

# Royal help for needy families

HM King orders Ramadan gift for Royal Humanitarian Foundation-sponsored Bahraini families

● More than 11,000 orphans and widows to benefit from annual royal blessings

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's Ramadan gift this year will help more than 11,000 orphans and widows.

HM King ordered the distribution of the annual donation to the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF)-sponsored families, marking the advent of the Holy Month of Ramadan.

His Majesty directed RHF, under the chairmanship of his representative for humanitarian work and youth affairs and RHF board chairman HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, to oversee the distribution of gifts



HM the King

for Bahraini families.

Shaikh Nasser expressed sincere gratitude and appreciation to HM the King, RHF honorary president, for his paternal care and constant keenness to share with the RHF-sponsored families

bliss of the Holy Month of Ramadan.

Shaikh Nasser pointed out that the yearly royal gift is given by HM the King to provide a decent life to the Bahraini people as well as care and support to



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the orphans and widows.

RHF Secretary General Dr Mustafa Al Sayed said HM the King has always been keen on sharing with the RHF-sponsored families all occasions, including Ramadan.

The royal annual gift emanates from His Majesty's care and aims to ensure decently stable livelihood for all citizens, he added.

# New intensified efforts to combat coronavirus

● National taskforce to implement additional responses from first day of Eid Al-Fitr

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The National Medical Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has announced additional responses to be implemented starting from the first day of the Eid Al-Fitr holiday.

These include restricting some indoor services; those who are 14 days post their second dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccination; those who have recovered from the virus; and those below the age of 18 accompanied by a qualifying parent or guardian. The vaccination certificates are to be presented using the 'BeAware' application.

The following indoor services will require presentation of vaccination certificates: indoor

dining services, indoor gymnasiums, indoor swimming pools, cinemas, spas, indoor children's play leisure centres, indoor events and conference halls, and a fan attendance at sporting events.

The taskforce underscored the importance of abiding by health and social distancing guidelines, while all outdoor; dining in cafes and restaurants, gyms and sports stadiums, swimming pools, playgrounds, leisure and entertainment centres, and cinemas will be permitted for all.

With regards to PCR tests for those arriving to the Kingdom of Bahrain these will no longer be required for those who are vaccinated or those who have recovered from the virus, where vaccination certificates can be presented via the 'BeAware' application, starting from the first day of the Eid Al-Fitr holiday.

All decisions will remain subject to periodic review, in a manner that preserves the health and safety of all.

# Ways to bolster Bahrain and Saudi Arabia ties discussed

● HRH Prince Salman receives Saudi Arabia's Foreign Affairs Minister

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Highness Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah Al Saud, at Riffa Palace.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted the depth of historic ties between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which continue to receive the unwavering support of both His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

His Royal Highness noted the importance of furthering relations in support of shared



HRH Prince Salman with HH Prince Faisal

visions and common interests. HH Prince Faisal extended the greetings of King Salman to HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, during which His Royal Highness extended his greetings to both the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and the Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

His Royal Highness noted that the security interests of both countries are identical with shared objectives in facing various challenges, including combating terrorism in all its

forms. HRH Prince Salman highlighted the Saudi-Bahraini Coordination Council's pivotal role in forming joint sub-committees to progress the Council's initiatives, including strengthening economic and industrial cooperation, as well as trade movements across land and sea.

He underscored the importance of the King Fahd Causeway as vital to maintaining connectivity between the two countries, and the role of the upcoming King Hamad Causeway in furthering economic, trade and industrial ties.

# HRH Prince Salman receives outgoing US 5th Fleet Commander

● Importance of strengthening Bahrain-US cooperation discussed

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and Prime Minister, yesterday met with the outgoing Commander of the US Naval Forces Central Command and US 5th Fleet, Vice Admiral Samuel Paparo, at Riffa Palace.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted the depth of relations between the Kingdom of Bah-



HRH Prince Salman with Vice Admiral Paparo

rain and the US and the importance of further strengthening cooperation across various sectors, including military and defence cooperation.

His Royal Highness noted the Vice Admiral's efforts during his tenure in bolstering security ties, and wished him further success in his future role.

Regional and International

issues of common interest were also discussed.

Vice Admiral Paparo expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to meet with HRH the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and Prime Minister, and noted the unwavering support he received during his tenure in furthering Bahrain-US relations.

## HH Shaikh Nasser attends Serbian military parade

His Majesty the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa attended, at the invitation of Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic, the parade which was held at the military airport, on the sidelines of his official visit to Serbia. HH Shaikh Nasser witnessed several military shows, conducted by units of the Serbian army. He also took stock of the Serbian-manufactured military equipment and was briefed about the advanced weaponry. (Bahrain and Serbia keen to strengthen cooperation - Page 4)



## Foreign Minister Al Zayani arrives in India to attend joint meeting



Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani arrived yesterday in India, to head the Kingdom's delegation to the third meeting of the High Joint Commission between Bahrain and India, which will be held today. Upon his arrival, the Minister was received by the Joint Secretary of the Gulf Division of the External Affairs Ministry, and the Ambassador of Bahrain in New Delhi, Abdulrahman bin Mohammed Al Qoud, India Ambassador Piyush Srivastava, as well as senior officials of India's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## HM King's Diplomatic Affairs Advisor receives Italian Ambassador



Advisor to HM the King for Diplomatic Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, received Italian Ambassador to Bahrain Paola Amadei. Shaikh Khalid stressed the importance of the deep-rooted relations between Bahrain and Italy and expressed his satisfaction with their bilateral cooperation across all areas. The Ambassador highlighted Italy's keenness to develop further the friendly relations between the two countries on all levels.