

**Bahrain set up Morocco, Kyrgyzstan friendlies**

Senior men's national team to take on pair of tough opponents in mid-November as part of their final preparations for the FIFA Arab Cup 2021 P12

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Individuals vaccinated

(First dose)

1 1 7 1 6 3 4

(Second dose)

1 1 3 4 8 1 3

(Booster dose)

4 1 0 7 6 6



Learn about the criteria for booster shots.



**Bahrain thanked by Chinese President**



HM the King  
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HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister received cables of thanks from the President of China, Xi Jinping, in reply to their congratulations on his country's



President Xi Jinping National Day. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister received a similar cable from the Premier of the State Council of China, Li Keqiang.

**HM King receives Saudi Minister of Commerce**



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday received Saudi Minister of Commerce Dr Majid bin Abdulla Al Qasabi at Al Sakhir Palace. Minister Al Qasabi conveyed to HM the King greetings from Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Defence Minister His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, wishing HM the King good health and happiness and the Kingdom of Bahrain further progress and prosperity. HM the King extended greetings to the Saudi monarch and the Crown Prince, wishing them good health and happiness and the Saudi people further progress and prosperity.

**Foreign Minister phoned by US Special Envoy for Iran**

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Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received a phone call

yesterday from the US Special Envoy for Iran, Robert Malley. The call focused on negotiations between the P5+1 countries with Tehran on the Ira-

nian nuclear programme and efforts being made to resume talks, in addition to exchanging views on issues of common concern.

**Palestinians clash with Israeli police**  
Jerusalem

Palestinians clashed with Israeli police at a popular gathering place just outside Jerusalem's Old City as thousands celebrated a Muslim holiday. It was a repeat of violence earlier this year that eventually led to the 11-day Gaza war in May.

**Invest in workforce**

Bahrain committed to empowering youth and women to overcome pandemic

**Finance Minister speaks at virtual World Bank Group ministerial meeting**

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Bahrain has launched many initiatives to cushion the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, especially

those related to empowering youth and enhancing their effective contribution to development paths.

The Kingdom has also adopted a number of programmes that have enhanced Bahraini women's contributions and progress in many fields.

These are part of the implementation of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's directives.

This was emphasised by Fi-



Minister Shaikh Salman

nance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa during his speech in the ministerial meet-

ing of the World Bank Group, which was held remotely yesterday.

Taking part in the online discussion were World Bank President David Malpass, finance ministers and central bank governors of Arab countries.

They discussed the latest developments related to the pandemic and its impact on the economies of the Arab region.

Minister Shaikh Salman said that the challenges posed by the

pandemic have emphasised the importance of investing in the human element to be the main focus of development strategies and plans. It is a basic pillar and key to success that will benefit everyone.

He said that Bahrain has attached great importance to supporting and developing skills and training for individuals, which made the workforce more diverse and involved in the labour market.

**Shameful milestone**

**10,000 children killed or maimed in Yemen since 2015**

Geneva

Ten thousand Yemeni children have been killed after the Iran-aligned Houthi group ousted the government in 2015, the United Nations children's agency UNICEF said yesterday.

"The Yemen conflict has just hit another shameful milestone. We now have 10,000 children who have been killed or maimed since ... March 2015," UNICEF spokesperson James Elder told a UN briefing in Geneva after returning from a visit to Yemen.



Four out of every five children need humanitarian assistance in Yemen. (AFP)

"That is the equivalent of four children every single day," Elder said, adding that many more child deaths or injuries went unreported.

Four out of every five children – a total of 11 million – need humanitarian assistance in Yem-

en, while 400,000 are suffering from acute malnutrition and more than 2 million are out of school, Elder said.

UN-led efforts to seal a ceasefire have stalled as the Houthis resist compromise to end more than six years war.

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