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# Stimulus continues for private sector

Labour Ministry announces criteria for 50 per cent payment of Bahraini private-sector workers' salary

The measures, which runs for three months, starts this month

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alary payments of Bahrainis working in the private sector companies hard-hit by the coronavirus outbreak will continue as planned, confirmed Labour minister while announcing the required criteria.

The extension of stimulus measures, which runs for three more months, starting July,

by the Cabinet, will support 50 per cent of salaries for insured citizens employed in the private sector beginning this month.

The government had said it was spending BD 215 million (\$570 million) on paying salaries to all 100,000 of its citizens employed in the private sector from April to June to help soften the



Jameel Humaidan

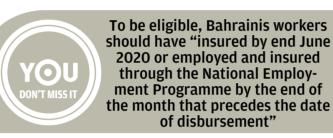
covers companies "wholly or economic blow from the coro- papers among 20 others have ister said. partially disrupted by the pan- navirus outbreak. Authorities been prepared. Detailed list in demic", said Jameel Humaidan. also extended the three-month the box The latest move, as approved assistance to Bahraini citizens

package as part of the BD4.3 bil- ance Fund. lion stimulus, the minister said.

to the SIO to transfer the pay-

cludes travel, aviation, hospitality real estate and local news-

Eligibility criteria



by paying electricity and water Payments, Humaidan said, will be credited to eligible Most adversely affected com- Bahrainis' accounts during the panies will be picked by the re- fourth week of every month by viewing the list of employers Social Insurance Organisation who benefited from the first using the Unemployment Insur-

The programme will cover "This will then be referred companies whose activities are "wholly or partially disrupted ments," Humaidan said thanking by the pandemic, impacting its His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa ability to meet the wages of its Al Khalifa for the unified gov- employees, retained its Bahraini ernment response to COVID-19 employees during the year 2020, and preventing liquidity strains. and expressed commitment to A dynamic list of adversely paying the remaining portion of affected companies which in- the salaries in full and without deduction, and on the date set for salary payments," the min-

To be eligible, Bahrainis workers should have "insured by end June 2020 or employed and insured through the National Employment Programme by the end of the month that precedes the date of disbursement".

Bahrain minister of finance and national economy Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa earlier said that the "additional package of measures will further reduce pressure on house-

#### THE SECTORS COVERED BY THE STIMULUS

Travel and aviation,

Hospitality and restaurants,

personal services (salons and gyms, games and entertainment halls),

Industrial, health, transportation,

Rehabilitation and training (including kindergartens),

Retail (other than food),

Administrative services (public relations, media, and event organization),

Real estate and contracting,

Engineering and technical offices,

Local newspapers and magazines,

Other affected sectors excluding those in financial,

telecommunications, science, technical and professional activities, as well as universities and schools.

**Daily COVID-19 Report** 

million stimulus package announced for April to June period covered the salaries of 100,000 citizens holders and families across the Kingdom."

Minister Humaidan paid special tribute to the Cabinet, chaired by HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and the continued support of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.

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### Deadly restaurant blaze kills a woman, injures two in Sanabis



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deadly blaze broke out at Aa restaurant in Sanabis claimed the life of a 44-year-old woman and injured two others.

The fire erupted as workers were carrying out maintenance works at one of the ceremony halls adjacent to the restaurant, eyewitnesses at the scene told

Welding works were ongoing at the time of the accident to renovate the facilities of the

The woman, reportedly, an African national, died of asphyxia -suffocation to inhalation of smoke- as she tried to

immediately rescued many oth-fered any injuries. ers who were trapped in the



take cover from the fire on the In pictures, firefighters at the scene of the blaze

that nine fire vehicles, as well ing two with injuries. All others Eyewitnesses confirmed to as 40 police officers, were sent rescued from the scene are safe.

Police who reached the scene Tribune that none of them suf- to the scene to put out the fire. The tweet confirmed that Ministry of Interior tweeted nine people were saved, includ-

## Zero deaths, 615 recoveries

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m ahrain}$  yesterday reported zero coronavirus (COV-ID-19) deaths, the third such instance in four months without a fatality, with the number of deaths remaining at 104.

There are currently 53 COV-ID19 patients in the Kingdom, who are in a critical condition, the ministry tweeted late night yesterday.

The number of patients currently receiving treatment at various facilities in the Kingdom is 83.

The ministry also said it conducted 7,639 COVID-19 tests yesterday, raising the total number of tests conducted to 656,659 since the Kingdom detected its first case in February.

Health authorities al tected 431 new cases yesterday, of which 228 are expatriate workers, 201 are contacts of active cases, and two others are travel related.

Besides, the ministry recorded 615 recoveries from COV-ID19 vesterday, bringing the total recoveries to date to 27,828.

32,470, as of yesterday.

All over the globe, the number of virus cases has touched 12,807,189 at the time of writing this story. The number of deaths are also 7,461, 093 recoveries.

more than 4,500.

### GCC roundup

day, which is also the lowest declared free of the virus. daily rate in the Kingdom for a week.

The ministry also confirmed

656659 4538 The total number of corona- more patients were cured of the nationals while 297 were exvirus cases in the Kingdom is infection. A total of 2,181 people patriates.

431

have succumbed to the virus in the Kingdom so far.

### Two deaths in UAE

The UAE reported 473 new has reached over 566,457. There coronavirus cases yesterday after carrying out 47,000 addi-Globally new cases recorded tional tests. The country now almost touched 200,000 yester- has 54,050 infections to date, 478 new COVID-19 cases and day as new deaths also rose to state news agency WAM report-

Health minister there announced two death taking the In Saudi Arabia, the health total death toll to 330. The numministry there reported 30 ber of recoveries has risen to deaths from COVID-19 yester- 43,969 after 399 patients were 150 in ICU, the statement added.

### 1.083 new cases in Oman

The Oman health ministry 2,994 new confirmed cases, yesterday reported 1,083 new with 10pc of all new cases recases of coronavirus, 1,030 re-the second phase of restoring corded in Riyadh. Recoveries coveries and four new deaths. normal life, which will last increased to 165,396 after 2,370 Out of the new cases, 784 were three weeks.

With this, the total number of cases in the sultanate has touched 54,697, while total recoveries now stand at 35,225. Total deaths increased to 248.

### Three deaths in Kuwait

Kuwait yesterday reported three more deaths, raising the tally of infections to 54,058 and the death toll to 386, the health ministry said in a statement.

Currently, 9,711 patients are receiving treatment, including

The ministry also announced the recovery of 747 more patients, raising the total recoveries in the country to 43,961.

Kuwait started on June 30