# What is the world's media saying about Bahrain's Economy?

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#### Bahrain Posts \$88mn Mid-Year Surplus as Revenues Jump

As Bahrain continues its implementation of the fiscal balance plan, spending increased by 2% in H1 2022 compared to last year while revenues increased by 52%. This resulted in a mid-year surplus of \$88mn compared to last year's deficit of \$1.4bn.

Source: Bloomberg

## Q2 2022 Tourism Revenue Increases Five-fold

Tourism revenue in Q2 2022 increased 562% year-on-year to



reach \$876mn, mainly supported by the return for the Bahrain F1 Grand Prix in March, the first race with a full audience since COVID-19. The number of visitors entering Bahrain increased by 38% during Q1 2022 to reach 2.4mn visitors.

Source: Arabian Business



### Sustainability

## Bahrain launches tender for 72 MW solar plant

The tender aims to build solar panels in the Bahrain International Circuit, University of Bahrain, Bahrain International Exhibition & Convention Centre



and Al Dana Amphitheatre. The launch of this tender comes as part of Bahrain's wider vision to achieve zero net carbon emissions by 2060.

Source: Gulf Business



#### **Real Estate**

# Bahrain sees uptick in office space demand with 5.5% jump in Q1 2022

Bahrain's real estate sector experienced increase in an demand for office space with 5.5% growth in Q1 2022 year-onyear. This expansion was driven by an improvement in economic sentiment and growth in the non-oil sector. Specifically, Grade B and Grade C project offerings across the country have seen an in occupier demand increase over the last few quarters on account of relative affordability.

> Source: Arabian Business



# Saudi Arabia, Bahrain to boost bilateral cooperation in labor sector

Saudi Arabia and Bahrain are set to further enhance their bilateral cooperation in the labor sector following a discussion on measures to boost joint efforts in this sector.

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