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HM King leads Eid prayers

Tribute paid to servicemen



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday performed Eid Al Fitr prayers, paying tribute to the Kingdom's servicemen stationed at its borders and praising their dedication in safeguarding national security.

Eid Al Fitr marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan and is celebrated as a time of gratitude, charity and community. Its timing is determined by the sighting of the crescent moon in accordance with the Islamic lunar calendar.

Following the Eid sermon delivered by Shaikh Dr Rashid bin


Congratulations to the people of Bahrain on Eid Al Fitr, with wishes for continued prosperity, blessings and progress for the Kingdom, and honour and advancement for the Arab and Islamic nations

HM KING

Unity key as Eid marked amid challenges, says Al Hajeri

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Eid remains a time of joy and gratitude despite the challenges facing the Kingdom, said Shaikh Dr Rashid bin Mohammed Al Hajeri in his Eid sermon, underscoring the importance of unity, cohesion and standing firmly with the Kingdom's leadership.

The Chairman of the Sunni Endowments Council also described the recent attack on Bahrain by Iran as a flagrant violation of norms, laws and sanctities that endangered lives and spread fear among civilians.

The sermon opened with

praise to Allah Almighty and prayers upon Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him), his family and companions, and highlighted values of gratitude, compassion and solidarity.

Shaikh Al Hajeri praised Bahrain's leadership for its efforts and highlighted the broad international support reflected in a United Nations Security Council resolution, backed by 136 countries, condemning the attacks targeting Gulf Cooperation Council states and Jordan and calling for their immediate cessation, as well as an end to all forms of provocation or threats against neighbouring states.

He concluded with prayers for the continued success of His Majesty the King and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as well as for the Kingdom's servicemen stationed in defence of its security.

HM also wished everyone a blessed Eid, expressing hope that the coming days would inspire continued achievement and contributions in service of the nation. Further, His Majesty extended his greetings to personnel of the military and security sectors, praising their dedication, discipline and vigilance in addressing regional challenges and safeguarding the Kingdom's security and stability. Attendees, in turn, conveyed their sincere congratulations and best wishes to His Majesty.

UAE

HM King also exchanged Eid Al Fitr greetings with His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President of the United Arab Emirates, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai. His Majesty the King and His Highness wished the two countries and their peoples, as well as the Arab and Islamic nations, continued progress and prosperity.

HM visits Operations room

Separately, His Majesty the King, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, visited a joint operations room in the Kingdom yesterday.

For peace, unity

Civil defence extinguishes fire at company warehouse

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Bahrain's Civil Defence successfully extinguished a fire that broke out in a company warehouse following a malicious Iranian attack, officials said.

The operation involved 20 vehicles and 62 officers and personnel, while relevant authorities immediately began their on-site investigations.



India PM holds Eid call with HM King, condemns energy attacks

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India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday reiterated the importance of ensuring freedom of navigation and keeping shipping lines open and secure during a telephonic conversation with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Later, the Prime Minister, in a post on X, highlighted the talks as "fruitful," while conveying warm greetings on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr to HM the King and the people of Bahrain.

During the call, the leaders discussed the current situation in the West Asian region. Modi condemned attacks on energy and civilian infrastructure, underscoring their adverse impact on global food, fuel, and fertilizer security.

PM Modi also reiterated the importance of ensuring free-



dom of navigation and keeping shipping lines open and secure, highlighting the role of safe maritime routes in protecting global supply chains and enhancing regional stability.

The Prime Minister fur-

ther thanked His Majesty for his continued support for the well-being of the Indian community in Bahrain, praising the care and attention extended to the expatriate community under the King's leadership.

US deploying more Marines to MidEast

AFP | Washington, United States

The United States is deploying additional Marines to the Middle East, US media reported yesterday, possibly signaling a coming ground operation three weeks into the US-Israeli campaign against Iran.

The reports came as Axios said President Donald Trump's administration is mulling seizing Iran's strategic Kharg Island to pressure the Islamic republic to reopen the Strait of Hormuz -- a mission that could fall to US Marines.

The Wall Street Journal said Washington is deploying between 2,200 and 2,500 Marines from the California-based USS Boxer Amphibious Ready Group and 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. CNN meanwhile said thou-

Could 'take out' Iran's Kharg Island any time: White House

Washington, United States

The United States could "take out" Iran's Kharg island whenever it wanted, the White House said Friday, after a report that President Donald Trump's administration was considering plans to occupy or blockade the oil hub.

Axios reported that Trump was mulling an operation to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

sands of Marines and sailors were expected to deploy to the Middle East.

