

HM the King appoints new undersecretary

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued Royal Order 10/2021 appointing Dr Khalifa bin Ali Al Fadhel as Undersecretary for Planning, Studies and Follow-up at the Royal Court.

The Minister of Royal Court will implement the Order that will come into effect from the date of its issuance and that will be published in the Official Gazette, the Order stipulated.



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HRH Prince Salman thanked by Kuwait

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received a cable of thanks from Kuwait Amir, His Highness Shaikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, in reply to HRH's congratulations on Kuwait's National Day. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister received a similar cable of thanks from the Crown Prince of Kuwait, His Highness Shaikh Mishal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah.



HRH Prince Salman



Kuwait Amir

HRH Princess Sabeeka hails Zayed

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Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and Supreme Council For Women (SCW) President, sent a cable of congratulations to Shura Council Member, Chairperson of the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee Dalal Jassim Al Zayed, on being conferred the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (AIPU) Parliamentary Excellence Award 2020.

Editors-in-Chief praise national efforts to cushion pandemic impact

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Editors-in-Chief of local newspapers praised the national anti-pandemic efforts, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, particularly the contributions of health workers.

This came as they paid a visit yesterday to the Operations Room of the National Medical Taskforce to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19) at the Crown Prince Centre for Training and Medical Research, where they were informed about its work mechanisms, various sections, as well as strategies and plans



Editors-in-Chief being briefed on efforts against COVID-19

to deal with the pandemic.

They expressed pride in the high preparedness of the national cadres at the Centre to deal with COVID-19, which contributed to protecting the safety and health of the citizens and residents, and earned Bahrain international acclaim.

Al-Ayam's Editor-in-Chief Isa Al Shayji said Bahrain has set the example to be emulated in dealing with the pandemic, noting the distinguished performance of the national competencies has contributed to protecting public health and the economy.

Social housing pilot project for Bahrainis

Housing Ministry signs Al Namal Contracting and Trading Company to build 132 units on government-owned land in Al Lawzi



Minister Al Hamar and Dr Kurian sign the agreement as Undersecretary Shaikh Khalid looks on

● Programme launched in cooperation with private sector as part of efforts to achieve HM King's order to build 40,000 houses

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The Housing Ministry yesterday signed the first contract of the pilot phase of the Government-owned lands' development programme, with the private sector.

Under the contract, the Al Namal Contracting and Trading Company will build 132 housing units on a government-owned land in Al Lawzi, including the necessary infrastructure. The units will then be sold to the citizens, who are on the waiting lists, by receiving one of the Ministry's financing programmes.

The agreement was signed by Housing Minister Bassim bin Yacoub Al Hamar and Al

Namal Contracting and Trading Company's Dr Varghese Kurian, in the presence of the Housing Ministry's Undersecretary Shaikh Khalid bin Hmood Al Khalifa.

The scheme was launched by the Housing Ministry as one of the initiatives aimed at involving real estate developers and contracting companies to implement social housing projects for the citizens who meet the eligibility criteria.

The Minister said that the programme is launched in cooperation with the private sector as part of efforts to achieve HM the King's order to build 40,000 housing units, noting that the scheme is among the priorities of the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, being among the innovated solutions to provide social housing.

Al Hamar added that the ongoing partnership with the private sector has contributed to delivering more than 7,000 housing services.



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He indicated that upon the successful completion of the pilot project, similar housing projects will be implemented across other governorates, with a plan to build 15,000 units on state-owned land plots, which will provide the beneficiaries with more housing units at competitive prices.

Bahrain congratulates Bosnia and Herzegovina

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratu-

lations to the Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Milorad Dodik, on his country's Independence Day.

HM King Hamad and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister extended their best wishes

of good health and happiness to President Dodik on the national occasion.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister sent a similar cable of congratulations to the Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Zoran Tegeltija.

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