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Bahrain ranked second in the Arab World on the Logistics Performance Index:

The Kingdom of Bahrain ranked second in the Arab World and 34th globally in the World Bank's 2023 Logistics Performance Index. The index provides a benchmarking tool to help countries identify the challenges and opportunities they face in their performance on trade logistics. These results affirm the Kingdom of Bahrain's commitment to solidify the growth of the logistical sector through the implementation of robust strategies and initiatives.

2023 LPI scores

Economy	LPI score	Customs score	Infra-structure score	International shipments score	Logistics competence and quality score	Time-liness score	Tracking and tracing score
Singapore	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.4
Finland	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.2
Denmark	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.6	4.1	4.1	4.3
Germany	4.1	3.9	4.3	3.7	4.2	4.1	4.2
Netherlands	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.7	4.2	4.0	4.2
Switzerland	4.1	4.1	4.4	3.6	4.3	4.2	4.2
Austria	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.2
Belgium	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.0
Canada	4.0	4.0	4.3	3.6	4.2	4.1	4.1
Hong Kong SAR, China	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2
Sweden	4.0	4.0	4.2	3.4	4.2	4.2	4.1
United Arab Emirates	4.0	3.7	4.1	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.1
France	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.0
Japan	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.3	4.1	4.0	4.0
Spain	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.1
Taiwan, China	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.2
Korea, Rep.	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.8
United States	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.4	3.9	3.8	4.2
Australia	3.7	3.7	4.1	3.1	3.9	3.6	4.1
China	3.7	3.3	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.8
Greece	3.7	3.2	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9
Italy	3.7	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.9	3.9
Norway	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.0	3.8	4.0	3.7
South Africa	3.7	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.8
United Kingdom	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.7	4.0
Estonia	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.1	3.8
Iceland	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.7
Ireland	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7
Israel	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.7
Luxembourg	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.5
Malaysia	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
New Zealand	3.6	3.4	3.8	3.2	3.7	3.8	3.8
Poland	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.9	3.8
Bahrain	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.1	3.3	4.1	3.4
Latvia	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.7	4.0	3.6
Qatar	3.5	3.1	3.8	3.1	3.9	3.5	3.6
Thailand	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6
India	3.4	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.4
Lithuania	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.1

The Kingdom launched the Logistics Services Sector Strategy, as part of its wide-ranging Economic Recovery Plan, which is designed to capitalize on Bahrain's strategic geographic location, while uplifting logistical capacity across several services and expanding offerings to position the Kingdom as one of the top global destinations for logistic services. The index recorded the Kingdom's improved results across all six indicators. The most notable improvement was in the 'Timeliness' indicator which saw the Kingdom advance 58 spots to rank 10th globally out of 139 countries, despite global supply chain disruptions.

H.E. Amb. Dr. Naser Al Belooshi stressed, "This success translates into greater efficiency, lower costs, higher production rates, as well as better inventory. Bahrain continues to improve as a logistics hub for the region."

https://lpi.worldbank.org/sites/default/files/2023-04/LPI_2023_report_with_layout.pdf



His Highness Shaikh Nasser directs to establish Cybersecurity Sciences Academy:

National Security Advisor, Supreme Defence Council Secretary-General, Royal Guard Commander and Board of Trustees Chairman of the Nasser Vocational Training Centre (NVTC), Lieutenant-General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, has directed to establish a Cybersecurity Sciences Academy at NVTC, under the chairmanship of Dr. Abdulla bin Nasser Al-Nuaimi. The academy which will become one of the basic pillars of the security and technical education in Bahrain, which will enhance the kingdom's status in the field of security technology and data protection, regionally and globally. It reflects Bahrain's strategic ambition of developing cybersecurity practices in the era of the fourth Industrial Revolution that is witnessing an unprecedented digital transformation across various sectors, which requires facing its challenges by promoting a culture of cybersecurity among youngsters, as they are a key factor in achieving security and safety when using modern digital technologies. The academy will oversee future trends in adopting smart technologies that strengthen the cybersecurity system in the Kingdom, which will make it an incubator of skilled national competencies who provide innovative solutions with a positive momentum in the business sector, including data protection, internet security, network protection, cloud security, artificial intelligence, all technologies that will contribute to shape the Kingdom's cyber future horizons.

H.E. Amb. Dr. Naser Al Belooshi highlighted that: "This is a domain where Italy can play a vital role through cooperation with important partners like Leonardo".

<https://www.bna.bh/en/HHShaikhNasserdirectstoestablishCybersecuritySciencesAcademyatNVTC.aspx?cms=q8FmFJgiscL2fwLzON1%2bDtUH89TD0T6yqGjykhWI93s%3d>



Bahrain Ranks 1st Globally as the Best Destination for Getting Started Abroad in 2023:

The Kingdom of Bahrain has cemented its business-friendly reputation, ranking 1st globally as the 'Best Destination for Getting Started Abroad' in 2023, according to the Expat Essentials Index published by InterNations. The milestone ranking of first in the overall index, which places Bahrain firmly ahead of leading countries including the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Singapore, Saudi Arabia, and Canada, is based on a comprehensive survey that analyses the performance of countries across several key indices, resulting in a comparative scale on both regional and international levels. Citing Bahrain as the 'ideal place for easy beginnings', the index surveyed foreigners across 52 countries in the world, rating each destination based on vital aspects typically associated with settling into a country. Alongside its global ranking of 1st overall, the Kingdom additionally ranked 1st in MENA and 11th globally for Digital Life, a testament to Bahrain's advanced financial and digital infrastructure and progressive regulatory framework. The survey scored countries across four key pillars, analyzing aspects including digital readiness, online government services, ease of digital payments, ease of opening a bank account and obtaining a visa.

H.E. Amb. Dr. Naser Al Belooshi affirmed that: "Bahrain is a true open society and attractive environment for business".

<https://www.bahrainedb.com/latest-news/bahrain-ranks-1st-globally-as-the-best-destination-for-getting-started-abroad-in-2023>



Bahrain launches Golden License to attract large-scale investment projects:

Bahrain today announced the launch of a Golden License, providing incentives and streamlined services to foreign and local businesses with large-scale investment projects in Bahrain, in an important step in the country's pursuit to incentivise investments and boost job creation under its fiscal and economic reforms. The move builds upon the growing investment attractiveness of Bahrain, which has recently recorded its

highest Real GDP growth rate in almost a decade. Companies with major investment and strategic projects that will create more than 500 jobs in Bahrain, or those with investment value exceeding USD 50 million, will be eligible for the License. With the License, companies will enjoy a wide range of privileges and benefits, including prioritized allocation of land for investments, infrastructure services and utilities. They will also have streamlined access to government services - including business licensing and building permit approval, as well as support from Bahrain's Labour Fund, Tamkeen, and Bahrain Development Bank.

H.E. Amb. Dr. Naser Al Belooshi affirmed that: "In addition to a long list of benefits by investing in Bahrain, the Golden License add more to these benefits. The details are available with our office of the Bahrain Economic Development Board (Mr. Davide Allegra - davide.allegra@bahrainedb.com)".

<https://www.bahrainedb.com/latest-news/the-kingdom-of-bahrain-launches-golden-license-to-attract-large-scale-investment-projects>