

# 'Promote Arab cooperation'

Arab educational, scientific and cultural fields need more joint efforts: Bahrain tells ALECSO general congress held virtually

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Bahrain yesterday called for more efforts to promote Arab cooperation in the educational, scientific and cultural fields during the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation's (ALECSO) general congress.

Representing Bahrain at the virtual congress was Ahlem Al-Amer, the Assistant Undersecretary for Curricula and Educational Advisory, as delegated by Education Minister Dr Majid bin Ali Al-Nuaimi.

Al-Amer told the meeting that the pandemic has swept across the entire world, including the Arab countries, posing extraordinary challenges.

To cope up with the situation, she said, countries have "enhanced the use of information and communication technology in education, higher education and scientific research, and even in remote work."

There is a need for "more support to achieve common goals, to promote Arab cooperation,"



The Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) held its general congress as part of the 25th session.

she told the congress highlighting education, science and culture as the pillars of development in the race towards social and economic progress.

She expressed Bahrain's pride in ensuring the continuation of online learning at various educational levels, despite the closure of schools and universities

due to the disruptive pandemic. Bahrain's further expressed pride in the pan-Arab organisation, which celebrates its 50th anniversary.

# HRH the Prime Minister completes medical check-ups

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Congratulations poured in from all walks of life in Bahrain yesterday to His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa for completing his regular medical check-ups.

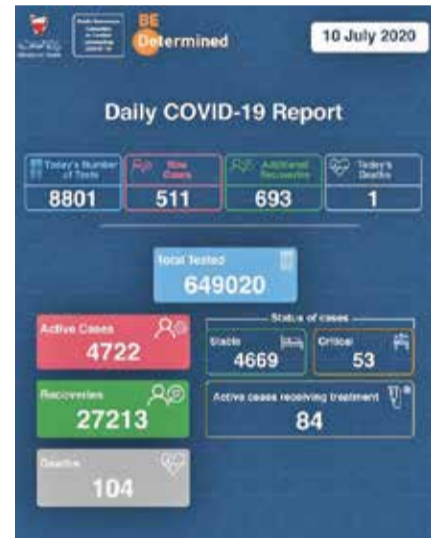
In their cables, the well-wishers extended their deepest congratulations to HRH the Prime Minister on the occasion, praying to Allah the Almighty to bless him with abundant health, wellness, happiness and long life to carry on the progress march for the best interests of the citizens and the nation, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH Premier received congratulatory cables from Shu-

ra Council Chairman, Ali bin Saleh Al-Saleh, Speaker of the Council of Representatives, Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal, President of the Sustainable Energy Authority (SEA), Dr Abdulhussain bin Ali Mirza, Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Essam bin Abdulla Khalaf, and Assistant Undersecretary for Consular Affairs, Resources and Information at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Khalil Yacoub Al-Khayat.

# Bahrain reports a COVID-19 death

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A 58-year-old Bahraini man is the Kingdom's latest casualty of the battle against the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The Ministry of Health announced the death late night yesterday on its Twitter handle.

The statement, without disclosing any further details of the victim, offered its condolences to the family of the deceased.

With this, the total number of deaths in the Kingdom has risen to 104 and total cases to 32,039

There are currently 4,722 active cases in Kingdom, of which 4,669 cases are stable, while 53 patients are critically ill.

Eighty-four people, who contracted the infection are currently undergoing treatment at various virus facilities around the Kingdom.

Out of 8,801 COVID-19 tests carried out yesterday, 511 new cases have been detected among 251 expatriate workers, 255 new cases are contacts of active cases, and five are travel related.

The ministry also reported 693 new recoveries from COVID19 yesterday, increasing the total recoveries here to 27,213.

Total tests, since recording its first case on 21 February 2020, conducted by the Kingdom now stand at 649,020.



Assistant Undersecretary for Public Health at the Ministry of Health and member of the Executive Board of the Gulf Health Council Dr Mariam Al Hajri during Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Health Council meeting. The meeting discussed its strategic plan, developments of the Gulf Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (GCDC) project, unified purchase, the central medical registration, the Gulf registration of veterinary preparations, the control of communicable diseases, among several others. The members agreed to hold their virtual meeting monthly in light of the pandemic through video link instead of the regular two meetings annually.

# Drivers get free tyres for a "Summer without accidents"



In pictures, traffic authorities during the campaign



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The General Administration of Traffic launched a field awareness campaign "Summer without Accidents" as part of its "Thank You" initiative, in cooperation with Italian multinational tyre Company Pirelli.

During the campaign which covers all governorates, officials educated the public on the importance of tyre safety, especially during the summer while also rewarding law-abiding drivers by replacing their vehicle's

tyres free of cost. The General Administration of Traffic confirmed the continuation of the awareness campaign throughout the summer. The campaign will focus on educating drivers on the importance of periodic inspection of vehicle consumables, battery, and fluid level and not leaving compressed packages, batteries, sterilisers, lighters and electronic devices in the vehicle to avoid fire accidents.

The campaign also distributes free on-road assistance vouchers having one-year validity to drivers.

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