

**Royal Order adjourns fifth legislative term third session**



HRH Prince Salman

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued Royal Order 21/2021 bringing to a close the third session of the fifth legislative term of the Shura and Representatives Councils on May 11.

The order will be published in the Official Gazette, the Order stipulated.

HM the King and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received cables of thanks from Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh and Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal.

On behalf of Shura Council members, Al Saleh hailed the royal support to the legislative branch of government for the sake of the Kingdom and its loyal people to continue the march of development and progress.

Speaker Zainal praised the royal support to the Council of Representatives for the good of the Kingdom and the people.

# Royal gesture on Eid Al Fitr

HM King issues order to distribute gifts to widows and orphans registered with Royal Humanitarian Foundation

● **HH Shaikh Nasser to oversee distribution**

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued an order to distribute Eid Al Fitr gifts to all widows and orphans, who are registered with the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF).

HM the King directed the RHF, led by his Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, National Security Advisor and RHF's Board of Trustees Chairman, HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, to oversee the distribution of the royal gifts to all beneficiaries.

On the occasion, HH Shaikh



HM the King

Nasser extended deepest congratulations to HM King Hamad on Eid Al Fitr, praying to Allah the almighty to bless HM the King with abundant health and happiness, and to protect Bahrain and its people from all evil.

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the King's constant fatherly interest in RHF-sponsored families, keenness to share with them various occasions, including Eid Al Fitr, and directives to provide distinguished services and care for those families to ensure decent and stable life for



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RHF's Secretary-General Dr Mustafa Al Sayed extended congratulations to HM the King and HH Shaikh Nasser on Eid Al Fitr.

He pointed out that HM King Hamad is always keen to provide all kinds of interest and care for the citizens, particularly widows and orphans, citing the constant royal directives to provide them with various services.

Dr Al Sayed affirmed that the annual royal kind gesture is in line with HM the King's fatherly interest in RHF-sponsored families and desire to share with them the joy of Eid Al Fitr, which, he said, has a positive impact on the beneficiaries.

He added that HM the King is keen on providing all kinds of care to the citizens under various circumstances.

## Decree establishes General Sports Authority

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday issued Decree 61/2021, establishing the General Sports Authority (GSA).

The General Sports Authority shall be affiliated with the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports.

The minister in charge of sports affairs shall be respon-

sible for GSA before the Cabinet and the Legislative Branch.

The GSA shall have a board of directors comprising nine members, including the chairman, the deputy chairman and the minister. They will be appointed as per a royal decree, based on the nomination of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, and serve for a renewable four-year term.

It shall also have a chief executive officer, appointed as per a

royal decree, based on the nomination of the board of trustees and the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports.

His Majesty also issued decree 63 of 2021 repealing clause 5 of paragraph 4 of article 1 of decree 17 of 2019, restructuring the Ministry of Youth and Sport Affairs.

His Majesty issued Decree 65/2021, appointing Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa and Abdullatif Jassim

Al Sakran as Ambassadors at the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

HM the King ratified and issued Law 10/2021, endorsing the Air Services Agreement between Bahrain and Italy.

Decree-Law 3/2001 on ratifying the Air Transportation Agreement between Bahrain and Italy shall be abrogated.

HM the King issued Decree 60/2021, appointing Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khal-

ifa as Secretary-General of the Higher Education Council.

His Majesty issued Decree 59/2021, forming the Board of Trustees of the Higher Education Council, under the chairmanship of Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi. They will serve for a four-year term.

HM the King issued Decree 64/2021, re-structuring the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA).

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## HRH Princess Sabeeka hails Dr Shaikha Rana

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Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women, sent a cable of congratulations to SCW member Dr Shaikha

Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa on the issuance of a royal decree appointing her Secretary General of the Higher Education Council. HRH Princess Sabeeka described the appointment as a reflection of keenness to honour the female Bahraini compe-

tencies for their contribution to the kingdom's growth.

HRH lauded the tireless efforts of Dr Shaikha Rana throughout her academic and work march, wishing her every success in assuming her new duties.

## Interior Minister receives EU delegation head



Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa received the head of the European Union delegation to Bahrain, based in Riyadh, Ambassador Patrick Simonnet. The meeting reviewed topics of shared interests, including the outcomes of the visit of some envoys accredited in Bahrain to the Reformation and Rehabilitation Centre in Jaw, in which they were briefed on procedures and the services provided to inmates per the precautionary measures against COVID-19. Chief of Public Security Lt-General Tariq Al Hassan attended the meeting.

## Half a million take two COVID vaccine doses

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Half a million people have so far taken two COVID-19 vaccine doses and completed a two-week period after the second dose, making up 44% of the population eligible for vaccination, said the Ministry of Health. In a statement yesterday, the Ministry said that the number of vaccinated people reflects the extent of aware-

ness and responsibility among citizens and residents of the importance of vaccination and its role in supporting national efforts to combat the pandemic.

The drive also confirms the positive response and interaction with the national vaccination campaign and its goals in immunising society and preserving the safety of everyone, said the Ministry.

It indicated that the nation-

al campaign aimsto vaccinate the largest segment of eligible categories in order to enhance immunity to combat the virus to protect public health and safety.

It stressed the efficacy of various types of vaccines available in the Kingdom of Bahrain, stressing the importance of acquired community immunity which contributes to reducing transmission rates and eradicating pandemic