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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister yesterday attended the wedding of the grandson of the President of the Survey and Land Registration Bureau (SLRB), Shaikh Salman bin Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa



HRH Prince Salman during talks yesterday with outgoing Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava

**HM King approves united GCC payment system**

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The agreement for Linking the Payment Systems of Bahrain to that of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries has received the endorsement of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Bahrain officially signed the agreement on October 20, 2021, after it was approved by the Shura and Representatives councils.

The agreement will come into effect after publication in the Official Gazette.



Piyush Srivastava completes his term in Bahrain

**Congratulations galore for HH Shaikh Isa**

**Sultan of Brunei arrives today**

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Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei will arrive in Bahrain today for an official visit, according to an announcement by the Royal Court. The visit aims to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries and discuss regional and international developments of mutual interest.

During the visit, His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Sultan Bolkiah will engage in talks, exploring ways to enhance cooperation and collaboration in various fields. Both leaders will exchange views on key issues of common concern.

The Royal Court welcomed the Sultan and his accompanying delegation, expressing their hopes for a fruitful and successful visit.

**HRH lauds Indian community, calls for further boosting bilateral ties**

Hails the contribution of Indian envoy in strengthening bilateral relations

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday hailed the significant contributions made by the members of the Indian community to the Kingdom's comprehensive development.

Expressing delight in the continuous growth of Bahrain-India ties across various sectors, HRH stressed the need to further strengthen the ties to fulfil the aspiration of both the nations and their people.

The remarks came, as HRH Prince Salman spoke with Ambassador of India to Bahrain, Piyush Srivastava, marking the end of his tenure, at Gudaibiya Palace.

Prince Salman expressed appreciation for the commendable role played by Srivastava in bolstering Bahrain-India ties. HRH also specifically ac-

knowledge the pivotal role played by the members of the Indian community in propelling Bahrain's comprehensive development onward.

Furthermore, wishing Ambassador continued success in his future responsibilities, HRH underscored his keenness to nurturing partnerships with India across multiple sectors.

His Royal Highness also conveyed to Srivastava the importance of building upon the accomplishments achieved by both friendly nations for the betterment and progress of all. "This is crucial to meeting

mutually beneficial goals," HRH Said. Expressing his gratitude, Ambassador Piyush Srivastava conveyed his appreciation to His Royal Highness for the opportunity to meet, commending the Crown Prince's unwavering support in enhancing Bahrain-India relations for the welfare of citizens in both countries. Vinod K Jacob, a native of Kerala and a 2000-batch Indian Foreign Service Officer, will replace Srivastava as the next ambassador to Bahrain. He is presently Deputy High Commissioner in the Indian High Commission in Sri Lanka.



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chairs Government Executive Committee meeting.

**Lebanon recalls France envoy after rape accusation: ministry**

AFP | Beirut

Lebanon's foreign ministry said yesterday it was recalling its ambassador to France, Rami Adwan, after an investigation was opened into allegations of rape and intentional violence by the envoy.

"Following the circumstances surrounding the case of the Lebanese ambassador to France... it has been decided to recall ambassador Rami Adwan," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

Adwan is being investigated in France following complaints by two former embassy employees. He has diplomatic immunity but could face trial if Lebanon agrees to lift it.

Lebanon this week sent an investigation team to the embassy in Paris to question the ambassador and hear statements from embassy staff.

Thursday's foreign ministry statement said the decision to recall Adwan also came "in light of" the dispatch of that team to France.

It said a charge d'affaires was appointed as head of mission on Wednesday.

**Take back IS fighters, Saudi, US tell nations**

**Urges funds for Iraq, Syria**

**Aims to raise \$601 million**

**United States pledges \$148 million**

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The United States pledged \$148 million yesterday for stabilisation efforts in Iraq and Syria as it joined Saudi Arabia in urging Western



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken (3rd L) meets with Yemeni Presidential Leadership Council President Rashad al-Alimi (3rd R), during the ministerial meeting for the Global Coalition to Defeat IS (Islamic State group), in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

states to repatriate foreign Islamic State group fighters and their relatives.

The announcement was made at a ministerial meeting of the international coalition against IS in Riyadh, which was co-hosted by Saudi Arabia and the United States with the aim of raising \$601 million for a stabilisation fund.

"I'm announcing that the United States is committing \$148.7 million to that fund," said US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who kicked-off a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia on Tuesday.

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