

Cyrus, Butler lose house in wildfire

Hollywood celebrities Miley Cyrus and Gerard Butler have completely lost their homes in the raging California wildfire, which has left filmmaker Guillermo del Toro's home partially damaged. **P13**

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Israeli air strikes kill three in Gaza

Gaza

Israeli air strikes in Gaza killed three Palestinians and destroyed a Hamas TV building on Monday after a barrage of rocket fire from the enclave, as renewed violence threatened to derail efforts to end months of unrest.

The flare-up came after a deadly Israeli special forces operation in the Gaza Strip on Sunday that left Hamas vowing revenge.

Israel's military said it had so far struck more than 70 militant sites in response to over 300 rockets fired from the Hamas-run territory Monday afternoon into the evening.

France denies receiving Khashoggi tapes from Turkey

London

France yesterday denied being in possession of recordings related to the killing of Jamal Khashoggi and accused Turkey of playing political games with the case.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Saturday that France, Germany and Britain had been handed the tapes, but French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said this was not the case, as far as he knew.

"If the Turkish president has information to give to us, he must give it to us," Le Drian told French TV. "That means he has a political game in this situation."

Khashoggi, a Saudi national

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living in the United States, was killed in the Kingdom's Istanbul consulate last month.

Saudi Arabia said the 59-year-old had been murdered at the mission in a "rogue" operation by people operating beyond their authority.

Eighteen Saudis have been arrested in connection with his death.

His Majesty visits Isa Air Base



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday paid a visit to Isa Air Base and hailed the Royal Bahraini Air Force's efforts to defend the homeland and the region. HM the King was welcomed by Commander-in-chief of Bahrain Defence Force Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Defence Affairs Lt Gen Yousef bin Ahmed Al Jalahma, Chief of staff Lt Gen Thiab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, Commander of Royal Bahraini Air Force, Pilot Officer Shaikha Aisha bint Rashid Al Khalifa and a number of senior officers. HM the King was accompanied by HM Personnel Representative to HM the King, HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa. HM the King was briefed on the highly sophisticated F-35 fighter jet by Commander of US Naval Forces Central Command, US 5th Fleet, Vice Admiral Scott Stearney and witnessed a demonstration flight of the F-35, in the presence of US Ambassador to Bahrain, Justin Siberell, and US Military Attache Colonel David Wallin. See Page 4

Missing expat 'found dead'

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The body of Indian national Saju Kurian who went missing since October 11, was found in Riffa, his family members told Tribune.

Mr Kurian, an Indian national, was working for Siam Group of Companies and the company had filed a missing complaint with the police, it is learnt.

Many community leaders and leaders of social organisations were in action initially to find the missing man, but all their efforts did not yield any results.



Mr Kurian

Binu Varghese, Mr Kurian's wife had filed a complaint with the Indian External Affairs Ministry as well as Ombudsman in the Kingdom.

The family is now demanding a thorough probe into the death, said sources close to Mr Kurian's family.

Tackling rain havoc

Cabinet apprised about steps taken by different ministries to deal with negative effects of rain

Manama

The Cabinet chaired by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday reviewed the steps taken by different ministries to tackle the ongoing rainy season.

HRH the Prime Minister was informed about the effects of unstable weather conditions and the heavy rain resulting from them, as well as about the actions taken by the relevant ministries and governmental entities through the National Disaster Management Committee.

In this regard, the Interior Ministry, in a presentation, shed light on the great efforts exerted by different departments, including the General Directorate of Civil Defence, to deal with all notifications and take the necessary procedures to deliver assistance to the citizens and residents.

In another presentation, Works, Municipalities Affairs



HRH the Premier chairs the Cabinet.

and Urban Planning Minister highlighted his ministry's efforts to deal with rain chaos, including the suction of floodwaters, stressing the readiness of all ministry's bodies to deal with rain.

The Education Minister also informed the session about the measures taken by the Education Ministry regarding some rain-affected schools.

HRH the Premier was also informed about the actions taken to deal with the rain-affected regions.

The Premier gave directives to determine the schools that

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DR AL NASSER

need immediate and urgent maintenance, and to give them priority in the government buildings' maintenance programme.

Among other things, the Prime Minister praised the role played by private universities in

supporting higher education in the kingdom, citing their contributions to preparing qualified and trained national competencies.

While commenting on the graduation ceremonies of the Al Ahlia University and AMA International University-Bahrain (AMAIUB), both held under his patronage, HRH the Premier extended congratulations to the graduates and wished them further success.

The Cabinet welcomed the participants, exhibitors and visitors of the fifth edition of the Bahrain International Airshow

(BIAS 2018), highlighting the importance of enhancing international cooperation in the aviation field.

The session stressed the role of BIAS in reflecting Bahrain's strides in hosting and organising mega international exhibitions, as well in boosting the international aviation sector.

In another development, HRH the Prime Minister lauded the efforts and initiatives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to promote peaceful co-existence and foster inter-faith dialogue.

In this regard, HRH the Premier praised the launch of the "King Hamad Chair in Inter-faith Dialogue and Peaceful Coexistence" in the Italy-based Sapienza University, noting that the move reflects the royal keenness to provide a scientific platform to feed the minds of youth with the noble goals on which the King's initiative was based, said Cabinet Secretary-General, Dr Yasser Al Nasser in a post-session statement.

DIRAZ BLAST

Death sentence for cop's killers

Manama

The High Criminal Court yesterday sentenced four suspects to death after they were convicted of committing a terrorist explosion that killed one police officer and injured two others in Diraz area on June 18 last year, said Terror Crime Chief Prosecutor Ahmed Al Hammadi.

The police officer died in the blast was 31-year-old Abdulsamad Haji.

The suspects were charged with murder, illegal possession, handling and use of weapons and explosive device that claimed a human life and damaged public and private properties. They also received training on how to use weapons and explosives.

The court also ordered the suspects to collectively pay BD1,000 fine in compensation for the damages caused by the blast and revoked their citizenship.



Martyr of duty Abdulsamad

The terrorist blast took place in the Diraz area where the suspects conspired to kill police officers by targeting security vehicles with explosive devices.

The suspects monitored the movement of police vehicles and selected the exact location where they planted the explosive device.

Two suspects planted the explosive device and went up the roof of a building in the vicinity to monitor the movement of police vehicles near the bomb location.

They detonated the bomb when a police vehicle arrived, killing one police officer and critically injuring two others.

The blast also damaged public and private properties near the site. One of the suspects was apprehended and questioned by the Prosecution according to proper legal procedures.

The Prosecution built its case based on witness testimonies, technical evidence, forensic reports, photo imaging of the blast site, seized electronic devices and a detailed confession in which one suspect admitted having committed the incident along with the remaining suspects.



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