

'Reduce overcrowding'

HRH the Prime Minister orders to address shared labour accommodations in residential neighbourhoods

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His Royal Highness the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has instructed the Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry to coordinate with the Labour and Social Development Ministry and other authorities—each in their capacity—to develop a mechanism to rectify the situation of workers' accommodation and address the spread of illegal housing in residential neighbourhoods as well as in nearby farms, at the soonest.



HRH the Prime Minister

including the revision of the current procedures and legislation regulating the process of licensing of labour housing

units, periodic control, and commitment to regulatory, health and safety requirements of shared accommodation.

The aim is to reduce overcrowding at labour accommodations, and enforce procedures that protect the safety of the citizens and expatriates at residential neighbourhoods.

HRH the Prime Minister stressed the importance of making an inventory of shared accommodation buildings that do not meet the requirements, and notify violating business and real estate owners of the need to rectify their conditions and rehabilitate them properly, in order to protect workers' health and safety. This is in accordance with the recommendations, decisions and precautionary measures of the National Taskforce to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

HRH the Premier's directives are in line with his unwavering interest in following up on all issues raised by the citizens in the local press, as well as his keenness to ensure them the requirements of comfort and decent living.

Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry tasked to revise current procedures and legislation regulating the licensing of shared labour housing, its periodic control, and commitment to regulatory, health and safety requirements

Dangerous substances watchdog committee formed

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Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa issued yesterday an edict forming a committee in charge of listing dangerous substances, their storage sites, and inspection mechanisms.



The Interior Minister

relevant directorates.

The committee will ensure commitment to related precautionary measures from the arrival of the substances to the Kingdom's ports to their stores, away from urban areas.

Under the edict, the committee shall also review transportation and storage conditions in this regard, to ensure ultimate safety standards for all.

Youth, sports development 'on right track'

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The Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) is keen to implement the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in supporting Bahraini youth in various fields.

This was affirmed yesterday by HM the King's Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs representative, National Security Advisor and SCYS chairman His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa in a press interview on the occasion of International Youth Day, which is to be marked today.

HH Shaikh Nasser said that the youth and sports movement in the Kingdom is on the right track in as many prominent and unique initiatives that have been approved at the regional and global level, which will bring Bahraini youth and the sports movement in line with global developments.

HH Shaikh Nasser pointed out that all the initiatives presented in various fields are a translation of the vision of HM King Hamad, who is always keen to provide the best environment for youth and sports, which has resulted in a leap of achievements.

HH Shaikh Nasser mentioned related initiatives and contributions that ensure youth development and emphasised their importance, as future generations are a priority in the country.

Meanwhile, on the occasion of International Youth Day, SCYS first deputy chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee president His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa affirmed that Bahraini youth have played a key and influential role in tailoring and shaping the definitions of sustainable development in the Kingdom, and they are working tirelessly to enable Bahrain to meet its sustainable development goals in various fields.

"We in the Kingdom of Bahrain have a lot of faith in our youth and we stand by them, giving them our full confidence to steer the Kingdom towards new successes in the development field as we are keen to reach the sustainable development goals set by the UN; we want Bahrain to become a role model to follow," HH Shaikh Khalid said.

"Bahrain has taken tangible and clear steps to activate the role of youth as we consider them an integral part of the development process in all fields, as well as to allow them to be involved in decision-making in line with the UN's vision and aspirations for the 2030 sustainable development goals.

"Youth are the vein of all nations and with them, we prosper. We in the Kingdom of Bahrain are proud of our youth who we consider as our real wealth, thanks to their capabilities and potentials," he concluded.

Foreign Minister holds phone call with Greek counterpart

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Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani held a phone call with

his Greek counterpart Nikos Dendias.

The two ministers stressed the strong friendly relations between the two countries and discussed

ways to develop cooperation. They also exchanged viewpoints on the latest regional and international developments of shared interests.

Health Minister presented with book



The Health Minister with Dr Haji

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Minister of Health Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh received yesterday Bahraini technology researcher and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Society head Dr Jassim Haji, who presented to her a copy

of his latest publications entitled "Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation, an Inevitable Necessity After Corona".

The Health Minister praised the importance of such work, which keeps pace with the developments of the modern

era and prepares for the stages that will follow the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and wished Dr Haji further success.

Dr Haji expressed his deep thanks and appreciation to the Health Minister for her support and encouragement.

NCC holds webinar on digital media content

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The National Communication Centre (NCC) held a webinar yesterday on writing digital media content.

NCC digital content administrator Mohammed Bucheeri moderated the forum, in which members of the government communication network participated.

The forum reviewed a set of principles for formulating digital media content, namely understanding social media networks, and defining the visual

identity and its elements, in addition to best practices in writing media content.

Network members commended the efforts of the NCC to organise forums that contribute to developing government media work and strengthen communication among all official bodies.

They stressed the importance of identifying methods of formulating digital media content in light of the developments in the use and methods of dealing with new media and technology in social media and

e-platforms.

The webinar is one in a series of seminars and workshops launched by the NCC since June, in line with its strategic objectives of unifying government media discourse, and strengthening the communication system in an effective and sustainable manner.

The forums and workshops are also part of the NCC's endeavours to enhance professional development and build the capacities of communication and media work teams at all government institutions.

Shop closed for altering product's expiry date

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A shop in Manama was closed for altering the expiration date of a food product, the Ministry of Industry, Commerce

and Tourism has announced.

The ministry's Inspection Department shut the establishment down after confirming a complaint received that it had tampered with a product's date

of validity.

The ministry is in the process of completing the necessary legal procedures in this regard, in accordance with local laws.

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