

# Bahrain on the path to recovery, says HM King



His Majesty the King with HRH Prince Salman at Al Safriya Palace

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The health situation is reassuring, and Bahrain is well on its path to recovery, said His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday, who also thanked the citizens and residents of Bahrain for their commitment to the national vaccination drive.

HM King further hailed the medical staff, frontline workers

and associated parties for keeping up their battle against the pandemic.

HM King Hamad was receiving His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, at Al Safriya Palace in the presence of His Highness Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, His Majesty the King's Personal Representative, Supreme Council for the Environment President,

and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Their highnesses reviewed several issues, foremost being the latest developments in battling the COVID-19 outbreak.

King Hamad praised the diligent works of the Bahrain team, led by HRH the Crown Prince, in addressing the pandemic and affirmed that the measures are proving vital to reducing the case-

load of infections.

HM King praised the role played by the medical and health team and all frontline workers and support agencies, stressing that their noble humanitarian efforts are a source of pride and appreciation for everyone.

King Hamad called on all to continue working with determination and perseverance to ensure peace and safety for all in the Kingdom.

## Proposal to amend Labour law



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The parliamentary services committee yesterday approved in principle a proposal to amend a law concerning the labour market.

The committee, chaired by Ahmed Yusef Al Ansari, said they agreed to a proposal to amend Article (24) and Article (26) of Law No. (19) of 2006 of the labour market.

The approval followed a review of the views of the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee, the Ministry of Interior, and the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The committee also approved a draft law to amend Article (99) of the labour law on the private sector, establish a Supreme Council for Medical Studies, amend some provisions of Law No. (74) of 2006

regarding the care, rehabilitation and employment of people with disabilities, and establish a charitable drug bank.

The meeting also discussed bills for amending some provisions of the laws concerning pensions and retirement benefits of government employees, Social Insurance, pharmacy profession and pharmacy centres.

The committee also agreed on six proposals for allocating land for establishing a public events council, a university for petroleum, natural gas and minerals specialisations, developing a secondary school for boys in the Arad region, a proposal not to stop disbursing the extension allowance to teachers on non-school days, and a proposal to unify the working hours of workers with special needs to 6 hours per day.



Major-General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, yesterday received Lieutenant-General Carl Mundy, the Commander of the United States Marine Forces, Central Command. HH Shaikh Nasser stressed the depth of the Bahrain-US relations and their steady growth at all levels, especially military and defence cooperation



Under the patronage of the Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, BDF held the graduation ceremony of the second session of female university officer candidates yesterday. The commander-in-chief deputised Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Dhiyab bin Saqr Al-Nuaimi to attend the ceremony held at the Isa Military College.

## Mosque closed for a week in Northern Governorate

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The Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments announced closing a mosque in the Northern Governorate for detecting a positive

COVID-19 infected person there.

The mosque, the ministry said, will remain closed for a week to carry out contact tracing, sanitising its premises and ensuring all precautionary measures.



Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, BDF Commander-in-Chief, during an inspection visit to a BDF unit. The commander-in-chief received a briefing on the unit's combat readiness and military preparedness, as well as its workflow. Shaikh Khalifa stressed that the BDF continues the march of military development thanks to the constant care of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander.

## RAP launches virtual summer camp

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The Chief of Public Security, Lieutenant-General Tariq Al Hassan, yesterday announced launching the 12th summer camp of the Royal Academy of Police.



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The three-week virtual camp, held in cooperation with the Labour Fund Tamkeen, is for 400 participants in the age group 12-17. The camp aims at enhancing leadership and life skills, prevent crimes, and get the participants ready for future challenges.

The camp is as per the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and follow-up of Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa.

## Focus on Iran nuke deal



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Dr Abdullahatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, took part in a briefing on Iran nuclear deal yesterday by the US State Department with Robert Malley, the US Special Envoy to Iran.

Present were Dr Anwar Mohammed Gargash, the Advisor to the President of the UAE for Diplomatic Affairs, Ambassador Raed Karmali, the Director of Policy Planning Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Harthy, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Dip-

lomatic Affairs in Oman, Ali bin Fahd Al-Hajri, the Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Regional Affairs of Qatar, and Majdi Ahmed Al-Dhafiri, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait. The Special Envoy explained the US policy regarding negotiations on the Iranian nuclear deal and its position on returning to the nuclear deal.

Dr Al Zayani conveyed the GCC countries' welcome to the announcement by Anthony Blinken, the US Secretary of State, that any new agreement with Iran will be "longer and stronger" than the previous agreement.

## Polytechnic offers minors in four academic programmes

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Bahrain Polytechnic announced introducing several new minors in business, engineering technology, information and communication technology, and web media programmes.

The Acting CEO of Bahrain Polytechnic, Dr Reem Albuainain, said that they would offer these minors from the first semester of the 2021-2022 academic year.



Dr Reem Albuainain

To enrol, students should apply by the end of the current semes-

ters.

The programme allows students to choose one of the minors along with their majors.

The Engineering Technology programme will offer a minor in control systems, specifically for mechanical engineering students.

As for the Information and Communications Technology programme, students can benefit from the 'data mining' minor.

In the web media programme,

the 'web media design' minor will benefit all students.

The Business Administration programme will also offer two minors in entrepreneurship - one for business and logistics students and another for non-business students. Students accepted in the academic year 2020-2021 (and beyond) are eligible to register for these minors after fulfilling the requirements of the majors.