

## Leaders condole with Moroccan King

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday sent a cable of condolences to King Mohammed VI of Morocco over the victims of a train derailment near Rabat.

The accident near the Moroccan capital Rabat killed at least seven people and injuring over 80 others.

Seven seriously injured people were receiving treatment in Rabat military hospital, with four in intensive care.

HM the King prayed to Almighty God to rest the victims in peace and to inspire their families comfort and fortitude.

The crash occurred some 20 kilometres (12 miles) north of Rabat between the towns of Kenitra and Sale.

A short statement from the ONCF national railway company said "an investigation has been opened to determine the causes of the accident" and pledged to provide more information when it had it.

Similar cables of condolences were sent by Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister to King Mohammed VI of Morocco.

King Mohammed VI said he would pay the burial costs of the victims and for the treatment of the injured, according to a royal cabinet statement.

## Lane closures

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One of the lanes on Hidd-Dry Dock Highway Junction will remain closed for improvement works in both direction, said the Ministry of Works in a statement yesterday. One lane will remain open for traffic movement. The closure will be effective from today at 12:01 am to Sunday at 5:00 am. In another statement, the ministry said that a lane on King Hamad Highway for southbound traffic will remain closed for two months, effective Saturday.

Resurfacing works between Bridge number 4 and Durrat Al-Bahrain necessitate the closure.

## Joint Air Force Exercise

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A Joint Air Force Drill (Basic Liaison 2018) will be launched by the Bahrain Defence Force next week under the patronage of BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, which marks the 30th anniversary since the beginning of this drill in 1988. The drill comes within the framework of defence cooperation between the air forces of nine friendly countries.

# Bahrainis to fare well in the job market: Minister

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Bahrain's children would be more productive than their Arab peers when they will be engaged in the labour market, said Education Minister Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi yesterday.

Citing the latest report issued by the World Bank, the Minister said that the Kingdom in attaining the ranking has outdone several top countries around the globe including Turkey, Ukraine, Malaysia, Argentina and Brazil.

The latest report, Minister said, issued by the World Bank showed that Bahrain is on top of Arab nations in the indicators of education and 47th internationally out of 157 countries.

The Minister said this in a



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa

congratulatory message to HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, hailing his leadership and directives.

On behalf of the Education

Ministry's staff, the Minister extended sincere congratulations on Bahrain's achievement, thanks to HRH the Premier's leadership and directives.



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Bahrain is the most successful Arab country in terms of investing and developing its human resources", the Minister said.

The Minister said the Boston Consultant Group, in its July 2018 report on levels of well-being around the world, said that Bahrain was ranked in the fourth position among the Middle East and North African countries with regards to Education Indicators, noting it was occupying the 12th position in 2011.

The Minister pointed out the UN Development Programme (UNDP)'s report issued in September 2018, which classified the Kingdom among the countries with very high human development, ranking it 43 out of 189 countries and territories.

## 'Fikra' open to all public sector employees: CP

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Bahrain's public sector employees were informed on the objectives of the newly introduced government innovation competition (Fikra) that represents a new milestone in promoting excellence across key sectors.

In an email message, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Su-

preme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister said that incorporating all public sector employees' suggestions and innovations is a testament to Bahrain's commitment to placing citizens at the heart of all development efforts.

The Government innovation competition is open to all public sector employees via www.fdp.gov.bh.

The closing date for entries is 25 October 2018.



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa meeting outgoing Russian Ambassador to Bahrain, Vagif Garayev. The ambassador expressed his gratitude to the government for its cooperation, which contributed to the success of his duties, wishing Bahrain and its people further progress and prosperity.

## New Neuroscience Association named

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Bahrain Medical Society (BMS) yesterday announced naming new members of the Bahrain Neurological association for the period from 2018 to 2020.

The election was held at the BMS headquarters in Juffair, under the supervision of Dr Nizar Bu Kamal,

head of Elections Committee and representative of the Board of Directors of BMS.

New members are Dr Fatima Mohammed (President), Dr. Mohammed Falah (Vice President), Dr. Bassam Al Aradi (General Secretary), Dr. Mohamed Salih (Financial Secretary) and Dr. Nabeel Hameed (board member).

## Force will continue to boost combat readiness: BDF chief



BDF Commander during a meeting held yesterday

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Bout the royal directives to boost the readiness of its units and weaponry, said the Commander-in-Chief of Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa.

The commander also paid tribute to the BDF personnel fighting alongside their brethren in the Arab Coalition Forces in defending the right and legitimacy in Yemen.

He was holding a discussion with Commander of the Royal Artillery Major-Gener-

al Shaikh Khalifa bin Hassan Al Khalifa, Head of the Royal Artillery Operations Division Colonel Khalifa Thamer Al Ka'abi, Commander of the Field Medical Battalion Colonel Khalid Mohammed Al Buainin, Acting Commander of the Special Battalion/83 Major Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa and Lieutenant Saqr Khalid Al Khalifa.

The BDF Commander-in-Chief listened to a briefing on the combat readiness of the Bahraini forces deployed on the southern border of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

He said this participation is

in line with the noble directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander, to defend the borders of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Two Holy Mosques. He added this participation is also within the framework of the GCC and Arab joint defence agreements.

The meeting was attended by BDF Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Dhiab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, Assistant Chief of Staff for Supply and Catering Rear Admiral Yusef Ahmed Malallah and Joint Operations Director Brigadier Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa.



Shura First Deputy Chairman, Deputy Chairman of Bahrain's parliamentary delegation, Jamal Fakhro, meeting a Philippine parliamentary delegation during which Bahrain's keenness to boost cooperation in various fields, mainly in the Parliamentary area were discussed. The meeting was held on the sidelines of Bahrain's participation in the 139th Inter-Parliamentary Union meetings being held in Geneva.