

Bahrain may be exempted from US import tariffs on aluminium

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High-level discussions will continue to take place to explore the possibility for Bahrain to receive an exemption on the US import tariffs on steel and aluminium, it is learnt.

Discussions are ongoing about Bahrain's prospect of securing an exemption for the steel and aluminium tariffs that were imposed by the US government on the majority of countries. Tariffs were set at 25 per cent and 10pc for steel and aluminium respectively.

Responding to a question from Tribune, John J Sullivan US Deputy Secretary of State said that the discussions would continue. He said that during

his meetings with business leaders and government officials here, the subject of tariff exemption was discussed widely.

"We have had discussions about the steel and aluminium tariffs that were imposed. I understand its impact on the aluminum industry here in Bahrain," he told Tribune.

"There are processes for countries to seek exemptions and we've discussed that both in the past and will do so going forward with Bahrain."

Explaining the purpose behind the tariffs he explained, "The problem that the tariffs are ultimately seeking to solve is a problem of overproduction, principally in China, specifically with steel and aluminium.

"So there is a process for exemption and we are in continuing discussions

with the government of Bahrain - to discuss the potentials for a waiver or an exemption from those tariffs."

US President Donald Trump imposed steel and aluminum tariffs in March. The EU, Canada, Mexico, Australia,

Argentina, Brazil and South Korea were temporarily exempted from the order. However, only four countries, Australia, Argentina, Brazil and South Korea, currently have an exemption on steel tariffs.



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MR SULLIVAN

Mr Sullivan is on an official regional tour and will be visiting several countries in the Middle East.

"The United States' partnership with Bahrain is not limited to security issues, as important as those may be, our relationship is much broader," he said.

The US State official added that trade, commerce and investments remain an important aspect of the relationship between the US and Bahrain.

He also praised the role that the FTA agreement has played in boosting trade between the countries. He added that the US companies can play a role in the development of oil resources in Khaleej Al Bahrain basin.

"We will help the companies engage in Bahrain and pursue all those opportunities that we believe are waiting for them here," he said.

Science award winners named

The Sastra Pratibhas will have the unique opportunity to visit prominent scientific establishments in India and to interact with senior scientists working there.

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The results of the nationwide science talent search examination (Sastra Pratibha Contest-2018) were declared yesterday.

The contest was jointly organised by Science India Forum Bahrain, National Science Movement of India and supported by Embassy of India Bahrain and Indian Space Research Organisation.

The 16 students declared as "Sastra Pratibhas" are: Amrutavarshinee Murugan (Bahrain Indian School), Sreya Saju (New Indian School), Aashna Akbar Sha (New Horizon School), Alvin Sunny Chirayath Manjiyil (The Indian School), Snehit Mannepalli (New Millennium School), Adhik Narayan Ajay Madhav (The Asian School), Mariam Thomas (The Indian School), Devisree Suresh (The Indian School), Harikrishnan K Menon (New Millennium School), Adithya Padmakumar Raina (The Asian School), Nishanth Nithyananda Shet (Al Noor International School), Sama Umesh Walke (New Millennium School), Reema Ratnadeep Gawas (The Indian School), Rishaban (New Millen-



Amrutavarshinee Murugan, Grade 5 Bahrain Indian School



Sreya Saju, Grade 5 The New Indian School



Aashna Akbar Sha, Grade 6 The New Horizon School



Alvin Sunny Chirayath Manjiyil, Grade 6 The Indian School



Snehit Mannepalli, Grade 6 New Millennium School



Adhik Narayan Ajay Madhav, Grade 7 The Asian School



Mariam Thomas, Grade 7 The Indian School



Devisree Suresh, Grade 8 The Indian School



Harikrishnan K Menon, Grade 8 New Millennium School



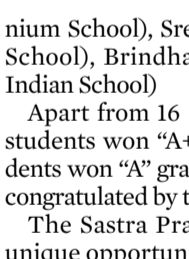
Adithya Padmakumar Raina, Grade 9 The Asian School



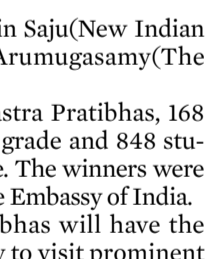
Nishanth Nithyananda Shet, Grade 9 Al Noor International School



Sama Umesh Walke, Grade 9 New Millennium School



Reema Ratnadeep Gawas, Grade 10 The Indian School



Rishaban S, Grade 10 New Millennium School



Srevin Saju, Grade 10 The New Indian School



Brindhya Arumugasamy, Grade 11 The Indian School

Club to organise table tennis tournament

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The Filipino Table Tennis Club under the patronage of the Philippine Embassy will hold its first Invitational Table Tennis Tournament on October 26, 2018, at Saar Cultural and Sports Club, Bahrain. The event is being organised to promote the table tennis sport and healthy lifestyle.

It is expected to attract a minimum of 70 amateur participants from different nationalities residing in the Kingdom and Saudi Arabia.

The tournament will be divided into three: Class A (advance skill), Class B (intermediate skill), Class C (beginner skill).

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority has expressed support to the campaign #Team Bahrain, which offers a tribute to all those who have been contributing towards the nation building.

Diamond jubilee celebrations



The Diamond Jubilee and Annual Convention of Bahrain St Mary's Indian Orthodox Cathedral was inaugurated by the Supreme Head of the Indian Orthodox Church Moran Mor Baselios Mar Thoma Paulose II and University College of Bahrain (UCB) Founder and Chairman Dr Khalid M Al Khalifa by lighting the traditional lamp in the presence of Geevarghese Mar Coorilos Metropolitan (Mumbai Diocese) and Yuhanon Mar Dioscoros Metropolitan (Madras Diocese).