

HRH the Premier directs to conduct inspections

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His Royal Highness the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa directed the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism to intensify inspections and review licences for workshops, garages and laboratories located near residential areas, to ensure safety and avoid risks or accidents.

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the importance of following security and safety measures in all industrial establishments in order to maintain the safety of workers in these facilities, citizens and residents in the areas close to them.

This came within the framework of HRH the Prime Minister's concern to solve issues related to citizens' needs and problems in order to maintain society's security and stability.

Getting citizens involved

HRH the Crown Prince keen to involve Bahrainis in state's decisions: Information Minister

● HRH the Crown Prince hailed for directives to leave the choice of in-person or remote learning for students to their parents, in the midst of the coronavirus crisis

● Bahrain submits proposal on teaching media education in schools, to prepare a generation that is educated, responsible, and able to use these means



A screenshot of the virtual forum taking place

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Information Affairs Minister Ali bin Mohammed Al Romaihi affirmed yesterday that His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, believes in the importance of involving citizens in the decision-making process under various circumstances.

This is reflected in HRH the Crown Prince's directives to leave the choice of in-person or remote learning for students to their parents, in the midst of the exceptional circumstances the world is facing as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, he said.

The minister made the statement while participating in the seventh Arab Media Leaders

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INFORMATION AFFAIRS MINISTER ALI BIN MOHAMMED AL ROMAIHI

Forum, organised by the Arab League secretariat-general in cooperation with the Arab Media Forum in Kuwait.

The Arab League secretary-general, along with the Egyptian, Jordanian and Omani information ministers, in addition to a number of Arab officials, took part in the virtual meeting.

Al Romaihi stressed that the mutual trust between state institutions and society contributes to achieving common goals and aspirations, and confirms the readiness of the state to deal with all urgent changes, especially in light of the current circumstances, which have proven the importance of adopting a moderate and transparent me-

dia discourse that reflects reality without intimidation or underestimation.

Al Romaihi pointed out that social media has become accessible to all, which reinforces the need to spread the culture of the proper use and management of these means, in a manner that would achieve desired goals.

The Information Minister said that Bahrain had submitted a proposal to the Arab League's Arab Information Ministers' meeting on teaching media education in schools to prepare a generation that is educated, responsible, and able to use these means.

On the role of the media in confronting COVID-19, the minister stressed that the exceptional circumstances the world is going through have proven the vital role played by the media, in its various platforms, to face all challenges.

The Information Minister extended sincere thanks and appreciation to all the affiliates of the press and media for the tremendous efforts they are exerting during this period, noting that media personnel are at the frontlines of the fight against the pandemic, alongside health and security workers.

Deputy Premier receives British Ambassador



The Deputy Premier with the British Ambassador

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Deputy Prime Minister His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa received yesterday British Am-

bassador Roderick Drummond.

The Deputy Premier reviewed historical relations between the two Kingdoms, affirming Bahrain's keenness to strengthen bilateral relations

in all fields.

The British Ambassador expressed his appreciation to HH Shaikh Mohammed, and wished Bahrain further progress and prosperity.

HM the King's Diplomatic Advisor receives British Ambassador



Shaikh Khalid with Ambassador Drummond

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His Majesty the King's Diplomatic Affairs Advisor Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received British Ambassador Roderick Drummond. The advisor expressed his pride in the historical friend-

ship between the two Kingdoms, praising the advanced level it has reached in all fields. He also noted Bahrain's keenness, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, to open wider horizons for various aspects of cooperation in a way that en-

hances common interests, and wished the British Ambassador further success in his diplomatic duties.

Ambassador Drummond expressed his appreciation to Shaikh Khalid and wished Bahrain further progress and prosperity in all fields.

HH Shaikh Nasser reviews King Hamad youth award goals

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His Majesty the King's Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs representative, National Security Advisor and Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Affairs (SCYS) chairman His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa affirmed that the launch of the King Hamad Youth Empowerment Award to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, which is on its third edition, aims to continue Bahrain's efforts to support the international

community to celebrate youth around the world.

HH Shaikh Nasser said that continuing the King Hamad Award this year despite the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis reflects Bahrain's commitment to global youth, and reflects the Kingdom's support for the efforts of the UN in order to give youth the full opportunity to implement sustainable development goals.

HH Shaikh Nasser added that the projects that will be presented in this edition from various categories have been

linked between achieving these goals and ways to combat the COVID-19 and overcome its effects as a prerequisite for the award, which gives it flexibility and further broadens the scope of its interests.

HH Shaikh Nasser stressed that the award came to urge the international community, governmental and private bodies, the civil sector and youth sectors, to exert greater efforts and within the framework of competitiveness in order to achieve international goals.

Al Ajmi honoured with prestigious award

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The Chartered Insurance Institute (CII) in London has awarded Husain Al Ajmi with the Allan Bridgewater Award for Excellence, which is the top honour amongst the CII awards.

Al Ajmi becomes the first winner ever of this prestigious award globally.

The CII has designated the award to celebrate inclusivity within the insurance profession, considering those demonstrating a lasting impact within the profession nationally as well as globally.

For three decades, Al Ajmi has had outstanding relentless contributions to the industry, expanding the profession whilst



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enhancing its standards nationally and in the MENA region.

"Mr Al Ajmi has been a mentor for many working in the insurance profession in the Mid-

dle East and was instrumental in developing insurance education and training for the region," the CII stated.

Al Ajmi commented: "It is an honour to be the recipient of the prestigious Allan Bridgewater Award for Excellence. It was my mission to contribute towards raising of standards of the insurance industry within the Arab world.

"I am pleased to dedicate this award to the Central Bank of Bahrain for their continued support. I would also like to thank the CII and its awards panel for their trust and recognition of my contributions to the enhancement of the training and development of the insurance and risk-management professions."

Al Ajmi has unique experience in the insurance and risk-management industry. He has translated, authored, and co-authored over 40 course materials and textbooks in the area of insurance and risk management for the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) and the CII, in addition to other US-based global organisations including AHIP, LOMA and The Institutes.

Al Ajmi is currently the Foundation for Insurance and Finance Education CEO, and before that was the BIBF Insurance Learning Centre assistant director and head. He is a visiting lecturer in several universities, including the University of Memphis in the US.

Mosque prayers, religious gatherings remain suspended

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Prayers at mosques, collective worship, and religious assemblies will remain suspended, the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs has said.

The suspension will be maintained until the rate of coronavirus (COVID-19) infections decreases to the desired levels set by the authorities, the council said.

The decision was taken following consultations between the council and the National Taskforce for Combating COVID-19, the Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs

and Endowments, and the heads of the Sunni and Jaafari endowments, the council said in a statement.

It added that gatherings and direct contact are keeping the spread of COVID-19 high, "therefore, and based on its religious responsibility, on the Sharia enjoinders to protect lives and not to expose them to danger or to pandemics, and on the recommendations of the competent medical authorities, the council announces that prayers in mosques, collective worship and religious gatherings will remain suspended."