



HM King issues decree on endowment affairs

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday issued Royal Decree 3/2020, replacing Article (1) of Decree 6/1985 with regards to the Organisation of the Sunni and Jaffari Councils and their Directorates.

The new article stipulates that the Sunni and Jaffari endowments shall each be overseen by a council.

The two councils shall be independent entities that report to the minister in charge of endowment affairs.

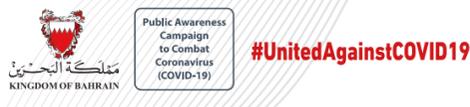


HM the King

Each council shall manage its endowments, disburse their revenues, preserve their assets and develop them in accordance with the provisions of the

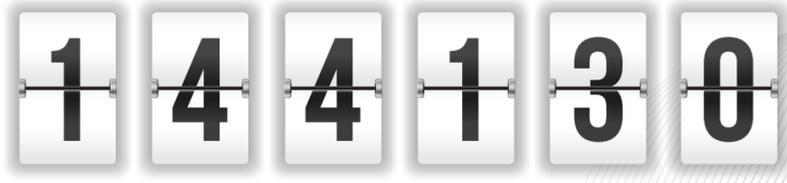
Islamic Sharia. Each council shall have full authority over its affiliate endowments regarding their management, preservation and construction, as well as the collection of their revenues and their distribution to the relevant beneficiaries. The heads of endowments are appointed and dismissed as per decisions taken by the councils.

The phrase "The Minister in charge of endowment affairs" shall replace the phrase "Minister of Justice and Islamic Affairs" wherever it appears in Decree 6/1985.



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Individuals vaccinated



Egypt and Qatar agree to resume diplomatic ties

Cairo

Egypt and Qatar have agreed to resume diplomatic relations, the Egyptian foreign ministry said yesterday, making Cairo the first to officially do so under an Arab deal to end a long-running dispute with Doha.

'Without unity, there is no peace'

Biden calls on 'deeply divided' nation to start afresh at inauguration as 46th US president

- Trump leaves Washington ahead of proceedings
- Harris makes history as first female vice president

Washington

Issuing a call for unity, Joe Biden was sworn in as the 46th president of the United States yesterday, telling a nation battered by a pandemic and the recent storming of the US Capitol: "We must end this uncivil war that pits red against blue."

At a midday ceremony on a day that lacked much of the customary pomp and circumstance due to health and safety concerns, Biden was sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts, repeating the oath of office on the west steps of the Capitol with his hand on a family Bible.



Biden is sworn in as the new US president

The inauguration was attended by a relatively small, distanced audience, a contrast to the crowds that typically line the National Mall to celebrate a new administration.

"Today we celebrate the triumph not of a candidate, but of a cause, the cause of democracy," Biden said before a crowd that included family and former presidents, but lacked former President Donald Trump, who opted to leave

Washington ahead of the proceedings. "At this hour, my friends, democracy has prevailed."

Kamala Harris was sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, making history as the first female vice president. The first Black woman and first of Indian descent nominated on a major party's ticket, she becomes the highest-ranking woman ever in the presidential line of succession.

With his inaugural address, Biden asked a deeply divided country to look past their differences and sought to draw a contrast with former President Trump, who took a combative approach to politics in his four years in office and who spent the months since Election Day questioning the election's outcome.

Biden made no mention of his predecessor but sought to use the moment as an inflection

point for the nation.

"Let's start afresh, all of us. Let's begin to listen to one another again," Mr. Biden said, adding "Politics doesn't have to be a raging fire, destroying everything in its path."

"Without unity, there is no peace," he said.

Referencing the Jan. 6 attack on the US Capitol by a pro-Trump mob looking to stop certification of Biden's win, the new leader stressed that they did not succeed in disrupting democracy and declared: "It will never happen. Not today, not tomorrow, not ever."

While Trump did not attend the inauguration, leaving Washington for Florida earlier in the morning, former Vice President Mike Pence and his wife, Karen Pence, did attend.

Biden asked those who opposed his candidacy during the contentious presidential election to give him a chance, pledging to be a president for all Americans.

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