

Israeli flight to Manama El Al 973?

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Ben Gurion's departures listing shows the flight to Manama as El Al 973 - a nod to Bahrain's international telephone dialling code.

The Israeli delegation visit to Bahrain, which diplomatic sources say will be accompanied by US Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin and US Middle East envoy Avi Berkowitz.

Both are also expected to accompany the UAE delegation to Israel.

Works Ministry holds a three-day virtual workshop

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Bahrain's works Ministry in cooperation with the Bahrain Training Institute of the Ministry of Education organised a number of training courses.

The virtual event held for three consecutive days had the participation of 93 engineers.

The Human Resources Department of Works Affairs in the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning organised the event.

The Ministry affirmed that the workshops aimed at the upskilling of employees in various functional specialities in dealing with computer programmes and tools.

The sessions were on the Microsoft Teams programme in compliance with the COVID-19 instructions of the competent authorities.

The training courses included three courses in MS Excel Pivot Table, Microsoft 365, and Google Forms, a survey administration software.

141,000 textbooks given to private schools: Edu Ministry

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More than 141,000 textbooks on four mandatory national subjects are handed over to private schools in the Kingdom by the Education Ministry, said a top Ministry official.

The books are on the Arabic language, Islamic education, history and geography of Bahrain, and citizenship education, Professor Amal Al Kaabi, Acting Director of the Private Education Department at the Ministry of Education said.

"These books are for public and private school students alike," the official said adding, some of the private schools have requested more copies of the books.

The Ministry, she said, has approved the purchase, and ensured that the books reach students at the set cost.

Al Kaabi said the authority has also kept open an option for



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parents to buy the new books or use the free books provided by them.

Some of the books thus provided are new, while others are old, the Acting Director said.

In a statement, the Education Ministry also called on private schools in the Kingdom to observe health guidelines strict-

ly when distributing textbooks to students there.

The adherence is necessary to ensure the health and safety of students and administrative staff aims the deadly outbreak, the official added.

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ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE PRIVATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION



Virtual classes gain momentum

Classes kick-started last week

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All of the government schools in the Kingdom are now receiving virtual classes as broadcast from the Education ministry.

The classes targeting all of the students from preparatory to the third secondary kick-started last week.

For the smooth functioning of the process, the Education Ministry said it set some of the schools as centres to broadcast lessons, while also telecasting classes internally at the school level.

The minister said it during a field visit to Khawla Secondary School for Girls, one of the centre, experienced a vibrant atmosphere, where the school was also receiving teachers from other schools for providing virtual lessons in a live broadcast.

Among the teachers participating in the virtual sessions at the Khawla Center is Maryam Mahmoud Shams. She teaches commercial subjects at Al-Hidd Secondary School for Girls.

"Good experience"

When asked about her experience Maryam Mahmoud Shams said, "I participated in



In pictures, teachers during the virtual classes. (courtesy of MoE)

teaching "Money III", and it was a good experience."

"The school provided us with all kinds of support, and I experienced a very vibrant interaction from the students."

Explaining the teaching methodology, she said the system followed by virtual classes are excellent.

"There are four teachers in one class. As a teacher explains

the basic material, others will assist her in clearing the doubts of the students who are also doing their exercises with us."

Professor Fatima Al-Sabaa, an English language teacher from Al-Istiqal Secondary School for Girls, said: "Our school is ready to broadcast and takes into account the precautionary measures, especially social distancing."

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Professor Dana Hassan, an English language teacher from Khawla Secondary School for Girls, said that she is in the support team.

"The role of support teachers is primary. We saw increased student interaction during virtual classes.

Professor Manar Al-Tamimi, an Arabic language teacher at Khawla Secondary School for Girls, said the virtual classes are a success, thanks to the effort of the ministry of education and technical bodies.

"We will spare no effort to sustain education in our dear kingdom."

Restaurants, cafes shut for COVID-19 violations

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Health Ministry ordered to shut several restaurants, designated as 'tourists', and cafes in the capital governorate for flouting COVID-19 preventive measures.

The Director-General of the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Evidence the closures are in line with the decision issued by the Coordinating Committee to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

The Director-General said the authority would continue field campaigns to ensure adherence to precautionary



Representative picture. (Courtesy of AlAyam)

measures and decisions of the Coordinating Committee to Combat the Spread of the Epidemic.

Robbery in guise of security officer, police arrest five



Representative picture. (Courtesy of AlAyam)

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Police arrested five men for allegedly robbing money from another man in the guise of security officers.

The Director-General of the Capital Governorate Police Department said the suspects were all aged between 34 and 44 years.

Two of them impersonated as security officers and demanded money from another. The three others were instrumental in planning the crime, said the top cop.

Police arrested the suspects following an investigation into

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a complaint filed by the victim. The victim told the police that the duo introducing themselves as security officers took his money and fled.

Police based on the victim's description collected evidence led to the identification and arrest of those involved.

The case is now with the public prosecution for legal actions.



Air India Flight AI 1942 from Bahrain to Mumbai departed on Thursday from Bahrain International Airport with 151 passengers including three infants on board. The flight was part of the Indian's Vande Bharat Mission which is not in its seventh phase. The mission has brought back to India a total of 1,831,808 expatriates stranded in various nations around the world due to coronavirus related lockdowns. VBM chartered over 1,084,537 flights as part of the mission.