

More than 1 billion barrels of crude oil have passed through the Strait of Hormuz in recent months under US military protection, CENTCOM said.

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Youth Explore Legislation



The Shura Council's General Secretariat will launch Legislative Culture Week today, bringing together around 250 male and female students from 12 universities and higher education institutions for a five-day programme.

The initiative aims to introduce students to legislative work and the role of the Shura Council, while encouraging them to share ideas and develop proposals that can contribute to national development and legislative work.

HM King's Visits Greece



Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh and Council of Representatives Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam highlighted the importance of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's visit to Greece in strengthening Bahrain-Greece relations and expanding cooperation.

Both officials praised the outcomes of the King's talks with Greek leaders, highlighting opportunities to advance cooperation in areas including shipping, ports, investment and defence, while stressing the importance of security, peace, dialogue and shared historical ties.

ISO Certification Honoured



Inspector General Major General Abdullah Mohammed Al Zayed received Major General Salman Mohammed Al Zayed, Director General of the General Directorate of Guards, Major General Jabr General Al Suwaidi, Director General of the Royal Court Security Directorate, Brigadier Talal Taqi, Director of Security Cooperation, and Lieutenant Colonel Fatima Al Zuaibi, Director of Financial Affairs, following their departments receiving ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System certification.

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'Imagine One Asia'

Shaikh Isa salutes 230-strong delegation as continental spectacle begins



Mustafa Hussain and Aneesa Mahmood lead the Bahraini contingent during the parade of nations



HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, third from left, attends the opening ceremony

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Bahrain took its place on the continental stage yesterday as the 20th Asian Games officially opened in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

Running until October 4, the 16-day competition is the world's largest multi-sport event outside the Olympics. The opening ceremony was held at the 30,000-capacity Paloma Mizuho Stadium under the slogan "Imagine One Asia".

At the heart of Bahrain's presence was His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) vice-president and head of the kingdom's delegation.

Also in attendance were BOC secretary-general Faris Al Kooheji and other senior officials.

Shaikh Isa rose to salute the Bahraini contingent during the parade of nations before wishing the athletes success in their respective competitions.

"We wish all our athletes every success and are confident in their ability to give their best and represent the Kingdom of Bahrain with distinction at this Asian event," he said.

Leading the delegation into the stadium were basketball player Mustafa Hussain and dressage medal hopeful Aneesa Mahmood, who carried the national flag.

They headed a group of approximately 230 participants, including athletes, coaches, administrators, media representatives and medical personnel, with the kingdom represented across 20 sports.

Their programme covers athletics, badminton, five-on-five and 3x3 basketball, boxing, cycling, equestrian dressage, esports, handball, jiu-jitsu, judo, kurash, mixed martial arts, shoot-

ing, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, triathlon, weightlifting and wrestling.

Once the parade had concluded, Japanese Emperor Naruhito officially declared the Games open.

Athens 2004 Olympic hammer throw champion Murofushi Koji and his father Shigenobu, a five-time Asian champion in the event, then jointly lit the cauldron.

From there, the ceremony moved through a blend of traditional Japanese culture, modern music and performances celebrating Asia's diversity. Staged under the theme "Harmonic Heart Beat", it also featured mascot Honohon and a kabuki display in front of a model of Nagoya Castle.

The Olympic Council of Asia showpiece brings together representatives from 45 countries and regions, with 469 medal events being contested across 43 sports. Japan is hosting for the third time after Tokyo in 1958 and Hiroshima in 1994.

With the formalities complete, attention now turns to Bahrain's bid to build on an impressive Asian Games record.

The kingdom are making their 14th appearance, having participated in every edition since debuting in 1974. Across their previous campaigns, the Bahrainis have won 104 medals, including 49



An official addresses the audience at Paloma Mizuho Stadium



gold, 27 silver and 28 bronze.

Their largest haul came at Jakarta-Palembang 2018, where

they collected 26 medals. At the previous edition in Hangzhou, they secured 20, including 12 gold, three silver and five bronze.

Traditional Japanese performers showcase the host nation's culture



HM King Congratulates Nepal



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable of congratulations to Nepalese President Ram Chandra Poudel on the occasion of Nepal's Constitution Day.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, also sent a similar cable to President Poudel, as well as a separate congratulatory cable to Nepalese Prime Minister Balendra Shah.

Cleanliness Week Begins

Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak announced the



launch of Cleanliness Week today, coinciding with World Cleanup Day, in cooperation with the Capital Municipality, municipalities and municipal councils.

The initiative will feature community and awareness activities aimed at promoting public cleanliness, environmental responsibility and positive behaviour, while encouraging residents to help maintain public spaces, residential areas and facilities across Bahrain.

Bahrain Oman Cooperation



Bahrain and Oman discussed opportunities to strengthen cooperation in supporting entrepreneurs and small and medium-sized enterprises during a meeting in Muscat between Bahrain's Ambassador to Oman, Dr. Juma Ahmed Al Kaabi, and UNIDO official Dr. Hashim Hussein.

The meeting, attended by Bahraini-Omani Entrepreneurs Association CEO Her Highness Sayyida Hajija bint Jaifar Al Said, focused on economic and development cooperation and the role of SMEs in growth and job creation, with Dr. Hussein highlighting the international reach of Bahrain's entrepreneurship model.