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Virtual fans? Premier League looks at options for empty stadium games

The Premier League is exploring the use of audio effects and computer generated 'fans', to improve the viewer experience of watching behind closed doors games.

Shaikh Khalid calls for developing school sports



Mass evacuations for major cyclone in S.Asia

Eid prayers to be performed at Al Fateh

Mosque TDT | Manama

Eid Al Fitr prayers will be performed at Al Fateh Mosque, the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments has said.

However, the prayers will be limited to the imam and to a small number of people, in line with the precautionary measures taken by Bahrain to stem the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The prayers will be broadcast live on television and on radio.

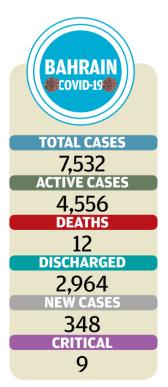
The decision to perform the prayers was taken based on the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to uphold the Islamic tradition.

Imams in other mosques will proclaim the traditional Eid takbeers (praise to Allah) that precede the prayers and sermons, but there will be no prayers.

Bahrain had shut down mosques as part of the preventive measures to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus through con-

Last month, it allowed the Friday prayers and the taraweeh prayers associated with the blessed month of Ramadan at Al Fateh Mosque.

The Eid prayers will be performed on Saturday or Sunday, depending on the sighting of the moon that marks the end of Ramadan, the ninth month on the lunar Islamic calendar based on the motion of the



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HM the King receives the ambassadors of Italy, Bangladesh



HM the King with Italian Ambassador Amadei

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is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa new ambassadors to Bahrain ambassadors and hailed the during a ceremony held at Al

ed with the credentials of Italian respective countries. HM the King Hamad abundant health itarian Work and Youth Affairs Royal Protocols chief.

Bangladeshi Ambassador Muhammad Nazrul Islam.

received yesterday two come statements with the two with Bahrain.

Ambassador Paola Amadei and King wished them every success and happiness and Bahrain and representative, National Security HM the King exchanged wel- of cooperation and friendship solid relations between their the Royal Court Minister; the

The ambassadors conveyed to all levels. strong bilateral relations and HM the King the greetings and steadily growing ties binding the appreciation from their coun- HM the King's Personal Repre- at the Al Sakhir Palace separately HM King Hamad was present- Kingdom of Bahrain and their tries' leaders, who wished HM sentative; HM the King's Human- and were each welcomed by the

in performing their diplomatic its people further progress and Advisor and Supreme Council duties to consolidate relations prosperity. They lauded the for Youth and Sports chairman;

HM the King receives the credentials of Bangladeshi Ambassador Islam

The ceremony was attended by

countries and the Kingdom at Foreign Affairs Minister; and the Royal Protocols chief.

The two ambassadors arrived



Moscow

The total number of people worldwide who have been confirmed to be infected with the coronavirus (COVID-19) is nearing five million.

As of early this morning, more than 4.94 million across the globe have contracted the disease, and more than 322,000 deaths have been recorded.

As the coronavirus outbreak eases in Western Europe and parts of the US, cases are rising steadily in Russia, which is now behind only the US in the number of reported infections.

New hot spots emerged yes- Massachusetts. terday in Russia, as the country total to nearly 300,000, about half over 92,000 deaths. of them in Moscow.



A pedestrian watches as a man is tested for the coronavirus in Boston,

The US has recorded 1.55 mil- ca, where all 54 nations have seen fections in 24 hours, bringing the lion confirmed infections and confirmed infections for a total in poor areas of Buenos Aires, the down when they lost their jobs. of over 88,000 cases and 2,800 capital of Argentina, where au- India is now seeing more than

Centers for Disease Control and measures last week, allowing some Prevention.

South Africa had the highest number of cases at over 16,400, with nearly 290 deaths.

country on Monday. There are close to 600 dead. now more than 260,000 infections despite limited testing.

capital of Santiago have been beyond 90 per cent capacity for days, their limits.

Cases are still rising across Afrideaths, according to the Africa thorities relaxed strict lockdown 4,000 new cases a day.

businesses to open and children to walk outside on weekends.

Colombia struggled with an outbreak in Leticia, a city on the bor-Latin America has seen more der with Brazil, where hospitals than 480,000 confirmed cases and were overwhelmed and patients about 31,000 dead. The highest were being sent to commandeered number of cases is in Brazil, which hotels. Colombia has recorded became the world's third worst-hit about 16,300 confirmed cases and

Some countries have seen encouraging signs reverse: Iran re-Elsewhere in Latin America, ported a steady drop in new inintensive care units in the Chilean fections through April, only to see them rise again in May.

In India, cases surged past and officials warned that intensive 100,000, and infections are riscare staff members are reaching ing in the home states of migrant workers who fled cities and Infections are also increasing towns during a nationwide lock-

BY THE NUMBERS

Health Ministry announces 348 new active COVID-19 cases, 33 recoveries

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The Ministry of Health announced yesterday that it had registered 348 new active cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in Bahrain.

This marked a steep increase in new cases, as compared to recent days.

From these, 233 are among expatriate workers, 114 are contacts of active cases and one is travel-related.

Their detection brought the total number of active cases in the Kingdom to 4,556. Nine of these are critical cases, while the rest are stable.

The Health Ministry also announced yesterday 33 new reis the number of Bahraini

citizens flown home from Oman yesterday on a special flight as part of Bahrain's International **COVID-19 Repatriation** Programme

the patients are free of the virus. they have been discharged from

isolation and treatment centres. The total number of recoveries, as of last night, reached

2,964.

coveries. After confirming that of the national efforts to tackle triation Programme.

COVID-19 and to deal with current developments, the Ministry of Health announced that it has increased the capacity of isolation and treatment centers to 5,619 beds. Of these, 4,410 were occupied at the time of the Health Ministry's announce-

The beds at preventive quarantine centers have also been increased to 5,168, with an occupancy of 719 at the time of the announcement.

The Health Ministry also announced the return home of 46 Bahraini citizens from Oman yesterday.

They were flown back to the The total tested rose to 249,411. Kingdom as part of Bahrain's Meanwhile, in continuation International COVID-19 Repa-



A view of the cabin of the aircraft that carried the 46 Bahraini citizens from Oman