

## Derasat, UN-Habitat sign co-operation agreement

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Bahrain Centre for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (Derasat) yesterday signed a contract with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to prepare the Arab Cities Report 2020, in co-operation with the Regional Office of the United Nations Human Settlements Organisation.

Derasat Chairman Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa and Head of UN-Habitat Cairo, Irfan Ali, sealed the agreement in the presence of UNDP Resident Representative to Bahrain, Stefano Pettinato, and the UN



Dr Shaikh Abdulla, Mr Ali sign the agreement in the presence of Mr Pettinato and Mr Al Sharkawi.

Resident Co-ordinator to Bahrain Amin Al Sharkawi.

The Derasat Chairman said

the report is the first official one on Arab cities since 2012, which would be launched at the 10th

World Urban Forum in February 2020 in Abu Dhabi.

He added it would include

data and the latest urban statistics related to Arab cities to come up with recommendations that benefit urban planning in Arab cities.

In addition, action plans, objectives and recommendations would be presented under the umbrella of the Sustainable Development Goals and the new urban plan.

The Derasat Chairman said the report would also be the first regional one that Bahrain takes part in preparing it through Derasat, which would prepare a research to assist companies to create sustainable job opportunities for the youth in Arab cities.

He welcomed the UN-Habitat efforts that contribute to promoting international interest in development, noting its role in supporting countries and communities in the area of urban development.

He pointed out the comprehensive development achievements made, under the leadership of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, based on quality and efficiency standards in line with the principles of sustainability, competitiveness and equity.

The UNDP Resident Representative welcomed collaboration with Derasat, saying the project would set new criteria for excellence.

# '5G radiation below international limits'

Level of signals emitted by telecom towers well below maximum permissible threshold

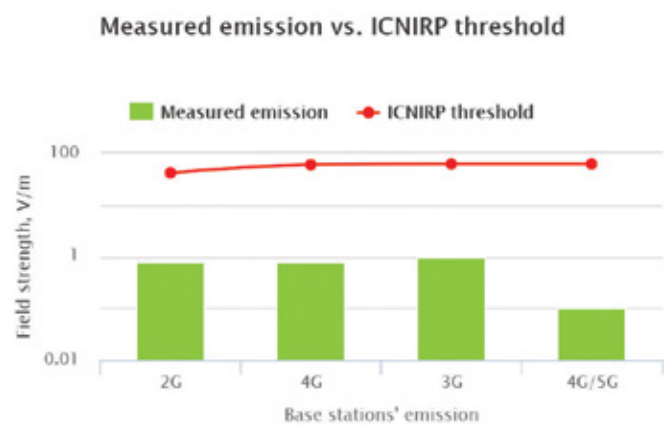
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The level of 5G radiation in the Kingdom doesn't exceed one per cent of the level allowed internationally, according to a study carried out by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA).

Frequencies used for 5G are the same as previously used for WiMAX and some 4G Services that were introduced in Bahrain since 2007 and 2013 respectively, a statement issued by the regulator said.

"Using specialised equipment acquired by the TRA's Spectrum Management Department, the measurements collected are compared to guidelines set forth by the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) as detailed in the aforementioned Order," the statement added.

"Over the past four years, the TRA has measured more than 4,500 sites including the newly deployed 5G enabled radio sites; none of which have exceeded the limits and radiation standards of ICNIRP.



A graph showing measured emission versus ICNIRP threshold.

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MR AL NUAIMI

"Moreover, in January 2019, the historical measurements including WiMAX and 4G results, which is currently used for 5G were shared with a delegation from World Health Organisation.

"The delegation's report was presented to The Council of Ministers in February 2019 where it showed that the level of the signals emitted by the telecom towers are well below the maximum permissible threshold set by ICNIRP."

ICNIRP provides its recommen-

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dations, guidelines, and research results to the World Health Organisation (WHO), which adopts these recommendations and guidelines as a basis for health regulations and notices concerning protection from electromagnetic field strength radiation.

"As per the condition stated in licences granted by the TRA in Bahrain, telecoms operators are required to ensure that emissions from each radio installation are within ICNIRP limits.

"They are also required to comply with any future radiation emission standards set by ICNIRP, or have been or will be adopted by the Kingdom," said Mohamed Al Nuaimi, director of Technical Operations.

## UoB maintains elite position in global QS university rankings



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The University of Bahrain (UoB) has been listed among the elite Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) 1,000 universities in the world.

The prestigious annual rankings released by QS has the university continuously maintaining its overall position, and shows the academic reputation improve once again and retain its position in the top 500 globally for employer reputation.

According to the ranking, there are currently over 28,000 universities globally, of which the university managed to be ranked within the top 1,000.

In a statement issued to press, UoB President Prof Riyadh Hamzah expressed the highest appreciations on his behalf and behalf of all the affiliates of the University to the Kingdom's leadership.

The President affirmed that achievement was possible by

the collaborative and team effort of all the university's faculty and staff members, students, alumni, and partners.

Prof Hamzah stated: "I am pleased that once again the university has been recognised in the top four per cent globally and ranked in the list of the world's best universities.

"Moreover, I am delighted that we have also maintained our position in the top 2pc globally for employer reputation, this reinforces our position as central to human capital development to allow Bahrain to take advantage of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and support FDI into Bahrain."

He confirmed that this achievement is due to the continuous support that the University receives from the leadership of the Kingdom, and reflects that efforts that the University places in improving research, innovation and creativity and offering modern academic programmes.

## French delegates review ambulance services

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Chief of Public Security, Major-General Tariq Al Hassan yesterday received a French delegation specialised in the ambulance services.

The meeting followed directives issued by the Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa to ensure the best quality facilities as part of the National Ambulance services and to continue exchanging successful international experiences and expertise.

The Chief welcomed the guests, highlighting that the National Ambulance Project launched on June 15 is a pioneer one that reflects the dedication to provide services to citizens.



Maj Gen Al Hassan holds discussion with the French delegation.

He said that the project was introduced after intensive preparedness to enhance the ambulance services.

He hailed the support of Interior Minister through providing the necessary equipment and tools, along with training the workforce, revealing various plans to enhance the provided

services.

He expressed thanks and appreciation to the Supreme Council for Health and its Chairman, Lt-General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa for his support and follow up, along with the King Hamad University Hospital for cooperation and training of par-

amedics.

The meeting discussed the steps and procedures of the project to ensure readiness for fast response in dealing with cases and transferring patients within the highest safety standards.

During the visit, the French delegation inspected the ambulances of the project and the



The Kingdom now has plans in place to improve ambulance services.

National Ambulance Centre and its operational process.

The delegation hailed the directives and follow up of the Interior Minister of the phases of the project, hailing the level of readiness by the team in term of competency and equipment.

Head of the delegation high-

lighted that the members discussed various topics with the project's team and hailed the efficiency of the centre.

He revealed that the delegation's technical assistance would be through evaluating medical emergency services and the management process to ensure the safety of patients.