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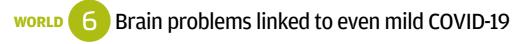
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Fakhreddine to face Cortese in Romania

Mohammad Fakhreddine returns against Enrico Cortese, headlines BRAVE CF 35 in Bucharest | **P 08** 





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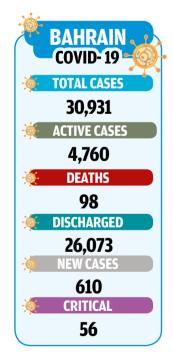
## No COVID-19 deaths for successive days

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There were zero deaths **1** from the coronavirus (COVID-19) reported by the Ministry of Health yesterday for the second day in

This follows more than a month of multiple virus-related casualties daily since the beginning of June. The overall number of lives taken by COVID-19 in the Kingdom remained at 98.

Meanwhile, the Health Ministry announced early this morning that out of 9,391 COVID-19 tests conducted yesterday, 610 new cases were detected -- 339 expatriate workers, 265 contacts of active cases, and six travel-related cases.



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## **Determination call in virus fight**

National Taskforce for Combatting COVID-19 highlights newest developments in fight against disease

**Current recovery** rate in the Kingdom stands at 83.85 per cent of cases, with a 0.32 per cent death rate

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The National Taskforce for Combatting the Coronavirus (COVID-19) called for continued determination yesterday as the Kingdom steps up its fight against the deadly respiratory disease.

The message was delivered at the Crown Prince Centre for Training and Medical Research at the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Taskforce members including Ghebreyesus. Ministry of Health undersecre-Consultant and Microbiologist Lt cent death rate. Col Dr Manaf Al Qahtani and Sal-

قوة دفاء البحرين الخدمات الطبية الملكية

Speaking at the conference, from left, were Dr Al Salman, Dr Al Qahtani, Dr Al Manea and Dr Al Ansari

along with Supreme Council of 1,814 asymptotic cases were under project manager Lt Col Dr Ahmed ing met the set criteria. Mohammed Al Ansari.

Dr Al Manea said that with ognised the importance of adherduring a press conference held the support of the Kingdom's ing to all COVID-19 safety meascomprehensive approach towards battling the spread of COVID-19 Hospital, to highlight measures has gained wide international World Health Organisation direc-In attendance were National tor-general Dr Tedros Adhanom ation and exchange knowledge

He explained that the current

Health Public Hospital Autonomy optional home self-isolation hav-

Meanwhile, Dr Al Qahtani rec-

citizens and residents, Bahrain's ures and highlighted the latest action Bahrain has taken against the spread of the virus. Among them is the visit of an recognition, most recently from Italian medical delegation to strengthen the bridge of cooper-

> on COVID-19 treatment protocols. Another is that the BDF Hospi

days since doubling of

cases has occurred in

Bahrain

safe transfer of suspected cases.

For his part, Dr Al Ansari retary Dr Waleed Khalifa Al Manea, recovery rate in the Kingdom is tal has installed portable cham-viewed COVID-19 indicators. He between 1.1 and 1.4, a significant BDF Hospital Infectious Disease at 83.85 per cent, with a 0.32 per bers to isolate suspected COVID-19 noted that the doubling time—the decrease compared to the period cases, with 3mx3m chambers time that it takes for cases infect- between June 1 to 14. He noted that isolation centre equipped with all the technolo- ed with the virus to double-for maniya Medical Complex Infec- capacity was at 34 per cent, with gy available at standard isolation total cases stood at 21 days until for Bahrain to successful overtious and Internal Diseases Con- 2,839 out of 8,357 beds occupied rooms while undergoing 48 air June 19, with no doubling occur- come all COVID-19 challenges, he sultant Dr. Jameela Al Salman, at the time of the conference; and changes per hour, allowing for the ring during the past 18 days to highlighted.

The doubling time between Bahrainis stood at 12 days on June 13 with no doubling occurring during the past 24 days. The doubling time between expatriate workers stood at 21 days on June 4, with no doubling occurring during the past 33 days.

Dr Al Ansari explained that the percentage of new active cases compared to recovered cases ranged between 0.6 per cent and 1.4 per cen new cases for every new recovery, an average of 1.2 per cent, compared to 0.7 per cent to 1.9 per cent during the first two weeks of June.

Dr Al Ansari then further noted that the average percentage of positive tests in the past two weeks ranged between 4.3 per cent to 10 per cent, with an average of 6.5 per cent, compared to 4.7 per cent to 9 per cent for the period of June 1 to 14.

In terms of the basic reproductive ratio for the past two weeks, Dr Al Ansari added that it ranged

A ratio of 1 is necessary in order

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT A TOP PRIORITY

## Saudi Arabia will provide jobs for a million Saudi women by 2030

Al Arabiya | Dubai

Saudi Arabia aims to provide jobs for around one million Saudi Arabian women by 2030 as part of its Vision 2030 reform plan, said an official at the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations in Geneva, Mishaal al-Balawi on Tuesday.

the National Transformation Riyadh. Courtesy AP



"The Saudi Vision 2030 and Women hold their daughters as they visit the Four Seasons Skyline Tower, in

Al-Balawi said.

Prince Mohammed bin Salman, employment market." aims to diversify the country's economy and increase has encouraged Saudi Arabilabour force.

"The Kingdom has banned ing to al-Balawi.

Program 2020 have put wom- discrimination against women en empowerment among their in jobs and ensured equaliza-most important priorities," tion of women with men in their tion of women with men in their wages, and enhanced aware-Vision 2030, a reform plan ness about the importance of presented by Saudi's Crown women's participation in the

In recent years, the Kingdom women's participation in the an women to enter dozens of male-dominated fields, accord-



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