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King Hamad, Saudi King hold talks



Saudi King King Hamad

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud yesterday exchanged greetings over the phone on the occasion of Eid Al Adha.

HM, the King wished King Salman, who left the hospital after undergoing successful surgery, abundant health, happiness, wellness and long life.

His Majesty also wished the two brotherly countries, people, as well as the Arab and Islamic nations, further progress and prosperity.

King Salman thanked HM King's genuine fraternal feelings as the embodiment of deep-rooted solid brotherly ties and prayed to Allah the Almighty to bless HM King Hamad and Bahrain with further progress and prosperity.

General killed for exposing Qatari funding of ISIS: report



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The bombshell revelations were published Nordic Monitor

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A Turkish general who discovered Qatari involvement in militant groups in Syria, as well as Turkey's role in oil-smuggling operation from Syria with ISIS, has been executed, says Nordic Monitor.

The bombshell revelations were published by Nordic Research and Monitoring Network citing court testimony of Col. Firat Alakus of Turkish Special forces Command, Özel Kuvvetler Komutanlığı, or ÖKK, on March 20, 2019.

In the transcript of the testimony published by the Swedish-based network, Alakus reveals that Lt. Gen. Zekai Aksakallı, in charge of the ÖKK at the time, ordered the assassination of Brig. Gen. Semih Terzi because Terzi discovered that Aksakallı was working

secretly with Turkey's National Intelligence Organisation (MIT) in running illegal and clandestine operations in Syria for personal gain while dragging Turkey deeper into the Syrian civil war.

"[Terzi] knew how much of the funding delivered [to Turkey] by Qatar for the purpose of purchasing weapons and ammunition for the opposition was actually used for that and how much of it was actually used by public officials, how much was embezzled," Col. Alaku was quoted as saying in the confession by Nordic Monitor.

The report citing Alakus also tells that Qatari case was only one example of how funds were misdirected and that there were other countries whose funds were also misappropriated.

Terzi, the report says, knew all the dirty dealings of Turkish intelligence and Alaku, who was in a position to know about secret dealings as head of the ÖKK intelligence unit

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Satan stoned



Pilgrims throw stones at a large pillar symbolising the devil.- AFP

Last major rite of Hajj completed

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Pilgrims yesterday "stoned the devil" with sanitised pebbles marking the last major ritual of the Hajj, which was attended by up to 10,000.

Instead of gathering the pebbles themselves as in past years, they were handed them bagged and sterilised by Hajj authorities, to protect against the novel coronavirus.

Masked pilgrims, clad in white and spaced apart on marked spots to observe social distancing, threw seven stones each at a wall symbolising Satan. After the stoning ritual, pilgrims returned to the Grand Mosque in Mecca to perform a final "tawaf" or circling of the Kaaba.

Holding the ritual in the shadow of the pandemic required "double efforts" by Saudi authorities, King Salman said, a day after being discharged from hospital following surgery to remove his gall bladder.

"The Hajj this year was restricted to a very limited number of people from multiple nationalities, ensuring the ritual was completed despite the difficult circumstances," said the

kingdom's 84-year-old ruler.

His speech, read out on state television by the acting media minister, came on the occasion of Eid al-Adha, the festival of sacrifice which began yesterday. This year, the Saudi is covering the expenses of all pilgrims, providing them with meals, hotel accommodation and health care, worshippers said. (Continued on page 2)

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SAUDI KING SALMAN



Restrictions imposed by the Saudi authorities to avoid a coronavirus outbreak saw a trickle of pilgrims scale Mount Arafat for the high point of the Hajj compared with the sea of faithful last year. - AFP

For a safe Eid

Stay at home, make virtual visits, to beat pandemic: Imam

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Al-Fateh Grand Mosque Imam yesterday called on all to stay at home and make use of virtual means to communicate with friends and relatives amid the deadly outbreak.

"Stay at home, except for limited purposes, during the current exceptional circumstances created by the novel

coronavirus (COVID-19)," said Shaikh Adnan bin Abdulla Al-Qattan during Eid Al-Adha and Friday sermons.

"It's the best means to protect the health and safety of everyone," he said affirming that Islamic Sharia and the Sunnah of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) urge adopting means to reach an end.

He also called for supplicating to Allah the Almighty to lift the pandemic.



Grand Mosque Imam, Shaikh Adnan

Everybody should "commit to the health guidelines issued by the relevant authorities," the Imam said.

True believers place their trust in Allah the Almighty, he said noting that epidemics will disappear and joy and happiness will return.

The Imam also urged to pay no heed to rumours and inaccurate news on social media or spread them by reposting.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL CASES
40,982

ACTIVE CASES
2,995

DEATHS
147

DISCHARGED
37,840

NEW CASES
227

CRITICAL
41

210 fils (includes VAT)



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