



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, received Assistant to Commander Combined Maritime Forces for Regional Integration Naval Captain Shaikh Mubarak Ali Al Sabah, Assistant to the Commander of the Joint Maritime Forces. Chief-of-Staff Lieutenant-General Dhiyab bin Saqer Al Nuaimi, was present. The commander-in-chief reviewed with Captain Al Sabah the tasks of the joint force and its role in securing maritime navigation in the region.



Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa yesterday received members of the Representatives Council Ammar Al Abbas and Khalid Bu Unq and citizens. He praised the role of the Representatives Council in developing the judicial system, lauding cooperation between the Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Ministry and the Representatives Council. Discussions also focused on issues pertaining to the judicial services Affairs. The meeting was attended by Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Ministry Undersecretary Chancellor Wael Rashid Bualley.



Shura Council Chairman Ali Al Saleh yesterday received outgoing Indian Ambassador to Bahrain Alok Kumar Sinha. They discussed deep-rooted historical relations between both countries and growing co-operation in various fields. The Shura Council Chairman praised the role of the Indian ambassador in boosting bilateral relations, wishing him every success in his diplomatic work. The Indian ambassador praised co-existence, peace, pluralism and tolerance characterising the Bahraini community, expressing appreciation of the Kingdom's development.

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Bahrain has welcomed the final communique of Berlin Conference on Libya, held in Germany.

The participants during the conference agreed on a comprehensive plan to settle the crisis in Libya, pledged not to interfere in Libyan internal affairs and work towards the disarmament of armed groups, among other binding results and commitments that represent an important step toward the achievement of a comprehensive political settlement.

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participating countries in restoring security and stability to Libya.

Bahrain expressed its aspiration for greater efforts and work in accordance with the Skhirat Agreement that was concluded in 2015 in Morocco.

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World leaders were ready to pledge an end to all foreign in-



World leaders interact at the conference held in Berlin.

volvement in the conflict in Libya after a UN-sponsored peace summit in Berlin.

The UN wants foreign powers who wield influence in the region to stop supplying weapons, troops

or finance — either to the UN-backed Government of National Accord (GNA) in Tripoli or the rival Libya National Army (LNA) led by eastern military strongman Khalifa Haftar.

All sides will be asked to sign up to a plan to refrain from interference, and commit to a truce that leads to a lasting end to hostilities.

A draft communique from the summit also urges all parties to re-commit to a widely ignored UN arms embargo and raises the prospect of Libyan political talks in Geneva at the end of the month.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has sent military trainers and advisers to help the beleaguered forces of GNA leader Fayez Al Sarraj, and has

also redeployed up to 2,000 Turkish-backed mercenary fighters from the conflict in Syria.

French President Emmanuel Macron said he had "acute concerns over the arrival of Syrian and foreign fighters in the city of Tripoli," and added: "That must end."

Clashes since April have killed more than 280 civilians and 2,000 fighters and displaced tens of thousands, until a fragile ceasefire backed by Russia and Turkey was put in place on Jan. 12.

Nevertheless, GNA forces accused Haftar's militia of opening fire on them in southern Tripoli on Sunday, and Al Sarraj asked for international "protection troops" if Haftar kept up his offensive.

Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa's Mosque opened

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Deputed by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Southern Governor, His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, yesterday patronised the opening of the expanded late HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa's Mosque in Budaiya.

President of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (SCIA), Dr Shaikh Rashid bin Mohammed Al Hajeri, and a number of dignitaries and citizens from Budaiya were present.

HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali extended sincere thanks and appreciation to HRH the Prime Minister for deputising him to open the mosque's expansion project.

He also conveyed to them



Shaikh Khalifa opens the mosque.

greetings from HRH Premier, as well as his congratulations to them on the inauguration of the project, implemented as part of the Prime Minister's keenness to take care of houses of worship so that they could carry out their noble mission of spreading the values of Islam and cementing

national cohesion. The governor asserted that the expansion of the mosque reflects HRH Premier's unwavering interest in developing and expanding mosques across the kingdom, commensurate with the citizens' needs. He affirmed that taking care of

mosques and their development are basic in the Government Action Plan, extending congratulations to the Budaiya inhabitants on the opening of the iconic mosque.

Those present extended deepest thanks and gratitude to HRH the Prime Minister for his orders

to expand the mosque, thus reflecting his constant keenness on meeting the needs of the citizens, as well as his constant interest in developing houses of worship so as to be able to carry out their role to the fullest.

They prayed to Allah the Almighty to bless HRH the Prime

Minister with abundant good health.

They lauded HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali's interest in the project and constant follow-up on its progress, noting that he spares no effort to implement all projects and initiatives aimed at meeting their needs in various fields.



Shaikh Khalifa being presented with a gift upon arrival at the mosque.