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Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19)


No COVID-19 deaths for successive days

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

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.



BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL CASES

30,931

ACTIVE CASES

4,760

DEATHS

98

DISCHARGED

26,073

NEW CASES

610

CRITICAL

56

210 fils (includes VAT)



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 during a press conference held at the Crown Prince Centre for Training and Medical Research at the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Hospital, to highlight measures taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

In attendance were National Taskforce members including Ministry of Health undersecretary Dr Waleed Khalifa Al Manea, BDF Hospital Infectious Disease Consultant and Microbiologist Lt Col Dr Manaf Al Qahtani and Salmuniya Medical Complex Infectious and Internal Diseases Consultant Dr. Jameela Al Salman,



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 Health Public Hospital Autonomy project manager Lt Col Dr Ahmed Mohammed Al Ansari.

Dr Al Manea said that with the support of the Kingdom's citizens and residents, Bahrain's comprehensive approach towards battling the spread of COVID-19 has gained wide international recognition, most recently from World Health Organisation director-general Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

He explained that the current recovery rate in the Kingdom is at 83.85 per cent, with a 0.32 per cent death rate.

He noted that isolation centre capacity was at 34 per cent, with 2,839 out of 8,357 beds occupied at the time of the conference; and

1,814 asymptomatic cases were under optional home self-isolation having met the set criteria.

Meanwhile, Dr Al Qahtani recognised the importance of adhering to all COVID-19 safety measures and highlighted the latest action Bahrain has taken against the spread of the virus.

Among them is the visit of an Italian medical delegation to strengthen the bridge of cooperation and exchange knowledge on COVID-19 treatment protocols.

Another is that the BDF Hospital has installed portable chambers to isolate suspected COVID-19 cases, with 3mx3m chambers equipped with all the technology available at standard isolation rooms while undergoing 48 air changes per hour, allowing for the



safe transfer of suspected cases.

For his part, Dr Al Ansari reviewed COVID-19 indicators. He noted that the doubling time—the time that it takes for cases infected with the virus to double—for total cases stood at 21 days until June 19, with no doubling occurring during the past 18 days to

date.

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 cent 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 between 1.1 and 1.4, a significant decrease compared to the period between June 1 to 14.

A ratio of 1 is necessary in order for Bahrain to successfully overcome all COVID-19 challenges, he highlighted.

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 Saudi Vision 2030 and the National Transformation



Women hold their daughters as they visit the Four Seasons Skyline Tower, in Riyadh. Courtesy AP

Program 2020 have put women empowerment among their most important priorities," Al-Balawi said.

Vision 2030, a reform plan presented by Saudi's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, aims to diversify the country's economy and increase women's participation in the labour force.

"The Kingdom has banned

discrimination against women in jobs and ensured equalization of women with men in their wages, and enhanced awareness about the importance of women's participation in the employment market."

In recent years, the Kingdom has encouraged Saudi Arabian women to enter dozens of male-dominated fields, according to al-Balawi.

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