

**Bahrain crash out of FIFA Arab Cup**

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Kingdom's senior men's national football team dealt disappointing 0-3 loss to Oman in final Group A fixture in Doha P12

Next pandemic could be more lethal than COVID, vaccine creator says

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Alec Baldwin hits back at George Clooney's response to 'Rust' shooting

Abu Dhabi reaches record peak; STC weighs on Saudi

**Bahrain 'first' in global COVID-19 recovery rate**

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Bahrain has ranked first globally in the Nikkei COVID-19 Recovery Index for the Month of November.

It comes following a drop in active COVID-19 cases, increase in vaccination rollout, and adherence to health precautionary measures.

The Kingdom's performance, ranking first out of 122 countries, demonstrates its progressive role in spearheading COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

The global ranking follows

Bahrain's efforts in exceeding three million vaccination doses (first, second and booster), according to the Health Ministry statistics.

The index ranks 122 countries across three categories: infection management, vaccine rollouts and social mobility at the end of each month.

**HRH Prince Salman highlights growing Bahrain-Russia relations and cooperation**

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has highlighted the continual growth of Bahrain-Russia relations, and noted the importance of furthering joint cooperation and coordination across all levels to benefit both countries and their peoples.

This came as HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister yesterday met with the Speaker of the Federation Council of the Russian Federal Assembly,



HRH Prince Salman with Speaker Matvienko

Valentina Matvienko, at Gudai-biya Palace.

During the meeting, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister received a handwritten letter addressed to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa from Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Matvienko conveyed the greetings of President Putin to HM the King and to HRH Prince Salman. In return, His Royal Highness extended his greetings to the Russian leader.

A number of senior officials also attended the meeting.

**Bahrain strongly condemns latest Houthi attack**

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Bahrain strongly condemned the launch of a ballistic missile by the Houthi militia targeting Riyadh in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The Foreign Ministry denounced the terrorist attack reflects the militias' adamant intent to continue systematic attacks to target civilians and innocents in Saudi Arabia.

It stressed Bahrain's Saudi Arabia, backing all measures it takes to ensure the safety of its citizens and residents, commending vigilance of the coalition forces to support legitimacy in Yemen.

It urged the international community to condemn such terrorist attacks which violate all humanitarian values and principles, and international laws.

**Financial lifeline**

Government increases support for low-income families and Bahraini retirees



The joint executive-legislative meeting in progress

**Part of royal vision to raise citizens' living standards**

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A joint executive-legislative panel has agreed to increase the financial support for low-income families and Bahraini retirees.

Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia bint Abdulla Zain-

al held yesterday a meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, who is also Chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs and Fiscal Balance.

Ministers and members of the Representatives Council Bureau attended the meeting which was convened after the Cabinet, in its session yesterday, authorised the Deputy Prime Minister to take appropriate measures regarding a draft law related to amending some provisions on social insurance and support for

low-income families.

The two sides agreed to amend the ninth article of the Social Security Law to increase the value of support for those entitled to it from the programme by 10%.

They also agreed to increase the support programme for low-income families by 10%, and pay an annual increase to retirees for those whose pensions do not exceed BDL500 at a rate of 3% for the year 2021 and 3% for the year 2022.

Speaker Zainal said the interests of the nation and citizens represent a top priority

for the legislative and executive branches of government to achieve the aspirations and visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

She hailed the efforts undertaken by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to strengthen joint cooperation, overcome challenges, create opportunities through investment projects in line with the fiscal balance programme and the goals of the economic recovery plan.

The Speaker hailed fruitful cooperation between the Council of Representatives and the government to further national work and optimise achievements for the homeland and citizens.

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla said that the government team's participation in the coordination meeting followed the decision of the Cabinet authorising to take appropriate measures regarding a draft law related to amending some provisions related to social insurance and support for low-income families.



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- SPEAKER FAWZIA BINT ABDULLA ZAINAL, COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Scientific research cooperation

**Derasat, Atlantic Council sign deal**

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The Bahrain Centre for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (Derasat) signed a scientific research cooperation agreement with US think tank Atlantic Council.

Derasat Executive Director Dr Hamad Ibrahim Al Abdalla inked the deal with the Atlantic Council

Director for Strategy, Operations, and Finance in the Middle East, Dr Tuqa Nusairat.

Derasat Board of Trustees' Chairman Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa attended the signing of the agreement on the sidelines of the Think Tanks Forum, being held in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed

said that the agreement aims to bolster scientific research cooperation, stressing the importance of stepping up coordination between think tanks.

Dr Nusairat said that the memorandum of understanding would contribute to strengthening cooperation between the two centres, adding that a string of activities would be held in the near future.



Dr Al Abdalla and Dr Nusairat sign the agreement as Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed looks on

**BAHRAIN COVID-19**

TOTAL TESTED  
**7513731**

ACTIVE CASES  
**314**

DEATHS  
**1394**

DISCHARGED  
**276148**

NEW CASES  
**25**

CRITICAL  
**1**

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