildfires threatening areas near Madrid, after the prefect’s office said they had stopped expanding with “almost no flames left”.



Mediator Pakistan says US-Iran talks ongoing as foes trade attacks

United States launches heavy wave of retaliatory strikes against Iranian targets

● Iran targets regional sites

● Jordan intercepts missiles

● Egypt investigates drone attack

AFP | Tehran

Mediator Pakistan insisted yesterday that negotiations between Iran and the United States were ongoing, even as Washington carried out a “heavy wave of strikes” on its foe in retaliation for fresh attacks targeting Jordan.

The last two days have seen Saudi Arabia join the US in striking militant groups in Iraq, and Egypt come under fire for the first time with a drone attack at a Mediterranean port.

Yesterday morning, Jordan reported intercepting incoming Iranian missiles for a second day running, while Kuwait said an Iranian strike that hit a building belonging to a Chinese company



A view of the control tower of the Mediterranean sea port of Damietta in Egypt

killed one person.

The return to direct hostilities followed a brief pause in fighting meant to give talks a boost.

“Negotiations between parties are ongoing, particularly on (the) Strait of Hormuz and to de-escalate,” Pakistani foreign ministry spokesman Tahir Andrabi told reporters in Islamabad.

Pakistan had helped to broker a deal between the warring sides laying the groundwork for negotiations on a permanent resolution, and Andrabi said it was doing its “utmost to bring all parties back” to technical talks under the agreement.

Previous talks between the two parties following an April truce

stalled, with the ceasefire collapsing earlier this month and Iran again slamming shut the Strait of Hormuz, a vital conduit for Middle Eastern oil and gas.

Iran’s Revolutionary Guards said yesterday that two oil tankers attempting to transit the strait with US support turned back after one of them caught

fire.

Earlier, the US military said it had “successfully completed a heavy wave of strikes against Iran”, hitting dozens of Revolutionary Guard targets including military command centres.

US President Donald Trump had vowed to hit Iran “hard” after Tehran’s previous attack on Jordan, its first in the region in days.

The Guards’ branch in the northwestern province of Zanjan said three of its members were killed in a US attack there.

US economic growth slows in second quarter, missing expectations

AFP | Washington

The United States saw slowing growth in the second quarter, the Commerce Department said yesterday, with fallout from President Donald Trump’s Iran war weighing on the world’s largest economy.

GDP grew at a sluggish annualized rate of 1.5 percent in the second quarter, the Bureau of Economic Analysis said, missing analyst expectations of around 2.0 percent.

It had grown by 2.1 percent in the previous quarter, BEA data showed.

“Compared to the first quarter, the deceleration in real GDP in the second quarter reflected a downturn in government spending and decelerations in investment and exports that were partly offset by an acceleration in consumer spending,” the BEA said in a statement.

The bureau also cited an increase in imports -- which are subtracted from GDP -- as a factor in yesterday’s data.

The US economy has displayed robust growth in recent quarters despite headwinds from a turbulent tariff policy and the Iran war, which has seen energy and fertilizer prices skyrocket.

Economic growth has been buoyed by investments in the AI boom, but consumption has been hit by years of high prices, compounded by the effects of the war.

The economic health of US



households is a key issue in November midterm elections, which will see Democrats attempt to wrest control of Congress from Trump’s Republicans.

The White House praised the latest GDP figures, with spokesman Kush Desai saying “the core drivers of economic growth continue to surge.”

Inflation high but slowing

Yesterday, BEA data showed that Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) inflation had slowed to 3.7 percent in June, from 4.1 percent the month before.

The indicator is the US Federal Reserve’s preferred gauge of inflation, as it takes into account a broader swath of spending than the Consumer Price Index (CPI) data.

The Fed has a long-term two-percent target for PCE inflation, but prices have surged in recent months and have remained above target for more

than five years, since the pandemic.

On Wednesday, the Fed chose to keep interest rates steady despite those push factors, although three policymakers dissented and called for an immediate rate hike.

Core PCE inflation, which strips out volatile food and energy prices, came in at 3.3 percent.

PCE inflation is expected to pick up again in July on the back of Trump renewing the military offensive on Iran, which has driven energy prices back up.

Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren was scathing in her criticism of Trump over the persistently high prices, citing how inflation has increased since he took office.

“Trump promised to lower costs ‘on day one’ -- instead, his failed economic agenda, from his chaotic tariffs to his illegal war in Iran, has fueled higher costs and eaten away at paychecks,” she said.

Russia blamed for missile that blasted crater in Polish field



Polish army securing a large crater in Tarnawa-Kolonia, eastern Poland

AFP | Athens

Poland said yesterday that a missile that blasted a 10-metre (33 feet) crater inside its territory was likely fired by Russia in its latest mass attack on Ukraine.

NATO and European leaders openly blamed Russia for the 4:00 am (0200 GMT) explosion in a field that shook residents of the village of Tarnawa Kolonia, 80 kilometres (50 miles) from the border, and the windows of their homes.

The massive hole and debris were found in a field two kilometers away, police said.

“From the analysis of most of the traces, the recovered fragments point to a Russian Kh-101 missile,” Prime Minister Donald Tusk told a news conference near the crater.

“There is no reason to think that Poland was the target,”

he said, but added that two “objects” had violated Poland’s airspace.

“One of them definitely did, because we have its traces here, and the other was near the Polish border, but it was a very brief signal, so there were no consequences associated with it.”

Poland -- a member of NATO and the European Union -- has experienced repeat incursions by missiles and drones during Russia’s war on Ukraine since 2022.

The latest missile fell as Russia staged a massive deadly attack on the Lviv region in western Ukraine, near the border with Poland.

Tusk chaired a crisis unit meeting with Defence Minister Wladyslaw Kosiniak-Kamysz and Interior Minister Marcin Kierwinski in Lublin, the nearest city to the village.



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Human trafficking in all its forms is a gross violation of human rights. By working together we can end the exploitation, once and for all. #EndHumanTrafficking @antoniogeturres

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With this disbursement, we are helping Ukraine protect its skies and defend its people. At the same time, we are combining Europe’s industrial scale with Ukraine’s unmatched innovation. Our drone deal is taking shape. @vonderleyen

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More than 200,000 Canadians go to work everyday because of canola. Our trade arrangement with China means that canola farmers across the Prairies -- like the McAllisters at Antler Valley Farm -- are earning more for their product and bringing more money back to the farm. @MarkJCarney

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In Gironde, France with the prefect of Nouvelle-Aquitaine & of Gironde Sophie Brocas, alongside the firefighters, law enforcement, mobilized citizens, and residents affected by the fires. In the face of disasters, Europe will always be there, today and tomorrow. @hadjalahbib

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Gulf Audit Officials Discuss Stronger Oversight Cooperation

Bahrain chairs GCC meeting on financial audit, accounting development and AI-powered oversight platform



Financial and Administrative Audit Bureau chaired the 27th meeting of GCC Assistant Undersecretaries of Financial Audit Institutions via video conference.

The meeting was chaired by Faiq Ali Dhaif, Assistant Undersecretary for Financial Audit at Bahrain's Financial and Administrative Audit Bureau, who welcomed representatives from GCC audit authorities.

Dhaif said Bahrain's hosting of the meeting reflects the Kingdom's commitment to strengthening coordination and cooperation among GCC oversight bodies, enhancing professional ties, and exchanging expertise and experiences to further develop financial audit and accounting practices across the region.

The meeting reviewed several key topics on the agenda, including preparations for the seventh GCC Research and Studies Competition in auditing and accounting, as well as a report on recommendations from the winning research

papers of the sixth edition of the competition.

Participants also discussed a project to establish an artificial intelligence-supported digital platform that would include the outcomes of the work carried out by GCC financial audit and accounting institutions.

The officials reviewed a report by the GCC General Secretariat on training programmes conducted during 2025 and 2026, along with upcoming activities planned by GCC audit bodies as part of the Gulf Financial and Administrative Audit Week.

The meeting also discussed the proposed agenda for the 23rd meeting of GCC heads of financial audit and accounting institutions, scheduled for September.

The participants reaffirmed the importance of strengthening cooperation and integration among GCC oversight authorities, while promoting the exchange of professional expertise and best practices to enhance audit systems and support joint Gulf action.

Defence, Diplomacy Top Agenda in Kuwait-Pakistan Talks



Kuwait and Pakistan reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations and enhancing regional security during high-level meetings held in Islamabad as part of Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Jarrah Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah's official visit.

Sheikh Jarrah met Pakistani Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, where both sides reviewed the longstanding friendship between the two countries and discussed ways to expand cooperation in various fields, including political, economic and security sectors.

The talks also covered regional developments and ongoing efforts to promote peace, stability and dialogue. Sheikh Jarrah conveyed Kuwait's appreciation for Pakistan's diplomatic efforts in supporting regional security and stability.

He also conveyed the greetings of Kuwait's leadership to Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari

and Prime Minister Sharif, along with wishes for continued progress and prosperity for Pakistan and its people.

Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar attended the meeting, along with ministers responsible for defence, commerce, national food security, communications, maritime affairs and petroleum, as well as senior government officials.

Earlier, Sheikh Jarrah held talks with Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff and Commander of the Armed Forces Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir at General Headquarters in Rawalpindi.

The two sides highlighted the deep-rooted ties between Kuwait and Pakistan and stressed the importance of expanding cooperation, particularly in defence and security.

Discussions also focused on regional challenges, reducing tensions and strengthening efforts to maintain peace and stability.

Domestic football returns for new season

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Muharraq will begin the defence of both their league and cup crowns after the Bahrain Football Association (BFA) unveiled the fixtures for the 2026-27 domestic season, including the opening 11 rounds of the Nasser bin Hamad Premier League and the draw for His Majesty the King's Cup.

The new Premier League season gets underway on August 27, while the King's Cup preliminary rounds are scheduled to begin on December 14.

Double Champions

Muharraq enter the campaign as the team to beat after completing a historic domestic double last season. The Red Wolves secured back-to-back Nasser bin Hamad Premier League titles and a record-extending 35th league crown, edging Al Khaldiya by just a single point after a dramatic final day.

They also lifted their 20th His



Muharraq celebrate winning their record-extending 35th league title last season



A representative picks out Muharraq during the 2026-27 season draw

Majesty the King's Cup, coming from behind to defeat Riffa 2-1 in the final thanks to goals from Mohammed Al Hardan and Elliot Jorge Simoes Inacio. Meanwhile, Riffa claimed the Khalid bin Hamad Cup after defeating Muharraq on penalties following a 1-1 draw in the final.

Muharraq will head into the new season under new leader-

ship following the departure of Portuguese coach Fernando Manuel de Jesus Santos. Bahraini coach Isa Al Saadoon has taken charge and will look to build on the club's remarkable success.

Fresh Faces

Elsewhere, Riffa continue under the guidance of Kuwaiti coach Mohammed Mashaan, while Vinicius Suarez remains in charge of A'ali. Shokri Al Bajawi leads Al Hidd, Ismail Karami heads Manama, Hisham Al Mahoozi takes charge of East Riffa, Jorvan Vieira is at the helm of Al Ahli, and Fawzi Ayyash and

Hussain Sayed Isa will guide Al Ettifaq and Sitra, respectively.

Al Khaldiya, Al Malkiya and Al Najma are currently the only Premier League clubs yet to appoint head coaches ahead of the new campaign.

The 2025-26 season also saw major movement between the divisions. Al Ettifaq, Manama and East Riffa secured promotion to the Premier League, while Al Najma retained their top-flight status through the promotion/relegation play-offs. Bahrain Club, Budaiya and Al Shabab were relegated to the First Division.

His Majesty the King's Cup

2026-27 Draw

Stage	Fixtures
Preliminary Round 1	Al Busaitteen vs Qalali • Al Tadamun vs Ittihad Al Reef • Um Al Hassam vs Isa Town • Al Hala vs Buri
Preliminary Round 2	Winner of Match 1 vs Budaiya • Winner of Match 4 vs Al Ittihad • Al Shabab vs Winner of Match 2 • Winner of Match 3 vs Bahrain Club
Round of 16	Riffa vs Manama • Winner of Preliminary 7 vs Winner of Preliminary 6 • A'ali vs Winner of Preliminary 5 • Al Ettifaq vs Al Khaldiya • Muharraq vs Al Ahli • East Riffa vs Al Najma • Sitra vs Winner of Preliminary 8 • Al Hidd vs Al Malkiya
Quarter-finals	Winners of Round of 16 matches advance
Semi-finals	Winners of Quarter-finals advance
Final	Semi-final winners meet for the trophy

Nasser bin Hamad Premier League

Rounds 1-11 Fixtures

Round	Fixtures
1	Al Hidd vs East Riffa • Al Malkiya vs Sitra • Al Khaldiya vs Al Najma • Manama vs A'ali • Al Ettifaq vs Riffa • Al Ahli vs Muharraq
2	Al Ahli vs Al Hidd • Muharraq vs Al Ettifaq • Riffa vs Manama • A'ali vs Al Khaldiya • Al Najma vs Al Malkiya • Sitra vs East Riffa
3	Al Hidd vs Sitra • East Riffa vs Al Najma • Al Malkiya vs A'ali • Al Khaldiya vs Riffa • Manama vs Muharraq • Al Ettifaq vs Al Ahli
4	Al Ettifaq vs Al Hidd • Al Ahli vs Manama • Muharraq vs Al Khaldiya • Riffa vs Al Malkiya • A'ali vs East Riffa • Al Najma vs Sitra
5	Al Hidd vs Al Najma • Sitra vs A'ali • East Riffa vs Riffa • Al Malkiya vs Muharraq • Al Khaldiya vs Al Ahli • Manama vs Al Ettifaq
6	Manama vs Al Hidd • Al Ettifaq vs Al Khaldiya • Al Ahli vs Al Malkiya • Muharraq vs East Riffa • Riffa vs Sitra • A'ali vs Al Najma
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11	Al Hidd vs Muharraq • Riffa vs Al Ahli • A'ali vs Al Ettifaq • Al Najma vs Manama • Sitra vs Al Khaldiya • East Riffa vs Al Malkiya

Muharraq begin pre-season camp in Turkey

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Muharraq are currently in Turkey for their pre-season training camp as they begin preparations for the 2026-27 football season under new head coach Isa Al Saadoon.

The two-week camp, which runs from July 29 to August 13, is focused on improving the team's physical and technical readiness, while strengthening squad cohesion ahead of the new campaign.

Muharraq will play four friendly matches during their stay, starting against UAE side Fujairah on August 2. They will then face Egyptian club



Players take part in running drills during training

ZED FC on August 6 and Algerian outfit ES Sétif on August 9, before concluding their warm-up schedule on August

12 against an opponent yet to be confirmed.

The travelling squad consists of 27 players: Sayed Mohamed Jaafar, Waleed Al Hayam, Amine Benaddi, Hussain Jameel, Ahmed Al Sherooqi, Abdulla Al Khulasi, Hasan Al Karrani, Ahmed Rabeea, Mohamed Al Banna, Abdulwahab Al Malood, Soufian Mahrouq, Hussain Abdulkarim, Ashraf Al Sebaei, Juninho, Mohammed Al Hardan, Ahmed Bughamar, Abdulkarim Diarra, Elliott Simoes, Gervasio Oliveira, Abdulwahab Hanan, Vladan Dekic, Arthur Rezende, Ibrahim Sanad, Abdulla Jamal, Anderson Leite, Facundo Tobares and Sami Bassam.



HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed presents Seef with the winners' plaque

Seef capture quest title on home court

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Bahrain's Seef claimed the Bahrain Summer Quest 2026 international 3x3 basketball title yesterday after overcoming China's Hangzhou in the final at Sports City 26, one of the main venues of Youth City 2030 at Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB).

Seef produced a dominant run throughout the tournament, winning all of their matches on the way to the championship. The Bahraini side opened the competition with victories over fellow Bahraini team Amwaj 22-11 and Cedar Squad 22-9 in the pool stage before advancing through the knockout rounds.

They defeated another Bahraini side, Bahrain A, 21-12 in the quarter-finals, edged Bahrain B 16-15 in the semi-finals, and then delivered their best performance of the tournament in the final by defeating

China's Hangzhou 21-15 to secure the title on home soil.

The triumph also served as revenge for Seef, who had lost to Hangzhou in the final of the Bahrain Summer Lite Quest earlier this week.

The championship-winning Seef squad featured Bahraini players Elias Yonis Ghulom Haji Abdulla, Isa Jasim Jasim and Naser Alanzoor, alongside Serbian player Uroš Ilić.

With their victory, Seef secured qualification for the Fiba 3x3 Debrecen Masters in Hungary, scheduled for August 29 and 30. The Masters tournaments represent some of the most prestigious events on the Fiba 3x3 World Tour.

His Highness Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, deputy chairman of the General Sports Authority, presented Seef with the winners' plaque following the final.

HH Shaikh Salman congratulated the Bahraini side

on their achievement, describing the title as another milestone for Bahraini sport and a reflection of the continued development of 3x3 basketball in the Kingdom. He praised Seef's performances throughout the competition and wished the team success at next month's Masters tournament in Hungary.

He also commended Bahrain's successful hosting of the event, saying staging international tournaments continues to strengthen the Kingdom's position on the global 3x3 basketball calendar while providing Bahraini players with valuable opportunities to compete against high-level international opposition.

The Fiba 3x3 World Tour is the premier international street basketball circuit, featuring tournaments across different levels around the world.

Masters events sit at the top of the competition pyramid,

followed by Challengers, with teams earning qualification through events such as Super Quest, Quest and Lite Quest tournaments.

With the completion of the Bahrain Summer Lite Quest and Bahrain Summer Quest, attention now turns to the Bahrain Summer Tour 2026 finale, scheduled for August 7 at EWB.

The event will feature the winners of the previous two Bahrain Summer Tour rounds, Team ATTB and Seef, among a strong field of competitors. The champions will secure a place at the Go Too! Group Aichi 2026 Challenger in Japan on October 10 and 11.

The Aichi Challenger will serve as a qualifier for the Manama Masters, one of the premier tournaments on the Fiba 3x3 World Tour 2026, further highlighting Bahrain's growing role as a host of elite international 3x3 basketball events.

De Minaur tops Tsitsipas to set up Hewitt clash in Washington



Alex de Minaur of Australia returns a shot during a men's singles match against Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece

AFP | Washington

Alex de Minaur launched his Washington Open title defense with a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Stefanos Tsitsipas to set an all-Australian clash with teen Cruz Hewitt.

Tsitsipas, the former world number three from Greece, had won 12 of their prior 13 encounters, but de Minaur shrugged off a shaky start to turn the tables.

After surviving a break point in the fourth game he handed Tsitsipas a break with back-to-back double-faults.

The Aussie fought back with two breaks of his own and survived another break point in the 10th game to pocket the first set.

Tsitsipas broke first again in the second set and held on to force the third. But de Minaur

took advantage of an unforced error by Tsitsipas to seize an early break and held on for the win.

“It’s no secret my head-to-head isn’t the greatest against him. He’s gotten the better of me many, many times,” said de Minaur.

“I’m happy with how it went today... played the match on its own merits, and ultimately found a way in a tricky, tricky match.”

De Minaur next faces 17-year-old qualifier Hewitt, the son of Aussie great Lleyton Hewitt who captured his first-ever ATP Tour victory earlier this week.

De Minaur joked that he won’t be offended if his country’s Davis Cup captain -- former world number one Lleyton Hewitt -- is rooting against him.

Bahrain Beat Qatar 77-45 to Win Gulf U18 Crown

Mohammed Darwish

Bahrain blew hosts Qatar apart 77-45 in Doha on Thursday to take the Gulf under-18 basketball crown with a perfect four wins from four.

The young Bahrainis led from the off. They were 20-14 up after the first quarter, then tore through Qatar 25-9 in the second to build a huge 45-23 half-time lead.

There was no way back for the hosts. Bahrain went into the last quarter 62-37 ahead before winning the closing spell 15-8 to finish the job in style.

Hassan Abdulkadir led the charge with 22 points and 20 rebounds in 37 minutes. He sank nine of his 14 shots from the field and posted a game-best plus-29 rating.

Powerhouse Somto Patrick Onoduenyi was just as hard to stop, piling up 16 points, 19 rebounds and five blocks. Sharp playmaker Mahdi Habib weighed in with 11 points and nine assists.

Dead-eye shooter Yousuf Yaqoob hit three shots from long range for nine points, while lively guard Mujtaba Mahmood added eight.

Abdulkadir and Onoduenyi racked up 38 points and 39 rebounds between them as Bahrain bossed the paint and shut



Qatar out near the rim.

The rout followed wins over Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Oman. Bahrain scored 339 points across the four games and gave up 199, leaving them with a points difference of plus 140.

Bahrain and Qatar had already earned the Gulf’s two spots at the FIBA U18 Asia Cup before Thursday’s game, turning their meeting into a straight fight for top place.

The Asia Cup will be held in Ahmedabad, India, from August 13 to 23. The top four sides will earn places at the 2027 FIBA U19 Basketball World Cup in the Czech Republic.

Atletico complain to FIFA over Barca’s Alvarez approach

AFP | London

Barcelona have received a complaint from Atletico Madrid filed with FIFA over allegedly tapping up Julian Alvarez, a source from the Catalan club said yesterday.

Argentina striker Alvarez said during the World Cup it would be “the best thing for everyone” for Atletico to let him leave, amid strong Barca transfer interest.

Atletico believe Barcelona made prohibited contact with the 26-year-old attacker to encourage him to force his departure.

Barca president Joan Laporta said at the start of July his side



Julian Alvarez reacts during a match (file photo)

Spanish media reported Atletico have also filed a complaint to the Spanish football federation (RFEF), but the RFEF did not respond to a request for comment.

Atletico rejected an offer of 150 million euros (\$172 million) from Real Madrid for Alvarez in June, widely viewed as a gambit by Los Blancos chief Florentino Perez to complicate a potential deal for Barca and fulfil a pledge made in his election campaign.

Barcelona are hoping to replace veteran striker Robert Lewandowski, who left at the end of last season, by adding Alvarez to their squad.

Alvarez joined Atletico from City in 2024 for a deal worth up to 85 million euros.

Mancini wants Italy back to trophy-winning ways



Newly appointed Italy head coach Roberto Mancini

AFP | Rome

Newly-appointed Italy coach Roberto Mancini said he was dreaming of bagging a major trophy, the Azzurri having missed out on the last three World Cups.

Mancini was speaking at his first press conference since being unveiled as successor to Gennaro Gattuso, who resigned as Italy coach after their World Cup qualification play-off final defeat by Bosnia and Herzegovina in March.

The 61-year-old Mancini was previously Italy boss from 2018 until 2023, leading them to the Euro 2020 title.

He has been preferred to another ex-national team coach in Antonio Conte.

“I hope to win another trophy, maybe two,” Mancini said.

“My goal is to make sure the team immediately gets back to winning ways.”

Mancini’s first period at the helm of the Italy side ended suddenly when he took up the Saudi Arabia job.

Leaving the Italy setup at the time, he said, was “a bit like losing the woman of your life”.

But the former Manchester City and Inter Milan coach, who has signed a four-year deal, vowed “to make sure the team is so good that the fans fall in love with it all over again”.

Mancini added: “I believe there are young, talented players in Italy. I simply believe we need to trust them and let them play”.

Mancini’s first game in charge is a Nations League match against Belgium in Rome on September 25, before facing Turkey three days later.

Then comes a trip to Paris when Italy take on France, with Zinedine Zidane at the helm.

De Zerbi wants Bergvall at Spurs, but can’t promise starting role

AFP | Sydney

Roberto De Zerbi said he wants in-demand midfielder Lucas Bergvall to stay at Tottenham, but cannot guarantee the Sweden World Cup player a starting role.

The 20-year-old reportedly wants to leave with interest from Newcastle and Nottingham Forest.

His future was cast into doubt by the recent arrivals of club-record signings Matheus Fernandes from West Ham and Sandro Tonali from Newcastle.

Spurs manager De Zerbi denied Bergvall had told him he was looking for an exit after starting him in the pre-season friendly against Sydney FC on Wednesday.

Tottenham won 4-2 on penalties after the match finished 1-1.



Tottenham's Lucas Bergvall (left) tussles for the ball during the match against Sydney FC

“I can’t give, for any player in the world, a place in the first XI guaranteed.”

French striker Mathys Tel scored a stunning free-kick to put Spurs 1-0 ahead at half-time against Sydney, but they failed to capitalise and the hosts’ new Japanese signing Takahiro Sekine levelled.

Tottenham’s shootout win came after a 2-0 victory over Auckland FC on Sunday as they build towards their English Premier League opener against Brentford on August 22.

“I think we played well, especially in the first half,” he said.

“In the second half, we changed many players, but good quality of play, good performances and I think we are working very well with the younger players.”

top, player. But then I don’t want to convince anyone to stay.

“Tottenham is already, without me, a top club and we are not to convince anyone to stay.

UEFA says will boycott World Cup if FIFA pushes private investor proposal

FIFA's \$20 billion subsidiary plan has united critics across Europe, CONCACAF and beyond

● **UEFA Demands full abandonment of proposal**

● **Calls World Cup not for sale**

● **FIFA defends investor plan**

AFP | Paris

European football's governing body UEFA said yesterday it would boycott the World Cup should FIFA press ahead with its private investor plan.

"No UEFA national teams will participate in any FIFA competition for so long as these proposals remain alive, unless this proposal has been abandoned in its entirety and binding assurances have been given that FIFA will never again open its governance or competitions to private ownership," UEFA said in a statement.

"The World Cup cannot be treated as an investment product... No part of it should ever be surrendered to private investors.

The World Cup is not for sale."

FIFA, football's world governing body, on Tuesday announced plans to create a commercial subsidiary to run its biggest events, such as the World Cup and Club World Cup.

Under the proposal, private investors would be allowed to acquire stakes in the company but would remain minority shareholders, FIFA said. The governing body hopes to raise up to \$4.2 billion based on a valuation of \$20 billion for the FIFA Forward Enterprise (FFE) initiative.

If approved, the project could provide each of FIFA's 211 member associations with a one-off payment of \$20 million in early 2027 and increase their funding allocation for the 2027-2030 cycle from \$8 million to \$20 million.

FIFA president Gianni Infantino on Wednesday described the initiative as a "golden opportunity to turbocharge the development of the game globally".

But UEFA, whose president Aleksander Ceferin boycotted the World Cup final to show unhappiness with FIFA, argued that "this model has no place in world football".

"Football's future cannot be dictated by the expectations of those whose first duty is to maximise financial return. Nor can the interests of national associations, leagues, clubs, players and supporters become subordinate to investor returns. Football cannot mortgage its future for financial gain.

"Europe's position is clear. We will never lend this model our legitimacy. No one has the moral authority to sell what they merely hold in trust for the next generation."

The FIFA proposal has drawn criticism from

not only UEFA but also several leading European federations and European Union officials, who view it as another step in the commercialisation of sport and have raised concerns over potential conflicts of interest.

The Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) have also expressed concern that the proposal was made public before FIFA's 211 member associations were fully consulted.

The Confederation of African Football (CAF) has called on its members to review FIFA's



UEFA said the World Cup was built over generations by players, national teams and supporters, arguing that no one has the moral authority to sell what is held in trust for future generations

controversial plan.

Never for sale

UEFA, in its statement yesterday, said that the World Cup was "one of football's greatest sporting legacies. It has been built over generations by players, national teams and supporters across every continent".

"It is both irresponsible and indefensible that a proposal of such significance for football was conceived in secret and brought to the brink of approval

without any meaningful consultation with those entrusted with stewarding the game," UEFA said.

"This is not merely a profound failure of leadership, but an abdication of FIFA's duty as the custodian of world football.

"National associations around the world are now presented with an ultimatum: accept the irreversible capture of football's greatest competitions or bear the consequences.

"This is not a 'democratic decision', but governance by intimidation – an act of coercion unworthy of an institution entrusted with the stewardship of the global game."

UEFA added: "Nobody should be in any doubt: UEFA and its national associations will oppose these plans with absolute determination.

"There are moments when institutions are judged not by what they are prepared to accept, but by what they refuse to compromise. This is one of those moments.

"Some things are simply too important to sell. The FIFA World Cup belongs to football. It always will. And so long as Europe has a voice, it will never be for sale."

Ngumoha scores as Liverpool beat Wrexham 1-0 in New York friendly



Liverpool's Rio Ngumoha celebrates scoring against Wrexham

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Liverpool won their second straight match under new coach Andoni Iraola as they beat Wrexham 1-0 in a pre-season friendly at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Teenage forward Rio Ngumoha scored from close range in the 75th minute, greeted by a roar from a largely pro-Liverpool crowd of more than 42,000 at the famous baseball stadium, the home of the New York Yankees and Major League Soccer's New York City FC.

The victory followed a 4-2 win over Sunderland in Nashville on Saturday, Iraola's first match in charge since the former Bournemouth manager replaced the sacked Arne Slot.

That victory was marred by an injury to defender Joe Gomez, who was among the absentees Wednesday along with new signing Jeremy Jacquet and World Cup players Ryan Gravenberch, Florian Wirtz and Alexander Isak.

Iraola said before the game that the Netherlands' Gravenberch, Germany's Wirtz and Sweden's Isak could be back for the final game of Liverpool's US tour, against Leeds at Chicago's Soldier Field on Sunday.

Wrexham, on the rise in recent years under the ownership of Hollywood stars Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney, missed out on the second-tier Championship play-offs on the final day of last season.

Howe set to leave Newcastle, with Al-Ahli's Jaissle to take over: reports

● **Howe revitalised Magpies over five years**

● **Won League Cup in 2025**

● **Club finished twelfth last season**

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Newcastle manager Eddie Howe is reportedly set to make a shock exit from St James' Park, with Al-Ahli boss Matthias Jaissle expected to take charge of the Premier League club.

Jaissle would be a surprise choice to replace Howe, given his lack of experience at the top level.

The 38-year-old, a former Germany Under-21 international, was forced to end his playing career due to injury at the age of 25.

Jaissle's first managerial job came with Austrian side Liefering, whom he led to a second-placed finish in the second tier, the club's joint best-ever position.

He took charge at Red Bull Salzburg in 2021, winning successive Austrian titles as well as the Austrian Cup.

Jaissle joined Al-Ahli in 2023



Newcastle United's English head coach Eddie Howe (R) speaks with Newcastle United's English midfielder #03 Lewis Hall (L)

and led the Saudi club to AFC Champions League titles in 2025 and 2026.

In his five years at Newcastle, Howe revitalised a club that had struggled for decades.

He replaced Steve Bruce in November 2021 and won the League Cup in March 2025 -- beating Liverpool in the final to clinch the club's first major trophy since 1969.

The former Bournemouth boss also led Newcastle to Champions League qualification in 2023 and 2025.

But hampered by star strik-

er Alexander Isak's protracted move to Liverpool, Howe came under pressure as the Magpies finished 12th in the Premier League last season, with 17 defeats in their 38 games.

Newcastle reached the Champions League last 16 but were hammered 8-3 on aggregate by Barcelona.

The club have since been depleted by the close-season departures of Italy midfielder Sandro Tonali to Tottenham and England forward Anthony Gordon to Barcelona.

Speculation continues over

the future of Newcastle captain Bruno Guimaraes, who has been linked with a move to Premier League champions Arsenal.

Howe's final match in charge was a 4-1 defeat to Championship side Bristol City in a pre-season friendly on Wednesday.

The Englishman took charge at Newcastle after they were bought by a Saudi-led consortium, ending the turbulent reign of former owner Mike Ashley and propelling the club into the ranks of the super-rich.

The Magpies were second from bottom of the Premier League, five points from safety, but finished the season in mid-table.

The new owners were not shy of stating their long-term ambitions, targeting the Premier League title within 10 years.

Howe was not able to achieve that lofty goal, but he departs widely admired for lifting Newcastle out of their decades-long malaise.

Former Newcastle striker Alan Shearer paid tribute to Howe on X, posting a picture of the outgoing Magpies boss holding up the League Cup with the caption: "Thanks Eddie. You gave us this day."

Newcastle start their Premier League campaign at home to Liverpool on August 23.