

Committee on banning chemical weapons formed

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday issued Edict (78) of 2025 regarding the formation of the National Committee for the Prohibition of Weapons of Mass Destruction, based on a proposal submitted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and following the approval of the Cabinet.

A committee named the “The National Committee for the Prohibition of Weapons of Mass Destruction”, referred to in this edict as “the Committee”, shall be formed under the chairmanship of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Membership in the Committee shall be for a term of four years, renewable for similar terms. Should any member’s seat become vacant, a representative from the same entity shall be nominated to complete the remaining term.

Bahrain shares grief with Iraq

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The Kingdom of Bahrain expressed solidarity with Iraq over the floods and torrents that affected Sulaymaniyah and Kirkuk in the Kurdistan Region, resulting in a number of deaths and injuries.

A statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs extended the Kingdom’s sincere condolences and sympathy to the families of the victims, and to the government and people of Iraq in this tragic incident, and wished the injured a speedy recovery.

Building collapse

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Bahrain expressed solidarity with the Kingdom of Morocco following the collapse of two adjacent buildings in the city of Fez, which resulted in a number of deaths and injuries.

A Ministry of Foreign Affairs statement conveyed the Kingdom’s condolences and sympathy to the victims’ families.

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Bahrain, Egypt call for Gaza ceasefire implementation

His Majesty King Hamad holds phone call with President El Sisi

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Bahrain and Egypt emphasised the necessity of full implementation of the ceasefire agreement in the Gaza Strip, the urgent and unhindered delivery of humanitarian aid, and the immediate commencement of reconstruction efforts to restore

normal life for Gaza’s residents.

This came as His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday held a telephone call with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi.

They discussed recent regional developments, particularly the situation in Gaza.

Both leaders underscored their firm rejection of any attempts to displace the Palestinian people from their land and stressed that the Palestinian cause remains a top priority on the Arab and international agendas.



HM the King



President El Sisi

They also agreed on the importance of fully implementing the US President Donald Trump’s peace plan in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 2803, as a framework for achieving a just and comprehensive peace.

HM the King and President El Sisi agreed to continue communications and coordination on issues of mutual interest, particularly in light of the challenging circumstances in the region, to strengthen Arab unity, and serve the interests of their peoples.

Healthy future

HRH Deputy King affirms Bahrain commitment to advancing healthcare sector

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Deputy King, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has reaffirmed Bahrain’s steadfast commitment to promoting public health by strengthening the national healthcare system.

“We are adopting the latest scientific and technological developments across diverse medical specialties to provide high-quality healthcare services and enhance the efficiency of our national healthcare system,” HRH Prince Salman said.

The Deputy King was speaking as he met yesterday with Her Excellency Dr Hanan Hassan Balkhi, the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, at Gudaibiya Palace.

Certificate

Dr Balkhi presented to the Southern Governorate the WHO’s accreditation certificate as a “Healthy Governorate.”

Highlighting the Kingdom’s priorities, the Deputy King noted: “Improving treatment and rehabilitation services, and implementing leading global practices, are key to safeguarding the



HRH the Deputy King with H.E. Dr Hanan Hassan Balkhi

health of our citizens and delivering high-quality healthcare.”

His Royal Highness also underscored that the accreditation of all four Bahraini governorates under the WHO’s Healthy Cities initiative reflects the advanced standards of the national health sector.

“This achievement demon-

strates Bahrain’s ongoing commitment to promoting public health and supporting sustainable development goals,” he said.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister commended the dedicated efforts of healthcare professionals across the Kingdom.

“Our healthcare sector contin-

ues to deliver the highest levels of care, achieving the Kingdom’s goals in the sector,” he added.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted the importance of international collaboration, noting, “Bahrain’s strong partnership with the WHO contributes to the continued development of national healthcare plans in line

with international standards.”

His Royal Highness also emphasised the significance of knowledge exchange with international organisations to enhance preparedness and resilience in the health sector, reiterating Bahrain’s dedication to continuous advancement in support of public health.



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– HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE DEPUTY KING, CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

Banking sector key to sustainable economic growth

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His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, highlighted the vital role of the banking and financial sector in supporting economic development, noting its importance in advancing sustainable growth.

He emphasised Bahrain’s com-



H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa with Fahad bin Abduljalil Al Saif

mitment to strengthening cooperation with regional and international financial institutions to create quality opportunities.

H.E. Shaikh Salman pointed to the Kingdom’s competitive and attractive environment, which reinforces its position as a regional and international financial centre.

The Minister made the re-

marks as he received Fahad bin Abduljalil Al Saif, Chairman of Gulf International Bank (GIB).

H.E. Khalid Ibrahim Humaidan, Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain; H.E. Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat); and a number of officials attended the meeting.