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# Bahrain condemns terror attack at Afghan mosque

At least 62 worshippers killed in the attack

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#### Manama

he Kingdom yesterday strongly condemned the terrorist bombing of a mosque in Nangarhar province of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, which resulted in several deaths and injuries.

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condolences and sincere sym- Men carry an injured person to a hospital after the blast.

It also affirmed the Kingdom in its efforts to combat terrorism speedy recovery to all those in- principles and moral and human of Bahrain's solidarity with the of all forms. Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

It reiterates the Kingdom's of violence, extremism and terrorism, calling for joint efforts to eliminate this dangerous phenomenon of ter-

been killed and dozens injured by a bomb during Friprovincial spokesman.

civilians were killed between July and September of this year in terror attacks in Afghanistan.

The force of the blast, in eastern Nangarhar province, destroyed the building's roof, eyewitnesses said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

The blast came the day after the UN said the number of civilian deaths in the war-torn country had reached unprecedented levels over the summer.

According to the UN, 1,174 civilians were killed between July and September, the deadliest quarter since UN records began a decade ago.

Meanwhile, a BBC study which attempted to document every firm position in rejection killing during the month of August found a fifth of all those who lost their lives were civilians.

Attaullah Khogyani, the provincial governor's spokesman, told the BBC that the 62 people At least 62 people have killed and 36 more injured in Friday's attack were worshippers.

The mosque sits in the district day prayers at a mosque in of Haska Mina, about 50km (30 Afghanistan, according to a miles) from the provincial capital

#### **Region's largest** gaming event set

Thousands of gamers and fans from around the globe are expected to descend on Saudi Arabia when the Kingdom hosts the prestigious PUBG MOBILE Star Challenge (PMSC) World Cup for the first time later this year.

Taking place in the capital during the Riyadh Season festival of activities, the region's most popular mobile game will test the skills of a top international field of players.

The PMSC World Cup, set to be staged at Riyadh Front from Dec 12 to 14, will see 16 teams from the Middle East and North Africa region compete with 16 teams from the rest of the world.

Event organisers are due to officially announce the total prize money up for grabs, but the pot is expected to top more than SR1 million (\$267,000).

PUBG MOBILE has taken the world by storm since its release in 2018 with in excess of 400 million downloads. Its involvement in Riyadh Season is being hailed by gaming influencers as further indication of PUBG MOBILE's commitment to bringing innovative technologies to the region.

#### **GCC HR and labour** challenges in focus Sharjah

The first dialogue session of the Sixth Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) HR and Labour Market Conference involved interesting discussions on the digital economy and stressed the need to develop a comprehensive transformation strategy that serves the entire community of the GCC states.

Shaikh Fahim bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Executive Chairman of Sharjah's Department of Government Relations, and Chairman of the Higher Committee of Digital Transformation of Sharjah, attended the session, UAE News Agency (WAM) reported.

Entitled "Challenges and Opportunities of Gulf Job Localisation in the Digital Economy Environment", the session was also attended by Mansour Al Shathri, Deputy Chairman of the Riyadh Chamber and Chairman of the Human Resources and Labour Market Committee; Dr Abdulla Bader Al Sada, Deputy CEO of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and Hamad Jarrah AlOmar, Deputy Director-General of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

### **Envoy attends DGAP** meeting

Berlin

mbassador of the Kingdom to the Federal Re-**—**public of Germany, Abdullah Abdullatif Abdullah, participated, along with Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Finland Pekka Haavisto, in the meeting organised by the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), in the presence a number of German officials, diplomats and ambassadors.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Finland gave a lecture at the council's headquarters entitled "Enhancing the EU Global Footprint", in which he referred to the role of the Republic of Finland as current president of the European Union and its contribution to further strategic actions at the European level.

The DGAP was founded in 1955 in Bonn, Germany, as an independent, non-profit organisation whose main activities revolve around politics, decision-making, and understanding of German foreign policy and international re-

It also aims at being a link between foreign politicians and the German people.



Mr Abdullah Abdullah



