

**Lulu Group and Gulf Air bring in second consignment of food**



Lulu Group has once again partnered with national carrier Gulf Air to airlift a second consignment of food to the Kingdom. This is part of Lulu Group's commitment to help maintain the food security of Bahrain, and is an initiative spearheaded by #TeamBahrain amidst the global outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The special cargo shipment arrived yesterday on a chartered Gulf Air Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner from India, which further solidifies the shared goal between Gulf Air and Lulu Group to serve the people of the Kingdom. Above, the chartered Gulf Air Dreamliner with the second food consignment from Lulu Group

**Fresh produce weighing 4,000kg imported**



National carrier Gulf Air and Bahraini food supplier All Food Company yesterday imported approximately 4,000kg worth of fresh produce from Europe, using Gulf Air's flagship Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner. Gulf Air and All Food Co., in an initiative spearheaded by Team Bahrain, are working together to ensure that the global outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) does not affect Bahrain's food security. Gulf Air invites Bahraini food suppliers to utilise its cargo operations, which are dedicated to ensuring a stable and safe food supply chain. Left, the consignment of Gulf Air and All Food Co. being offloaded from the plane

**BDF chief receives health council president**



Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received yesterday Supreme Council for Health president Lt-General Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa. Shaikh Khalifa lauded the council's considerable efforts to develop and enhance the health services provided to citizens and residents in the Bahrain. Left, Shaikh Khalifa, left, with Dr. Shaikh Mohammed

**HM the King ratifies, issues law**

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday ratified and issued Law 6 for 2020, amending Paragraph "a" of Article 284 of the Commercial Companies Law issued by Decree Law 21 for 2001.

Article One of the Law stipulates that Paragraph "a" of Article 284 of the Commercial

Companies Law issued by Decree Law 21 for 2001 is replaced by the following paragraph:

"Each partner shall have the right to attend the meetings of the general assembly either in person or by his proxy, provided that the proxy shall not be from among the members of the control board, the company's manager, or among the company's employees. The special proxy shall be in writing and

prepared by the company for this purpose. Each partner shall have a number of votes equal to the shares he owns in the company."

Article Two states that the Prime Minister and the Ministers, each in their capacity, shall implement the provisions of the law that shall come into effect on the day following its publication in the Official Gazette.

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**\$1.25 billion bond repaid**

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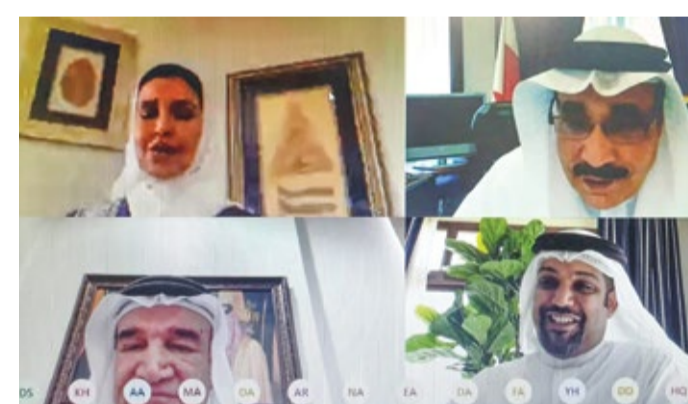
The Ministry of Finance and National Economy announced yesterday that it had repaid an international \$1.25 billion bond that reached maturity on March 31.

The ministry said that the successful repayment demonstrates the strength and robustness of the Kingdom's Fiscal Balance Programme, particularly in light of current market conditions caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The programme incorporates plans to enable the Kingdom to service its funding requirements whilst balancing fiscal consolidation with continued economic growth.

The Finance Ministry added that the long-term fiscal plan, launched in October 2018, had intentionally built in backstops and necessary resilience to service Bahrain's financing needs over the course of the programme, including in times of challenging market conditions and economic volatility.

The Kingdom's planned funding needs over the course of the programme are serviced through market access twice



A screenshot of the video conference

yearly, and through funds received from Saudi Arabia, the UAE and the State of Kuwait, as part of the Financial Support Agreement.

The Finance Ministry added that the Kingdom's funding strategy is calibrated to efficiently tap financial markets at optimal times.

Meanwhile, Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa yesterday held a video conference with Minister of Labour and Social Development Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan and members of the Shura Council Services Committee.

Among the issues discussed

was the draft-law to withdraw BD215 million from the unemployment fund to pay for the salaries of Bahrainis in the private sector for three months (April to June).

Shaikh Salman underlined the importance of the draft-law, which has been referred to the Shura Council, in supporting citizens in the private sector.

It is a part of measures accompanying the BD4.3 billion stimulus package approved in accordance with Royal directives to unify national efforts to confront the effects of COVID-19, and to protect the health and safety of the citizens and residents.