

HRH Prince Salman sends letter to India Prime Minister Modi



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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has sent a written letter to India Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding the close friendship between the two friendly countries.

Foreign Affairs Minister

Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani delivered the letter to Indian counterpart, Dr Subrahmaniyam Jaishankar, during his official visit to the country yesterday.

Dr Al Zayani was in India to lead the Kingdom's delegation in the third meeting of Bahrain-India High Joint Commission (HJC) held in New Delhi.

Salmaniya Medical Complex achieves medical breakthrough

● First endovascular treatment of an abdominal aortic aneurysm

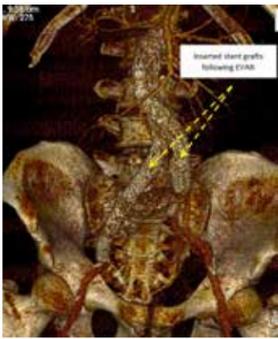
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Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC) doctors were able to successfully perform its first EndoVascular Aortic Repair (EVAR) procedure.

The interventional procedure was performed by a multidisciplinary team of experts at the hospital led by Dr Sharif Khashaba, Consultant Vascular/Endovascular Surgeon, and assisted by Dr Sawsan Kadhem and Dr Ammar Khamis, Chief Radiology Residents, Dr Nada AlMansoori, Consultant Anaesthetist, and Dr Ahmed Abdulbadee, Chief Anaesthesia Resident, on a 62-year-old Bahraini patient with an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

"An abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) is characterised by weakening and bulging of the lower portion of the aorta. If left untreated, the AAA may rupture and is nearly always fatal," Dr Khashaba says.

"In the past, those who required AAA repair had a major surgical procedure that involved opening the abdomen to insert a graft device. Today, most patients can undergo EVAR, a minimally invasive treatment through a small incision in the skin, that is also ideal for those who are not good



Inserted stent grafts following EVAR

candidates for open surgery. "This highly sophisticated procedure can only be carried out in state-of-the-art facilities with the required multi-disciplinary team, and a functioning catheterisation laboratory."

Thanks to the multidisciplinary team efforts of SMC's vascular surgeons, interventional radiologists, anaesthetists, nurses and allied healthcare professionals, the patient was discharged within three days and postoperative follow-up revealed excellent results with no associated complications.

Dr Ahmed AlAnsari, CEO of Government Hospitals, applauded the skillful and unwavering commitment of SMC staff to patient care, and stated: "SMC continues to provide optimum care, ensuring citizens' and residents' rights to receive the best health services. We will continue to provide and strive for the development of our services according to the capabilities made available for us."

Big boost for friendship and bilateral cooperation

India Vice President thanks royal leadership care for Bahrain's Indian community

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Indian Vice President Venkaiah Naidu welcomed Foreign Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani on his official visit to India yesterday.

Bahrain is a key partner of India among the Gulf countries. More than 350,000 Indians are living and working in Bahrain, and are major contributors to its progress and development.

Vice President Naidu and the Minister discussed matters of bilateral cooperation in wide-ranging areas including cooperation in parliamentary matters between the two friendly countries.

The Vice-President praised the friendship and cooperation between the two friendly countries and people, and the development and progress of their relations at all levels.

He also stressed the importance of continuous communication between senior officials in the two countries and expanding the horizons for bilateral cooperation to serve the common interests.



Minister Al Zayani and Minister of External Affairs Dr Jaishankar preside over the third HJC meeting

The Vice-President expressed his thanks to the Kingdom for hosting a large number of Indian expatriates, praising the care and attention paid by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, especially in light of the repercussions of the coronavirus (COVID) pandemic.

He lauded the directives of His Majesty and the efforts made by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to combat the pandemic

and provide free health care and vaccines to members of the Indian community.

The Foreign Minister conveyed the greetings and appreciation of HM the King and HRH Prince Salman to India President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President Naidu and Prime Minister Modi, along with their wishes of further development and progress to India and its friendly people.

Dr Al Zayani expressed his pleasure to visit India, and praised the historical friendship

between the two countries, which is based on mutual respect and coordination.

The Foreign Minister delivered a speech in which he expressed his sincere thanks for holding the third HJC meeting despite the pandemic.

He praised the close and deep-rooted relations between the two countries, noting the common desire to consolidate these bilateral relations and further developing them in the coming years.

Shaikh Nasser wraps up fruitful Serbia visit

● Bahrain and Serbia bolster bilateral relations

Belgrade

Deputed by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, concluded his official visit to Serbia yesterday.

During Shaikh Nasser's visit, the distinguished relations between the two countries, and ways to bolster bilateral and coordination across various fields were reviewed, in line with the keenness of HM King Hamad and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to strengthen ties between the two friendly countries.

In leading the Kingdom's delegation, Shaikh Nasser met the Serbian President, Aleksandar



Shaikh Nasser is seen off by the Serbian President upon his departure

Vucic, and a number of senior officials.

"I was honoured to be deputed by HM the King to lead the kingdom's high-level delegation as HM the King's Envoy and Representative during the visit," said Shaikh Nasser.

He noted that the solid relations between two countries prove the keenness of HM King Hamad and HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister to strengthen Bahrain's relations with various countries.

Shaikh Nasser left Belgrade,

wrapping up his official visit to Serbia. He was seen off by the Serbian President and a number of senior officials.

His Highness expressed thanks and appreciation to the Serbian President for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to the Bahraini delegation throughout the visit, stressing the importance of exchanged visits in strengthening relations between the two countries for their common interests. He wished Serbia further progress and prosperity.

HM King Hamad issues decree

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday issued Royal Decree 45/2021, designating the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) as the administrative authority concerned with the Decree-Law 54/2018 with respect to the Electronic Communications and Transactions Law.

The Prime Minister, and Ministers – each in their capacity – shall implement the provisions of this Royal Decree, which takes immediate effect, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

Bahrain condemns new Houthi drone attack in Saudi

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Bahrain condemned the recent drone launch by the terrorist Houthi militia towards Khamis Mushait in Saudi Arabia, in a systematic terrorist act targeting civilians and civilian objects.

Foreign Affairs Ministry lauded the vigilance of the coalition forces to support legitimacy in Yemen, which destroyed the drone.

The Ministry affirmed the solidarity of the Kingdom with Saudi Arabia and its support to the measures it takes to preserve its security and stability, stressing its position which calls upon the international community to join hands to stop these heinous attacks.



Deputy Prime Minister congratulates former UK Ambassador

Deputy Prime Minister His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa met remotely with former British Ambassador to Bahrain Iain Lindsay, on his appointment as an advisor in Economic Development Board (EDB). HH Shaikh Mohammed wished the advisor all success in his new mission in the Kingdom.