

Government Executive Committee



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister yesterday chaired the 454th Government Executive Committee meeting. The meeting reviewed a draft amendment to the law for ship registration, safety, and surveillance, developments to the Reorganisation and Bankruptcy Law, & priority draft laws.



HRH CP, PM attends wedding



His Royal Highness Prince Salman attends the wedding ceremony of the grandson of the President of the Survey and Land Registration Bureau

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday attended the wedding ceremony of Shaikh Salman bin Khalid bin Salman Al Khalifa, the grandson of Shaikh Salman bin Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa,

the President of the Survey and Land Registration Bureau (SLRB).

During the ceremony, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister extended his congratulations to Shaikh Salman bin Abdullah on the joyous occasion.

In response, Shaikh Salman bin Abdullah expressed his

deep appreciation for the presence of His Royal Highness and his kind gesture on this special day.

The Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, along with several members of the Royal Family, were also in attendance at the wedding.

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“This support will meet critical needs that Syrians and Iraqis themselves have identified.”

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan said it was “disheartening and absolutely unacceptable” that some wealthy countries had not repatriated citizens who had travelled to Iraq and Syria to join IS.

“To those countries, you must step up, you must take your responsibility,” said the top diplomat who held separate talks with French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna on the sidelines of the coalition meeting.

Colonna is expected in Doha later Thursday for a strategic dialogue session.

The “caliphate”, which is proclaimed across swathes of Iraq and Syria in 2014, was declared defeated in 2019 following counter-offensives in both Iraq and Syria.

Thousands of jihadists and their family members continue to be held in detention centres and informal camps where US



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken (L) and Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan give a joint press conference after a ministerial meeting of the Global Coalition to Defeat the Islamic State in Riyadh

commanders have warned they could fuel an IS revival.

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“Repatriation is critical” to reduce populations of large informal camps such as Syria’s Al-Hol, which houses 10,000 foreigners, including IS relatives, he said.

“Failure to repatriate foreign terrorist fighters risks the possibility that they could again take up arms and attempt to restore” the IS proto-state, he added.

Fellow coalition member Britain will pledge more than \$109 million over the next five years to support stabilisation efforts in Iraq and Kurdish-con-

trolled northeastern Syria, its foreign ministry said.

This comes on top of \$19.9 million in aid over the next two years to specifically address acute humanitarian needs in northeastern Syria, it added. Despite repeated calls for their repatriation, foreign governments have allowed only a trickle to return home, fearing security threats and domestic political backlash.

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Congratulations galore for HH Shaikh Isa



His Highness Shaikh Isa at the US Marine Corps University in Virginia

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Congratulations poured in yesterday from all corners of the Kingdom for Staff Lieutenant Commander His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa on successfully completing the Joint Command and Staff Course at the US Marine Corps University in Virginia, United States of America.

In a statement, His Highness Colonel Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Royal Guard Special Force Commander Staff, hailed the success as a source of pride and a continuation of HH Shaikh Isa’s efforts in various sectors, especially the military.

HH Shaikh Khalid attributed HH Shaikh Isa’s success to the constant care of His Majesty

King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and the follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and Prime Minister.

He wished HH Shaikh Isa further success in serving Bahrain.

Separately, His Highness Lieutenant General Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, expressed his best wishes to Shaikh Isa on his success and wished him further success in serving the Kingdom of Bahrain.

His Highness Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Deputy President of the Supreme Council for the Environment, Rashid Equestrian and Horse

Racing Committee Vice Chairman, and member of the Supreme Council for Youth & Sports, stated that the achievement will bring more growth to Bahrain’s military.

Cables of congratulations were also sent by His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, HM the King’s Special Representative, His Highness Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Advisor to HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Salman bin Hamad bin Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa, His Highness Shaikh Hamad bin Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa, General His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, Commander of the National Guard, top officials, ministers, members of the Royal family, and prominent citizens.