

HRH Prince Salman thanked by Egypt leader



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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received a cable of thanks

from Egypt President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi, in response to HRH's cable of condolences on the victims of Toukh train accident that took place in the Governorate of Qalyubia.

Shaikh Khalid hails Finance Minister efforts in progress



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the visions and aspirations of the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in order to enhance Bahrain's progress.

HH Shaikh Khalid discussed with Shaikh Salman areas of cooperation between the GSA and Finance Ministry, in addition to topics of mutual interest.

HH Shaikh Khalid also reviewed a number of plans, programmes and strategies that the GSA seeks to implement in the coming period to contribute to developing the sports system in accordance with the Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 and the Fiscal Balance Programme aimed at reaching a balance between government expenditure and revenues by 2022.

First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport, Chairman of the General Sports Authority (GSA) and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday held a virtual meeting with Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

HH Shaikh Khalid commended the efforts of the Finance Ministry to implement

The meeting was also attended by GSA Chief Executive Officer Dr Abdul Rahman Sadiq Askar.



Minister Shaikh Salman and Dr Askar at the online meeting

Bahrain stops issuing work permits to citizens from red list countries

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) has temporarily stopped the issuance of new work permits to citizens from countries on its red list.

This was based on the directives issued by the National Taskforce for Combating the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The new arrangement hopes to contribute to strengthening Bahrain's tireless efforts to overcome the critical stage of this pandemic.

Bahrain had suspended the entry of travellers coming from the countries included on the red list, namely India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal, on all flights starting from 24 May 2021, including those coming from these countries who will enter Bahrain temporarily, with

the exception of citizens and visa holders, valid residency in Bahrain, where they must undergo a precautionary quarantine for 10 days in their homes or places designated for quarantine licensed by the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA).

Based on the directives and procedures of the Coordinating Committee and the recommendations of the National Team to Address the Coronavirus, the LMRA took the initiative to respond to these directives by stopping the issuance of new work permits to those outside Bahrain, temporarily, from the countries listed on the red list.

Bahrain confirmed that the countries on its red list are added or removed, and based on regular review, the list is updated periodically.

Clean-up efforts underway after sandstorm



The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning is stepping up efforts to clean up streets following the sand storm which lashed Bahrain over the past two days. The municipalities have removed 60 truckloads of dust and sand from streets and other public places since the clean-up campaign was launched - 16 in the Capital Municipality, 14 in Muharraq, 15 in the Southern Municipality and 15 in the Northern Municipality. The municipal authorities have also removed 12 uprooted trees and 56 damaged street billboards, said Undersecretary Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa.

Shura Council head lauds royal initiatives against COVID

HM King's reassuring message to the nation hailed

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Shura Council Chairman Ali Sbin Saleh Al Saleh paid tribute to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa who sent a reassuring message to the nation, affirming that Bahrain is recovering from the coronavirus (COVID-19).

He lauded the royal praise of the efforts led by His Royal

Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and Team Bahrain to curb the pandemic.

He praised the royal trust in the mandatory precautionary measures and the steps being undertaken as part of the national drive led by HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to combat the virus.

He made the statement following HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's meeting with senior officials and members of the National Medical Taskforce for Combating COVID-19.



Shura Chairman Al Saleh

He praised the pivotal role led by HRH the Crown Prince

and Prime Minister to protect citizens and residents' health and safety, provide vaccines free of charge and find solutions in support of hardest-hit sectors.

He noted the tangible drop in the number of infections and deaths over the past days as well as the increasing number of recoveries thanks to the efficacy of the mandatory precautionary measures.

He also praised the sacrifices and efforts of medical frontliners and other supporting authorities, urging full compliance with the measures set by the National Medical Taskforce for Combating COVID-19.

Speaker defends rights record

European Parliament resolutions against Bahrain 'lack objectivity and credibility'

Zainal holds telephone call with Kuwaiti National Assembly Speaker

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The European Parliament's resolutions against Bahrain lack objectivity and credibility as they tend to ignore the Kingdom's big strides in protecting human rights.

This was emphasised by Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal as she discussed Arab issues with Kuwaiti National Assembly Speaker Marzouq bin Ali Al Ghanim over the phone yesterday.

She also criticised the European Parliament for relying on unofficial information aimed at tarnishing the Kingdom's image and belittling its pioneering human rights experience.

Speaker Zainal stressed the development of the human rights system in Bahrain in light of the noble royal care and di-



Speaker Al Ghanim

rectives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the tireless efforts of the government, led by His Royal Highness, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

She highlighted the issues discussed with the Kuwaiti National Assembly Speaker which will be raised at the meeting with the European Parliament President.

She stressed rejection of the Representatives Council of the inaccurate and biased stances adopted by some members of the European Parliament, calling anew to evaluate the human rights situation in Bahrain with



Speaker Zainal

utter impartiality.

Zainal emphasised the need to further boost the Arab-European relations and the exchange of experiences in vital areas, including sources of sustainable and renewable energy.

She stressed the importance of the issue as a top priority in the policies of the Arab and Gulf countries, in light of the national endeavours to increase the renewable energy sources.

The Speaker affirmed support to the Arab efforts aimed at backing the Palestinian issue and the Palestinian people to obtain their legitimate rights according to the two-state solution, the Arab Peace initiative,

and the relevant resolutions of the international legitimacy.

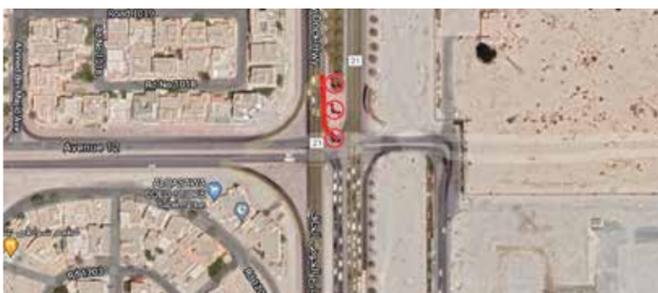
She also touched on the ongoing talks regarding the Iranian nuclear issue, stressing the importance of taking into consideration regional and international worries about the Iranian nuclear programme and ensuring the way of handling this issue does not harm the interests of the Arab countries.

The Speaker wished Al Ghanim every success in the meetings he will hold as a representative of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union and in coming up with positive results to achieve the interests of the Arab countries.

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Dry Dock Street lanes set for closure



The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning in coordination with the General Directorate of Traffic at the Ministry of Interior, announces that the development work of the entrance to the city of East Hidd at the intersection of Dry Dock Street with Hatem Al Tai Street requires the closure of some lanes on Dry Dock Street for southbound traffic as follows. Work includes closure of the lane left and two lanes for traffic; and the left turn and the reverse rotation are prohibited. Traffic will be diverted to the intersection of Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Bridge and the intersection of Hatem Al Tai Street. Work will take place on the aforementioned site starting from tomorrow for a period of one month. Citizens and residents are requested to abide by the traffic rules in order to preserve the safety of all.