

## HRH the Crown Prince thanked by Indian President



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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday received a cable of thanks from Indian President Ram Nath Kovind, following HRH the Crown Prince's cable of congratulations on India's Independence Day.

## Shura chairman congratulates Egyptian Senate head

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Shura Council chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh sent a cable of congratulations to Chancellor Abdulwahab Abdulrazzaq who was elected president of Egypt's Senate during the first session.

He commended the new Senate president, hailing his expertise and competence in the legislative field and law enforcement through the posts he held over the past years.

# Embark on space exploration

Bahraini youth key to develop space sector: His Highness Shaikh Nasser

● HM the Kings' royal directives highlighted

● Acquire future sciences and technology

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The Kingdom of Bahrain is keen to develop the space sector and the youth will play a major role.

This was emphasised by His Majesty the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa as he underlined the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to set up the space sector in the Kingdom while encouraging the youth to get interested in space exploration.

His Highness Shaikh Nasser highlighted the royal directives of HM the Kings at the opening of the 3rd session of the 5th legislative term to acquire future sciences and technology, including space sciences.

He underlined HM the King's keenness on developing national cadres and developing the space sector, pointing out in this regard the establishment of the National Space Science Authority (NSSA).

HH Shaikh Nasser addressed a virtual forum via Zoom application under the theme "Zayed's Ambitious Mission".

UAE Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain HH Shaikh Sultan bin Hamdan Al Nahyan also



His Highness Shaikh Nasser during the virtual forum

took part in the virtual session.

The UAE Embassy in Bahrain organised the event along with the Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre, the National Space Science Authority (NSSA), with the participation of more than 300 people remotely.

HH Shaikh Nasser hailed the UAE landmark achievements which, he said, represents a source of pride for the Arab and Islamic nations.

He paid tribute to UAE President HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Vice President, Prime Minister and Dubai Ruler HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum for their keenness on encouraging the Emirati youth who brave challenges to achieve successive strides.

HH Shaikh Nasser commended solid relations binding the two brotherly countries and people, looking forward to bolstering joint co-operation in the

sector of space sciences.

He pointed out in this regard the selection of a Bahrain space team, in co-operation with the UAE Space Agency, and the joint project to build a satellite in addition to training programmes.

HH Shaikh Nasser stressed the importance for the Arabian Gulf region to keep abreast of global space strides and develop high sea navigation.

He urged the Bahraini and GCC and Arab youth to benefit from the encouraging opportunities provided by sincere and responsible leaders in their countries in order to innovate and excel in all fields.

UAE Ambassador to Bahrain HH Shaikh Sultan bin Hamdan Al Nahyan addressed the virtual forum, welcoming the participation of His Highness Shaikh Nasser in session along with Emirati astronauts.

He commended the keenness of Emirati astronauts Hazza Al



Space exploration

Mansouri and Sultan Al Nayadi to take part in the forum and shed light on their rich experience as part of the "Zayed Ambitious Mission".

He stressed the keenness of the UAE leadership to inspire and motivate the youth to embark on space exploration, highlight the success trip of Hazza Al Mansouri to the International Space Station (ISS) which represented an historic step for the United Arab Emirates.

Emirati astronauts Hazza Al Mansouri and Sultan Al Nayadi took part in the remote forum which was moderated by NSSA Chief Executive Officer Dr. Mohammed Al-Aseeri.

They stressed their passion for space exploration as well as the difficulties which confronted them and highlighted the UAE impressive success in the space sector, stressing preparations to send the first UAE manned mission into space.



HM the King is keen on developing national cadres and the space sector with the establishment of the National Space Science Authority (NSSA).

## Growing Bahrain-US co-operation lauded

● Financial and economic fields boosted

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Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa praised distinguished strategic partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the US and growing co-operation at all levels.

The minister stressed the importance to continue boosting bilateral relations to achieve the aspirations of the two friendly countries and peoples.

He received yesterday the US Secretary of Treasury Steven Mnuchin and his accompanying delegation. He pointed out keenness of the Kingdom to bolster co-operation with the SA by building on previous achieve-



Finance Minister receives US Secretary of Treasury

ments.

The minister welcomed the US Secretary of Treasury and his accompanying delegation and reviewed relations of friendship between both countries

and their perpetual growth in all fields. He also discussed ways of bolstering bilateral relations mainly in the financial and economic fields.

The US Secretary of Treasury

expressed thanks and appreciation to the minister, stressing his country's keenness on promoting co-operation with the Kingdom and lauding its economic role in the region.

## Deputy Prime Minister hails Saudi ties



Deputy Premier receives Saudi Ambassador

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Deputy Prime Minister His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa stressed the distinguished relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in all fields, especially in light of the decision issued by the Saudi Cabinet, held under the chairmanship

of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, to raise the presidency of the Bahraini-Saudi Coordination Council to the level of the Crown Princes.

This came as His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak received Saudi Ambassador HRH Prince Sultan bin Ahmed bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

## Legislative-executive co-operation praised

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Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak received Representative Mamdouh Abbas Al Saleh.

The minister praised the fruitful co-operation between the legislative and executive branches in achieving the as-

pirations of citizens and residents, as part of the national comprehensive development process under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The two sides discussed the citizens' needs and the MP had a preview of the plans and projects of the ministry.



Electricity Minister receives lawmaker

## Bahrain-US rich cultural relations discussed

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Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) president Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa received US Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad chairman Paul Packer.

They discussed a draft memorandum of under-

standing (MoU) on the preservation and protection of cultural property between Bahrain and the government of the US.

Shaikha Mai said Bahrain enjoys solid cultural relations with the US, lauding the Bahrain-US cultural co-operation which has yielded numerous joint projects over the years.