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**Airport now open for transit passengers**

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The Civil Aviation Affairs issued a circular yesterday stating that transit passengers of all nationalities are now permitted to travel through Bahrain International Airport.

This has been implemented since Friday.

The circular stated that the entry of travelers to Bahrain would remain restricted to Bahraini citizens, residents of the Kingdom, and those holding a letter of prior permission to enter.

**Recovered COVID-19 cases in Bahrain reaches 423**

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The number of people who have recovered from the coronavirus (COVID-19) in Bahrain reached 423 as of late last night.

This was announced by the Ministry of Health.

It follows the discharge of an additional 24 patients from isolation and treatment centres, the Ministry said on social media.

According to the Health Ministry's official website, the total number of active cases was 261, all but three of which were stable.

Among the active cases are a pair of Bahraini infants aged just three and four months.

The three-month-old is a boy who tested positive as a contact of two other positive cases, one of whom has already been discharged. The four-month-old is a girl who also tested positive as a contact of two other cases, one of whom has also already recovered.

The number of total tested reached 39,379.



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His Royal Highness the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa stressed yesterday that the world needs to enhance cooperation and human solidarity on the basis of a sincere conscience that promotes benevolence and hope.

This, in light of the present global challenges and exceptional circumstances, bolsters humanity's quest for growth and advancement.

"The world today is facing major transformations, unlike anything it has ever seen before, because of the spread of the coronavirus and the heavy losses it has inflicted," HRH the Premier said. "This requires a clear joint visualisation to contain all the threats that humanity faces."

HRH the Premier was speaking in a message to the world marking the International Day of Conscience (IDC), which is to be observed every April 5.

HRH the Prime Minister stressed the importance of the value of conscience as a human pivot that alerts the world to the necessity of shouldering its collective responsibilities towards everything that could bring human beings closer, and fulfill aspirations for growth and stability.

HRH the Prime Minister expressed hope that the IDC, which was the product of a personal initiative on his part, will be a factor that contributes to the achievement of joint aspirations for a world of peace and harmony.

"Our initiative in calling for the observance of an IDC stems from the values, principles, civilisation, and historical heritage of the Kingdom of Bahrain which combines culture, heritage, and the principles of true Islamic religion," HRH Premier said.

"Bahrain has lived and continues to live as a cohesive, developing society based on diversity and the multiplicity of civilisations and cul-

**A message to the world**

HRH the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa marks International Day of Conscience, which promotes peace and harmony



HRH the Prime Minister

tures," the Prime Minister added.

HRH the Premier noted that these values have been enshrined by the Kingdom of Bahrain under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. They were further entrenched in the National Action Charter and the Constitution, which have bolstered the values of freedom, equality, and justice for all.

"Only a reassured and truthful conscience can uphold righteousness and inspire humanity in dealing with the crises of poverty and epidemics, as well as in attaining

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sustainable peace," he said.

HRH the Prime Minister stressed that we are facing a major responsibility towards the world's future and that the international community - on the IDC and on every single day - must seek, under the umbrella of the United Nations, to lead and pioneer on the road of righteousness and to combat evil trends.

HRH the Prime Minister urged intellectuals, thinkers, and the social elite to undertake a pioneering role in promoting determination and harnessing the philosophy of

conscience to serve humanitarian objectives and develop joint international perceptions promoting security and reassurance.

He emphasised the necessity to maximise all the potentials for change and the incentives for development that seek the welfare and happiness of humans.

"Conscience will continue to be a beautiful illumination within human beings that promotes good deeds and is based on them," the Prime Minister said.

He noted that the conditions in the world today, after the spread of coronavirus, have enhanced joint efforts and bolstered human unity in facing this threat, which makes no distinction on the basis of race, colour or creed.

HRH the Prime Minister said that the world needs today to draft new strategies that bolster the concept of "global health security". He added that the lesson gained from this crisis is that globalisation, in its traditional sense that is based on control and subservience, no longer has any place in today's world which is witnessing what might be called a shift towards "humanitarian globalisation".

HRH the Prime Minister again thanked the UN for its pioneering role in advancing knowledge and the culture of peace.

**Arab League welcomes IDC**

The Arab League welcomed the declaration of April 5 as the International Day of Conscience (IDC), following an initiative by His Royal Highness the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

Arab League secretary general Ahmed Abul Gheit yesterday commended the initiative, which, he said, reflects an accurate understanding of the values that the world needs nowadays to instill international order, as well as strengthen relations between states and peoples.



In a statement reported by the Middle East News Agency (MENA), he said that COVID-19

pandemic is a wake-up call to realise that all humanity is in one boat and that solidarity is the only way to escape from major crises.

The United Nations (UN) General Assembly last year endorsed HRH the Premier's initiative announcing April 5 as the IDC - an annual occasion to harness international efforts to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity in order to build a sustainable world based on peace and solidarity.

**Bahraini citizens in Jordan and Saudi Arabia brought back home**

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Bahrain's embassies in Jordan and Saudi Arabia yesterday facilitated the safe return of Bahraini citizens as part of ongoing national efforts in light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Both embassies worked in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Health. The embassy in Jordan provided the Bahraini nationals

with all the basic needs and supplies while in Amman, following the outbreak of COVID-19.

Bahrain Ambassador to Jordan Ahmed bin Yusuf Al Rowaie affirmed that the embassy continues to support all nationals until their return to the Kingdom. He also expressed thanks and appreciation to the relevant authorities of both countries for their cooperation during the evacuation process. Meanwhile, the embassy in



Officials check the temperature of a young boy as he is brought back to Bahrain with his family from Saudi

Saudi facilitated the return of a number of Bahrainis stranded in Riyadh through the King Fahad Causeway. Bahrain Ambassador to Saudi Shaikh Hmood bin Abdullah Al Khalifa affirmed the embassy's keenness to facilitate the safe return of Bahraini nationals still currently present there.

He too expressed his thanks and appreciation to all the authorities in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia for their cooperation in the repatriation.

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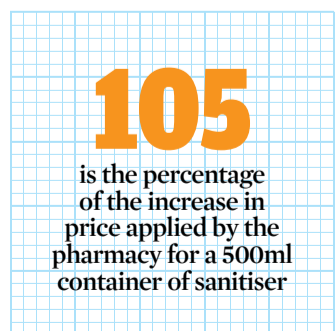
**Pharmacy in Riffa shut down for violating consumer protection laws**

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A pharmacy in Riffa was shut down last night for violating consumer protection laws.

The Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism closed the store after it was found to have raised the prices of sanitisers without official authorisation in an effort to take advantage of the current situation relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The Ministry said that the pharmacy was selling the disinfectant in



a container of 250ml in volume at a price that was 81 per cent higher than the regular cost.

Meanwhile, the price of the same product in a larger volume of 500ml was hiked by 105 per cent of the original cost.

The Ministry slammed the greedy hiking of prices as an irresponsible and unacceptable act. It had stated recently that such actions would be addressed with zero tolerance, especially at a time when such goods are necessary and are



A picture of the Ministry's notice of the closure of the pharmacy

in great demand as the public tries to maintain its health and safety

amidst the COVID-19 fight.

The Ministry asserted that it is proceeding with its inspection plans to ensure the full compliance of pharmacies, shops, markets and various outlets with regular prices of all kinds of essential goods.

The Ministry will take all legal measures to deter violators.

The Ministry calls on all stores, before offering any commodity, to take into account a reasonable profit margin and not exaggerate prices, in order to serve public interest.