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 Bahrain national football team head coach Helio Sousa has named a 35-player squad that will be gathering from tomorrow for four days of local training. **P15**

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## Campaign to combat COVID-19

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A multilingual national campaign to combat the novel Covet Cornonavirus (COVID-19) has been launched in the Kingdom of Bahrain to enhance public awareness and beef up prevention measures.

Health Minister Faeqa Al Saleh announced the plan in lined with the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier.

The wide-ranging campaign would be channeled through the social media, the press, Radio Bahrain and TV, the health centres, labour camps and in co-operation with the Labour and Social Development Minister and the Labour Market Regulatory Authority.

"The Arabic language has been adopted to conduct the campaign, along with other languages to reach out to all expatriate communities", said the ministry.

She reassured the public that no COVID-19 has been diagnosed in Bahrain adding that all other suspected infections had tested negative for the virus.

She called upon citizens and residents to contact the ministry round the clock on hotline 17246769 for any queries about COVID-19.



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## Strong Pakistan ties



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa hailed deep-rooted historic relations binding Bahrain and Pakistan, built on the basis of co-operation and mutual respect. This came as he received at Al Safriya Palace Pakistan's Senate Chairman Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani and the accompanying delegation, who arrived in Bahrain at the invitation Shura Council Chairman Ali Al Saleh. Mr Sanjrani conveyed to HM the King greetings from Pakistani President Arif Alvi and Prime Minister Imran Khan, who wished the Kingdom of Bahrain and its people further progress and prosperity. HM the King welcomed Pakistan's Senate Chairman and extended greetings to President Alvi and Prime Minister Khan, wishing their people further progress and prosperity.



# A unique honour

Tamkeen honoured at World Congress WBAF 2020 held in Turkey

● Tamkeen was selected amongst a group of participating organisations from the Middle East at the award ceremony.

● Tamkeen Chief Executive described the award as a testimony to Bahrain's continuous efforts to grow its economy.

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Tamkeen has received The Best Governmental Agency of the Middle East Supporting Entrepreneurship award at the World Congress WBAF 2020 held in Turkey.

The award ceremony took place at the World Congress WBAF 2020 VIP Gala dinner

where Tamkeen was selected amongst a group of participating organisations from the Middle East.

This award highlights Tamkeen's role and efforts within the entrepreneurship sector since it provides various services and programs for entrepreneurs and contributes to the country's social and economic status.

The Chairman of Tamkeen, Shaikh Mohammed bin Essa Al Khalifa commented on the achievements Bahrain has attained with its strong presence within the region especially through its programs and services offered to entrepreneurs. According to him, this represents a promising plan to develop the national economy, pointing out that this award also reflects the country's vision of improving its economy and supporting the entrepreneurship sector.

Dr Ebrahim Mohammed Janahi, the Chief Executive of Tamkeen also expressed his delight



Dr Janahi receives the award.

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on receiving such an award as it proves Bahrain's continuous efforts to grow its economy.

"This is one of the most prominent international awards hosted by the World Congress, where more than 1,500 participants from all around the world attend this event to discuss

the most important and recent topics around global economic developments in addition to investment opportunities and how to strengthen the development of sustainable global economies."

For his part, Baybars Altuntas, Chairman of the Board of Directors, World Business Angels Investment Forum (WBAF) extended his congratulations to Bahrain on this achievement and expressed his confidence in the contribution of Tamkeen's role in supporting the startup ecosystem and entrepreneurship.

"This award is presented to organisations that demonstrate best practices in the region and salute those who stand out in imagining, discussing, and shaping the future of an entrepreneurial world," he added.

The World Congress WBAF 2020 is considered one of the world's most important fixtures for early and post-early stage equity and capital markets.

## CELEBRATING LETTERS

# BKS International Bookfest 2020 opens

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The BKS International Bookfest 2020 opened yesterday, with a talk from renowned Malayalam author Shihabuddin Poythumkadavu, and the preliminary round of QLIT, the international and Indian literature quiz for children and adults, and a story writing competition for students.

The wholesome display of books from

a multitude of publications, the main feature of the event, was also opened to the public last night.

The night ended with a book signing and live interaction session with author Shihabuddin Poythumkadavu.

The final of QLIT 2020 for adults was also held by Quiz Masters Bonny Joseph and Anish Nirmalan, with six finalist teams.

Team Eros with Gayathri, Amit and Subin bagged the first place, Team Ferdinand with P T Thomas, Rejitha, and Krishnakumar coming in second place, and Team Argon with Swapna, Renjan Joseph, and K B Mohanan bagged the third place.

The bookfest will mark its inaugural ceremony tonight, in the presence of the Deputy Leader of Opposition of the Kera-

la Legislative Assembly, Dr M K Muneer, and award-winning authors K R Meera and Shihabuddin Poythumkadavu.

The ceremony will begin with an invocation dance choreographed and performed by talents of Bahrain.

The bookfest will be inaugurated by Dr M K Muneer, and the bookstall will be formally inaugurated by K R Meera.