

Saudi, Palestine draw in landmark West Bank game

Saudi Arabia's football team played Palestine in the occupied West Bank for the first time on Tuesday. The two met in a qualifier for the 2022 World Cup at the Palestinian national stadium in Al-Ram, playing out a 0-0 draw. **P16**

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Beacon of tolerance

'Kingdom's heritage epitomises human values of justice, equality'

Bahrain attends Brexit meeting
 Berlin

Ambassador of the Kingdom to the Federal Republic of Germany, Abdulla Abdullatif Abdulla, participated in the round table of Ambassadors Brexit Impact on the Financial Centre, at the invitation of the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany in co-operation with Frankfurt Main Finance.

ARABAL 2019 set
 Manama

Aluminium Bahrain, host of the 23rd Arab International Aluminium Conference (ARABAL 2019), that will be held from 19 to 21 November 2019, under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa the Prime Minister, held a Press Conference yesterday to announce the details.



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday received, at Al Sakhir Palace, heads of delegations participating in the Government Forum to Combat Trafficking in Persons in the Middle East, organised by the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons and the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA), in co-operation with the International Organisation for Migration and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC) in the GCC. HM the King welcomed the guests of Bahrain and wished



His Majesty receives heads of delegations, which attended the forum against human trafficking.

them success, taking pride in hosting this importance forum, in a first in the region, describing the event as first-hand opportunity to exchange expertise and practices in the field of combating trafficking in Persons. HM the King hailed Bahrain's Tier 1 ranking, for the second consecutive year, as per the US Department of State Trafficking in Persons (TiP) report, as the first country in the Middle East and North Africa.

His Majesty lauded the outstanding ranking, which, he said, reflects Bahrain's commit-

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HIS MAJESTY

ment to international standards, participation in the international community's drive to combat trafficking in persons and foster

the culture of human rights.

The King praised the landmark achievement as the fruit of dedicated work and joint co-ordination between the Foreign Ministry, the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons and the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA).

His Majesty recognised all relevant institutions and competent authorities which adopted key initiatives and viable programmes aimed at turning the Kingdom as a global role model for combating trafficking in persons.

HM the King paid tribute to the people of Bahrain, who have been living, all along the Kingdom's history, as closely-knit family, welcoming all visitors in the homeland as their friends, thus reflecting their genuine mettle and deep-rooted and long-standing traditions.

His Majesty lauded Bahrain's respect for all people in their country without any discrimination, stressing their keenness on reaching out to all those living on Bahrain's soil respectfully.

"Protecting dignity and security is an inalienable human right which is inherent in all religions and international laws," His Majesty said, affirming that the Kingdom will always commit to its longstanding heritage that epitomises human values of justice and equality.

"Bahrain will remain a beacon of moderation, committed to building bridges with all countries in the world, regardless of cultures, religions or faiths," HM the King said.

The audience expressed deep thanks and appreciation to HM the King for the warm welcomed and the success of the forum, hailing Bahrain's Tier 1 ranking in the US Department of State Trafficking in Persons (TiP) Report, as the first country in the Middle East and North Africa.

BIG VICTORY

Iran loses to Bahrain in World Cup qualifier

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Iran suffered a 1-0 loss against Bahrain at match day four of Asia's Round 2 qualifying for the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar in Group C yesterday.

Uzbekistani referee Valentin Kovalenko awarded a penalty stroke to Bahrain in the 65th minute, which Mohamed Al Hardan coolly slotted home at Riffa's Bahrain National Stadium.

Iran has already defeated Hong Kong and Cambodia in the competition.

The result means Bahrain now share the summit of the group with Iraq with seven points each, although a superior scoring record sees Iraq



Bahrain won the game (1-0).

claiming the top spot.

Iran dropped to third with six points from three matches and face a challenging trip to Iraq in November, while Bahrain head east to play Hong Kong next.

The eight group winners and four best runners-up will advance to the AFC Asian Cup

China 2023 and the final round of qualifying for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

The next best 24 teams from the second round of the joint qualifiers will compete in a separate competition for the remaining 12 slots in the 24-team AFC Asian Cup China 2023.

Syrian, Russian troops sweep into Manbij

Damascus

Turkey ignored US sanctions and pressed on with its assault on northern Syria yesterday, while the Russia-backed Syrian army roared into one of the most hotly contested cities abandoned by US forces in Donald Trump's retreat.

Reuters journalists accompanied Syrian government forces who entered the centre of the city of Manbij, a flashpoint where US troops had previously conducted joint patrols with Turkey.

Russian and Syrian flags were flying from a building on the city outskirts, and from a convoy of military vehicles. US forces announced they had pulled out of the city.

A week after reversing US policy and moving troops out of

1,000
 US troops are being withdrawn by Trump administration from Northern Syria.

the way to allow Turkey to attack Washington's Syrian allies, Trump announced a package of sanctions to punish Ankara.

Trump's unexpected decision to withhold protection from Syria's Kurds after a phone call with Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan a week ago swiftly upended five years of US policy in the Middle East.