

## Stan Lee to appear in 'Avengers 4'

Millions of hearts around the globe broke when news came in of the passing away of legendary Stan Lee at the age of 95. An integral part of the Marvel Universe, the veteran writer was also known for his cameos in the Marvel movies. **P13**

## Minister signs four agreements

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Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications Kamal Ahmed stressed Bahrain's keenness to broaden aviation co-operation with other countries to upgrade the national aviation sector.

On the sidelines of the 2018 Bahrain International Airshow being held under the patronage of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Transportation Minister signed four air service agreements with Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Brunei and Brazil.

The minister represented Bahrain in the signing ceremony, while Saudi Arabia's Transport Minister Dr Nabeel bin Mhammed Al Amoudi, the UAE's General Civil Aviation Authority's General-Manager Saif Mohammed Al Suwaidi, Brunei's Communications Minister Abdulmutalib Pehin Dato Yusof and Brazil's Ambassador to Kuwait, Norton de Andrea Mello Rapesta, represented their sides.

The agreements include the regulation of air services between Bahrain and the signatory countries, in accordance with the latest standards approved by International Civil Aviation Organisation, to comprise air safety regulations, aviation security, protection of environment, sale of air transport products, automated airline reservation system, as well as provision of air transport rights.

The minister expressed delight in signing the agreements, which would boost Bahrain's regional standing in the aviation field.

He added it also reflects the royal vision in line with the civilisational development seen by the Kingdom.



Participating teams delivered exciting air displays on the opening day of the air show yesterday.

● **His Majesty paid tribute to the organisational efforts of the 2018 BIAS, one of the fastest growing air shows in the Middle East, where leading aviation companies get together to exchange expertise and reach agreements.**

● **HH Shaikh Abdulla added that BIAS reflects the kingdom's capabilities and experience in the exhibition industry as it brings together and elite from the international aviation sector to hold commercial deals.**

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On behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Personal Representative of His Majesty the King and Chairman of the High Organising Committee of Bahrain



His Majesty along with Royal Family members, senior government officials, diplomats and dignitaries arrives at Sakhir Air Base to watch the air show.

International Airshow (BIAS) HH Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday opened the fifth edition of BIAS at Sakhir Air Base. Senior civil and military officials and guests attended the opening.

HH Shaikh Abdulla extended heartfelt thanks and gratitude to HM the King for his patronage and unlimited support to the exhibition, stressing the great success of the event since its inception.

He lauded the royal directives, describing them as an incentive to boost success of the show and project it worldwide.

He added that BIAS reflects the

kingdom's capabilities and experience in the exhibition industry as it brings together and elite from the international aviation sector to hold commercial deals and explore opportunities for individuals and companies.

After the opening ceremony, HH Shaikh Abdulla toured the exhibition. Senior guests and representatives of major participating companies accompanied him.

He was informed about the most modern military and civil planes, air navigation equipment and advanced aviation systems and their allied services. He also

visited the companies' promotion offices.

HH Shaikh Abdulla thanked Transportation and Telecommunication Minister and Deputy Chairman of BIAS High Organising Committee Kamal Ahmed for his distinguished efforts to ensure success of the exhibition. He also thanked all organisers of the show, lauding good organisation of the event.

HM King Hamad yesterday paid a visit to the air show.

HM the King was welcomed upon arrival by HH Shaikh Abdulla, BDF Commander-in-chief

Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa and senior officials.

HM the King watched the air shows associating the event, where the Bahraini jet fighters led the participating air formations in opening of the air shows.

HM the King hosted a luncheon in honour of senior officials and guests.

His Majesty paid tribute to the organisational efforts of the 2018 BIAS, one of the fastest growing air shows in the Middle East, where leading aviation companies get together to exchange expertise and reach agreements.

HM the King expressed appreciation of the Supreme Organising Committee's efforts.

His Majesty also lauded the contributions of the BDF and Royal Bahraini Air force and competent sides to the success of the international event.

His Majesty took pride in Bahraini human resources capable of organising and hosting major international exhibitions, stressing that attracting leading aviation companies accentuates Bahrain strategic location as a prominent economic and trade regional centre. **See pages 2-3 & 4**

## GLOBAL PARTNERS

# Spotlight on Bahrain-UK relations

London

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown

Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister yesterday attended the official opening ceremony for McLaren's new Composites Tech-



HRH the Crown Prince with Prince William and Kate Middleton at the opening ceremony.

nology Centre in Rotherham, UK.

The opening was held in the presence of the Duke of Cambridge, and the Duchess of Cambridge.

The Composites Technology Centre will explore new ways to develop industrial carbon-fibre technologies.

In a statement, HRH the Crown Prince congratulated McLaren on the opening of its new centre, saying that cutting-edge research plays a pivotal role in driving innovation within all economies.

HRH the Crown Prince welcomed McLaren's longstanding commitment to working with international partners to explore how the latest technologies can

be diversified and utilised, noting that this is indicative of broad-

er Bahrain-UK collaboration. **See page 10**



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