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Sinai blast condemned

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ahrain yesterday con- its security and stability.

The Ministry of Foreign Af-sources of funding. fairs expressed its sincere condolences to the families of the personnel were killed or victims and wished the injured wounded in a clash in North a speedy recovery.

The ministry affirmed its sol- were also killed, the Egyptian

idarity and support to all measures taken by Egypt to preserve

demned the terrorist It stressed the Kingdom's attack that targeted a firm position that rejects all security checkpoint in North forms of violence, extremism Sinai, Egypt, which resulted in and terrorism and called for the martyrdom and injury of concerted international efforts a number of security officers. to end terrorism and cut its

> Fifteen Egyptian military Sinai in which seven militants military said.

Egyptian troops were killed in an attack claimed to have been launched by the Islamic State in North Sinai.

the attack on its news agency tants since then.

ish after clashes with "various spokesman said in a statement. kinds of weapons".

The Islamic State later peninsula, and said they have minority.

claimed responsibility for killed several hundred mili-

"Combing operations and It said it killed at least 15 the pursuit and elimination of Egyptian troops, revising an the terrorist elements in the earlier figure of 20 killed south area where the incident took of the provincial capital of Ar- place is ongoing," the military

The security sources said The group did not provide operations were taking place evidence for its claim. Security under aerial cover. Since 2013, forces launched a campaign a Islamist militants have repeatyear ago against Islamist mili- edly targeted security checktants focused on Egypt's Sinai points and Egypt's Christian

GCC technical education strategy discussed

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 \mathbf{A} meeting of the working group for preparation of the strategic plan for co-operation in the field of technical education and vocational training in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, which was formed by the GCC Committee for Technical Education and Vocational Training Officials (GCC-CTEVTO) was held in Oman.

The meeting discussed a number of topics related to technical education and vocational training in the GCC countries, including: the strategic plan of GCC-CTE-VTO, the strategic plan and the performance indicators of the plan.

The meeting also discussed the regulations of GCC-CTEVTO, Oman News Agency (ONA) reported.

Bahrain attends Munich Security Conference

The MSC is one of the most important international security conferences, which aim at enhancing co-operation and communication between all countries to face the security challenges facing the world.

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The Ambassador of the Kingdom, Abdulla Abdullatif Abdullah, chaired the Kingdom's delegation participating in the 55th Munich Security Conference (MSC), held in Munich from February 15 to 17, with the participation of a number of heads of states and governments as well as foreign and defence

ministers from around the world. The Chairman of the MSC, Wolf-



Mr Abdullah at the conference.

President of the Arab Repub- of America, Mike Pence, also de- world.

gang Ischingerm delivered a lic of Egypt and Chairperson of livered speeches at the conference. speech in which he called for po- the African Union, Abdel Fatah Al litical solutions to all disputes Sisi, President of the Republic of portant international security conwhether inside or outside Eu- Romania, Klaus Iohannis, Chan- ferences, which aim at enhancing rope, warning against the in- cellor of the Federal Republic of co-operation and communication crease of organised crime and Germany, Angela Merkel and the between all countries to face the

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Folk Poetry Festival second edition held

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nder the patronage of Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Folk Poetry Society (FPS) held the second edition of the Folk Poetry Festival, to mark the 18th anniversary of the National Action Charter (NAC), at the Four Seasons Hotel, Bahrain Bay.

During the event, Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman highlighted that the National Action Charter represents a significant milestone in the Kingdom's modern history.

Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman further highlighted that the endorsement of the Kingdom's NAC by a 98.4 per cent majority vote, reflects the consensus of all Bahrainis on the importance of development, social unity and a brighter future for all.

Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman noted the importance of further building on the Kingdom's successful achievements under its comprehensive development programme, led by His Majesty King Hamad.

Shaikh Mohammed thanked the FPS for organising the festival, and noted the Society's commitment to preserving Bahrain's rich cultural heritage and national identity.

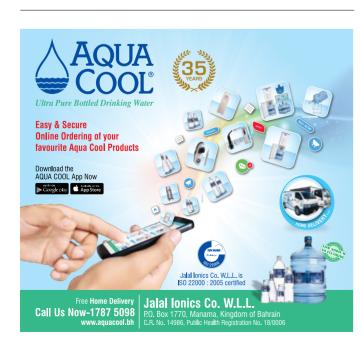
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AI academy to be set up

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ahrain-based renowned businessman and the Chairman of VKL Holdings and Al Namal Group of Companies, Dr Varghese Kurian, has revealed plans to set up a Robotic and Artificial Intelligence Academy in the Indian state of Kerala.

This came as Dr Kurian at- Dr Kurian tended the Loka Kerala Sabha meeting held in Dubai.

A seminar on the labour sec- as part of the meeting.



tor and labour market was held



Labour market strides discussed

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Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al mier. Khalifa.

ness Prime Minister Prince investments.

Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalabour and Social De- ifa and the follow-up of His velopment Minister Royal Highness Prince Salman Jameel Humaidan met bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown with Board Chairman of the Prince, Deputy Supreme Com-Labour Fund (Tamkeen) mander and First Deputy Pre-

Both sides underlined the They discussed co-opera- importance of investing in tion to boost employment of Bahraini human resources, benational competencies in the ingthe pillar of comprehensive private sector, in line with the development and one of the directives of His Royal High- main factors to lure foreign

