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Tweet of the Day



Come on Republican Senators, you can do it on Healthcare. After 7 years, this is your chance to shine! Don't let the American people down!

@realDonaldTrump

Today's Weather

	Max	Min
	42 °C	32 °C

## Top Mideast expert leaves White House post

Washington

The White House yesterday announced the departure of a contentious top Middle East advisor, Derek Harvey, from Donald Trump's National Security Council staff. "The administration is working with Colonel Harvey to identify positions in which his background and expertise can be best utilized," the White House said. Harvey was one of the few allies of ousted national security advisor Michael Flynn, who remained in White House.

# Siberell to be US Ambassador to Bahrain

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US President Donald Trump has selected career diplomat Justin Siberell as his pick to serve as the Ambassador to Bahrain.

Siberell, who speaks Arabic, is currently the acting coordinator for counter-terrorism at the Bureau of Counter-terrorism at the US State Department. He had six postings in the Middle East.

An approval from the Senate is required before he is confirmed as the next ambassador to Bahrain.

"Siberell, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, has served as an American diplomat since 1993. He is currently the Acting Coordinator for Counter-terrorism, in US Department of State," the White House said in a statement. "Through

six postings in Middle East countries, Siberell has developed a deep knowledge of the Gulf States and critical American interests in the region. He has led large, diverse organizations in Washington and abroad and has created unified, resilient, and highly productive interagency teams addressing challenges in high-threat environments. Siberell earned a BA in History from the University of California at

Berkeley. He speaks Spanish and Arabic," the White house said.

Currently William Roebuck, who arrived in Bahrain on January 8, 2015, is the current US Ambassador to Bahrain. Former President Obama nominated Roebuck in June 2014 and his appointment to Bahrain was confirmed by Senate in November that year and the Senate confirmed his appointment in November.



Justin Siberell

## 11th Hour

### 4-year-old boy drowns in swimming pool

A four-year-old boy drowned in a swimming pool in the Northern Governorate yesterday. Interior Ministry confirmed the incident that occurred in Malikiya village. It said that the "relevant procedures have been taken". No further information was available.



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Man jailed for attempt to bribe cop at airport



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Jordan King urges Netanyahu to put the guard on trial

# Saudi King's efforts ease Al Aqsa crisis

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The intervention of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud helped defuse the Al-Aqsa Holy Mosque crisis and the political and religious tensions, the Saudi Royal Court said in a statement yesterday.

The Saudi King had been in contact with the United States and other world powers over the past few days to try to prevent Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City being closed to Muslims and to defuse the tensions, the statement said.

"Saudi Arabia contacted the US administration to exert its efforts for not closing the Al-Aqsa Mosque for Muslims, not prevent them from performing their duties and prayers, and cancel restrictions being imposed on the entry to the Mosque. The efforts have been culminated with success today and in a way that contributed to restore stability and tranquillity to worshippers and preserve their



King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud dignity and security," the Saudi Royal Court said in the statement.

Israel overnight removed all security infrastructure it had put in place this month at Muslim entrances to the Al-Aqsa mosque compound and on Thursday Muslim worshippers started to return to the compound to pray.

Saudi Arabia is custodian of Islam's most revered places in Mecca and Medina while Jordan is the custodian of Al-Aqsa mosque, its third

holiest site, which is also revered by Jews. King Salman contacted the U.S. government and called for an end to restrictions on entry to the mosque, the statement said, saying that developments showed this push had been successful. The king "stressed the need for the return of calm," and called for respect for the sanctity of the compound, it said.

"The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia affirms the right of Muslims in Al-Aqsa Holy Mosque and the performance of their worship in it with ease and tranquillity. The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud stressed the need for the return of calm at Al-Aqsa Mosque and its surroundings, the respect for the sanctity of the place, and that Muslims must return to enter the mosque and perform

worship in it with all security, tranquility and peace effective from today. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia emphasizes the importance of achieving a just and comprehensive peace in accordance with the Arab peace initiative, the vision of a two-state solution and the relevant resolutions of the international legitimacy," the Royal Court statement said.

## His Majesty lauds Saudi King

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has lauded the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud's efforts that resulted in cancelling the restrictions imposed by the Israeli Occupation Forces on entry to Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Those efforts embody King Salman's pivotal leadership of the Islamic nation as well as the distinguished religious status enjoyed by sisterly Saudi Arabia at the regional

and global arenas, HM the King said.

The Saudi monarch's endeavours also reflect the leading role played by Saudi Arabia in serving Islam and Muslims, and in defending the Muslim nation's causes and protecting its holy sites, HM King Hamad added.

HM the King stressed Bahrain's support to Saudi Arabia's efforts as well as all to those exerted by regional and international parties to reach a just and comprehensive peace in the region.