

Gold rush continues for Bahrain in Konya

Bahraini elite athletes Winfred Yavi, Dawit Fikadu and Muna Mubarak each claim a gold medal to headline a four-medal haul on day three of track and field events in the fifth Islamic Solidarity Games in Turkey | P12

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Bahrain and Saudi discuss more tourism cooperation
 Riyadh

Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia discussed cooperation to create diverse business opportunities in the sector of tourism and promote its sustainability in line with international developments.

They agreed to explore the future prospects of tourism projects undertaken by the private sector in both countries, in addition tapping into investment opportunities in this vital sector.

This came as Tourism Minister Fatima bint Jaffar Al Sarafi met Saudi Tourism Development Fund Chief Executive Officer Qusai bin Abdulla Al Fakhri in Riyadh yesterday.

Al Sarafi hailed the deep-rooted and steadily-growing relations binding the two countries, noting expanding cooperation across all fields, particularly the tourism sector.

Team Bahrain hailed for Ashura 'success'

HM King: This ceremony will remain as the most prominent pillars of religious freedom

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa commended Team Bahrain's efforts, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to make Ashura commemoration successful.

HM the King said that this religious ceremony will remain as the most prominent pillars of religious freedom and sectarian pluralism that the Kingdom of Bahrain has enjoyed throughout

the years.

HM the King praised the unremitting and integrated efforts exerted by government agencies, mainly the Interior Ministry and Jaafari Endowments Council, to commemorate annual religious event.

He also hailed the provision of all security and community services, and the care and follow-up necessary for rituals to ensure their free and comfortable practice, appreciated the awareness and national responsibility shown by everyone during the ceremony.



HM the King

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- HIS MAJESTY KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA

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'Haven of diverse religious practices and faiths'

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the Kingdom of Bahrain's strong social fabric, making the country a haven of diverse religious practices and faiths.

He said that the Kingdom's respect for all faiths is an indication of the country's commitment as a model society that embodies the far-reaching aspirations of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

This came as HRH Prince Salman met yesterday the Minister of Interior, General Shaikh Rashed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa,



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets Ministers and senior officials

the Minister of Municipalities and Agriculture Affairs, Wael Bin Nasser Al Mubarak, the Minister of Health, Dr Jalila bint Al Sayyed Jawad Hassan,

the Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Maawda, the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, the

Chief of Public Security Lieutenant-General Tariq Al Hassan, and the Chairman of the Jaafari Endowments Council, Yousif bin Saleh Al Saleh, at Riffa Pal-

ace, following the conclusion of Ashura.

His Royal Highness commended the efforts of the Interior Ministry and various government agencies and their active roles in accommodating the citizens' needs during Ashura.

He also expressed thanks to the Jaafari Endowments Council, the General Authority of Hussaini Processions and the heads of ma'atams and hussainias for their joint cooperation and commitment to facilitating Ashura.

The Ministers and senior officials expressed their thanks for His Royal Highness' commitment to supporting necessary measures taken to meet citizens' needs during Ashura.



Arms against Ukraine

Iran providing Russian officials with 'drone training'

Washington

Iran has started training Russian officials on using Iranian-made drones, a US official said yesterday, after Washington previously accused Moscow of looking to Tehran as it struggles in Ukraine.

"During the last several weeks, Russian officials con-

ducted training in Iran as part of the agreement for UAV transfers from Iran to Russia," the official revealed yesterday.

The information provided is based on downgraded intelligence, the official said.

The Biden administration first revealed last month that it had information about Russia and

Iran discussing the potential sale of Iranian drones for Russia to use in Ukraine.

National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said that the US had intelligence suggesting that Iran was preparing to provide Russia with "several hundred" drones to use in its war on Ukraine, with training sessions

set to begin as early as July.

But when asked at the end of July about these reports, National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said that the US had seen no indications of actual delivery or purchase of Iranian drones by the Russian Ministry of Defense.

The Wall Street Journal re-

ported yesterday that Iran's foreign ministry denied being involved in a drone program for Russia.

And also, last month, Sullivan showed satellite imagery of what he said was a Russian delegation in Iran receiving "a showcase of Iranian attack-capable UAVs."

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED

10207386

ACTIVE CASES

3801

DEATHS

1512

DISCHARGED

659075

NEW CASES

625

CRITICAL

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