

HRH Premier receives Indian delegation

His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday received an Indian business and religious delegation headed by Ajmera Company Board Chairman Rajnikant Shamalji Ajmera at Gudaibiya Palace. Puja Bhaktipriya Swami and Puja Brahmavihari Swami were part of the delegation along with BAPS Bahrain members. HRH the Premier stressed Bahrain's active contribution throughout history to promoting interfaith and cultural dialogue out of a strong belief in its role to achieve global peace. He affirmed that these facts have turned Bahrain into a strategic option for foreign investments, pointing out the favourable climate and facilities provided by the government for investors. The Premier also added that Bahrain and India share a common feature of being models of coexistence and religious pluralism which are based on a long history of tolerance.

Weather no deterrent to Airshow

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Weather is not expected to be deterrent to Bahrain International Airshow which opens today, it is learnt.

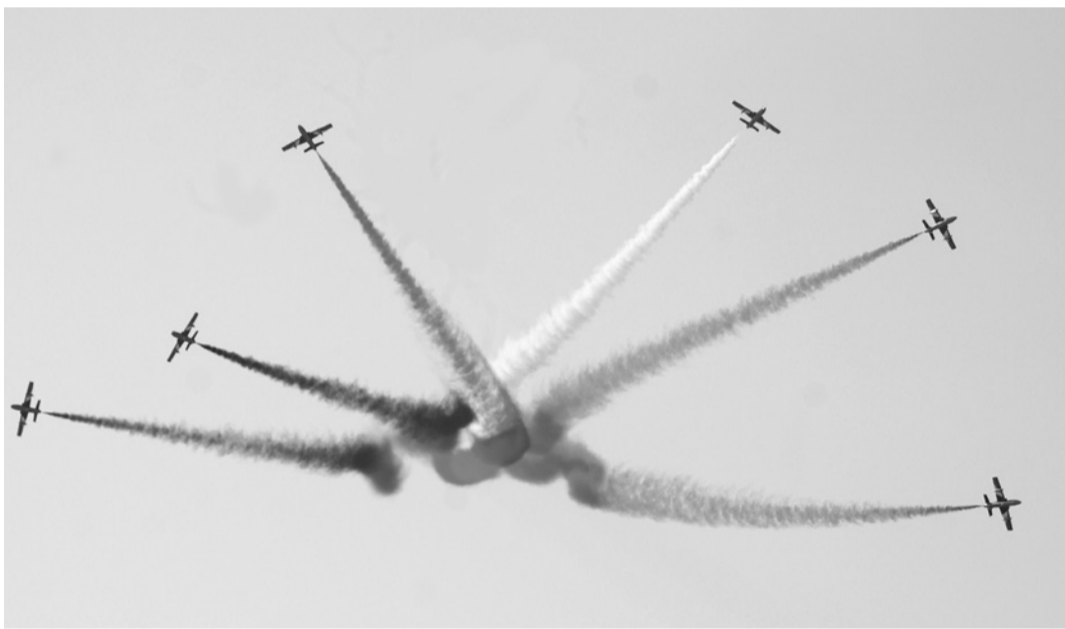
The Meteorological Directorate has forecast a pleasant weather for today although 'partly cloudy at times'.

The forecast is similar for the rest of the week.

The directorate stated the Northwesterly winds will range from 07 to 12 knots, reaching 15 to 20 knots at times during the day.

The max temperature today will be 29-degree Celsius while the minimum will be 23 degree Celsius.

The humidity will range from



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35 per cent to 80pc.

The three-day airshow to be held at Sakhir Air Base, will extend until Friday.

The biennial airshow, established in 2010, is being held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

According to organisers, exhibitor numbers for 2018 for the airshow have increased by 70 per cent compared with the

previous show.

The Exhibition Hall has doubled in size and there are four new country pavilions including the US and Russia.

It will also see the largest ever Saudi and Emirati presence and there will be more than 100 aircraft flying and on static display.

Amanda Stainer, Commercial Director for Farnborough International Ltd, co-organisers of the Bahrain International Airshow, said: "We've seen high demand for slots in the flying display underscoring Bahrain's status as the region's preeminent airshow."

"From the roar of fast jets through to the thrill of aerobatic flying, and rotorcraft of all size; Bahrain is a rare opportunity to witness a display of unparalleled variety."

Drug addict couple's jail time suspended on appeal

● **The couple was arrested while they were searching for drugs under parked cars in Manama, according to court details.**

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A couple convicted of consuming drugs has had their one year's imprisonment each upheld, but suspended for three years.

Both defendants were earlier held guilty of consuming drugs, although the wife revealed to judges that it was her husband who made her a drug addict. The couple was arrested while they were searching for drugs under parked cars in Manama, according to court details.

They were arrested after anti-drugs squad received a tip-off that drugs were being sold by putting packets in waste containers and throwing them under parked cars in Manama.

They pair was allegedly in an inebriated state when arrested by police.

They had told prosecutors that a Pakistani national was supplying them drugs.

Bangladeshi national faces trial for bid to smuggle drugs

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A 35-year-old Bangladeshi construction worker was arrested after he tried to smuggle drugs into the Kingdom by hiding them in the bag's handle.

His plan failed as customs officers spotted the narcotic pills through the X-ray machine.

According to prosecutors, the man was trying to smuggle 1,505 narcotic pills into the

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Criminal Court.

"I work in the construction field. I brought these tablets as they weren't available here," the defendant told prosecutors.

"I was hiding this inside the bag's handle thinking no-one would discover it," he added.

The 35-year-old man revealed that he attempted to smuggle the pills for personal use.

The defendant will hear the verdict on his case on December 26, 2018.

Kingdom.

He faces trial at the High

Bahrain's commitment to religious freedom praised

Manama

The German ambassador to Bahrain has praised the kingdom's commitment to religious freedom and tolerance.

Ambassador Kai Boeckmann also lauded Bahrain's contribution to fulfil the Sustainable Development Goals and to win the support of young people for these goals.

"I am profoundly grateful to HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HRH Prince Khalifa

bin Salman Al Khalifa, HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and HE Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa who have assured me of their support and the support of the government of the Kingdom of Bahrain for our efforts to deepen and strengthen the excellent relationship between Germany and Bahrain," Boeckmann said at a reception hosted by the embassy to mark German Unity Day.

"I congratulate the Kingdom of Bahrain for its election to the



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UN Human Rights Council." The relationship between

Germany and Bahrain is an important element in the effort to

overcome divisions, bridge the gap between differing opinions, help resolve crises and conflicts across the globe and promote human rights and the rule of law, the ambassador added.

Boeckmann said that Germany wanted to honour the trust of the international community after it was elected by more than 180 countries to the United Nations Security Council as a non-permanent member for two years.

"We want to do everything

in our power to promote peace and security in the world in cooperation with our partners. This is only possible within a rules-based international order. True multilateralism does not impose the law of the strong but creates fair conditions for everyone," he said.

"One lesson from German reunification is that true progress can never take place by going it alone."

German Unity Day commemorates the anniversary of German reunification in 1990.