

Talks focus on executive-legislature co-operation

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Following directives from His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, to continue strengthening Executive-Legislature cooperation to better serve the nation and the citizens, as well as to achieve the goals of the comprehensive development march spearheaded by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, a joint meeting was held here today between the Representatives Council's Bureau, the Shura and Representatives Councils' Affairs Committee and the representatives of the Government.

Speaker of the Council of Representatives, Fawzia Zainal, led the parliamentary side during the meeting, also attended by



Shaikh Salman, Shaikh Khalid and other ministers with Ms Zainal and House of Representatives team.

First Deputy Speaker, MP Abdunabil Salman Nasser, Second Deputy Speaker, MP Ali Ahmed Zayed, Chairman of the

Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee, MP Mohammed Al Abbasi, Chairman of the Financial and Economic Committee,

MP Ahmed Sabah Al Salloom, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Economic Committee, MP Mohammed

Ibrahim Al Sisi, Chairman of the Services Committee, MP Mamdooh Abbas Al Saleh, Chairman of the Public Utilities and Envi-

ronment, MP Hamad Al Kooheji, and Secretary-General, Chancellor Rashid Mohammed Bu Najma.

The representative of the government included Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, Finance and National Economy Minister, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Labour and Social Development Minister, Jameel Humaidan, Parliament Affairs Minister and Chairman of the Shura and Representatives councils' Affairs Committee, Ghanim Al Buainain, and Information Affairs Minister, Ali Al Romaihi.

The meeting discussed areas of co-operation between the Council of Representatives and the Government, in light of the royal keynote speeches and the Government Action Plan 2019-2020.

Key meeting discusses ways to tackle threat from coronavirus

Health Ministry officials review readiness to deal with patients, if needed

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Methods to tackle threats from coronavirus were discussed at a major meeting chaired by the Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health, Lieutenant-General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa in the presence of Health Minister Faeqa Al Saleh and other senior Health Ministry officials.

The meeting hailed the continuous follow-up by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister regarding the situation.

It reviewed the preparations to deal with the disease apart from taking precautionary measures with regard to granting visas for foreigners who had visited China within 14 days before entering the Kingdom.

It also reviewed the readiness to quarantine patients if at all required.

The meeting also discussed the appointment and equipping



Genetic analysis early in the outbreak of COVID-19 in China revealed that the virus was similar to, but distinct from, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV), but the closest genetic similarity was found in a coronavirus that had been isolated from bats.

of emergency teams to handle cases in all hospitals and Bahrain International Airport and ports, evaluation and follow-up of protocols taken towards citizens and residents of the People's Republic of China and follow-up of the latest developments at the local, regional and global levels, and the need to investigate the facts and communicate the latest developments to the public.

Meanwhile, China President Xi Jinping has stressed improving the mechanism for major epidemic prevention and control and the national public health emergency management system.

Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China

(CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, specified the requirements at the 12th meeting of the central committee for deepening overall reform, which he chairs.

Noting that safeguarding people's life and health is a major mission of the Party in governing the country, Xi stressed the need to strengthen areas of weakness and close the loopholes exposed by the current epidemic.

Xi said the current fight against the novel coronavirus pneumonia epidemic is a major test of China's system and capacity for governance.

Stressing the need to strengthen legislation on public health, Xi called for the assessment of revising laws and regulations concerning infectious disease prevention and treatment, as well as wildlife protection. He also highlighted speeding up establishing a law on biosecurity, stressing that biosecurity should be included in the system of national security.

Xi urged reforming and improving the disease prevention and control system to prevent major outbreaks, strengthening primary-level capacity, and improving a coordinated system for major public health risk analysis, evaluation, decision-making, and prevention and control.

Xi stressed improving the mechanism for major epidemic emergency response, and enhancing the coordinated mechanism for scientific research, disease control and clinical treatment.

The system of treatment for major epidemics should also be improved, Xi said, encouraging the application of digital technologies including big data, artificial intelligence and cloud computing in areas such as epidemic monitoring, tracing virus sources, epidemic prevention and treatment, and resource allocation.



Lt-General Dr Shaikh Mohammed chairs the meeting.

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