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**HM King appoints new LMRA Chief Executive**

Two new Foreign Affairs Ministry officials named

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday issued Royal Decree 51/2021, appointing Jamal Abdulaziz Abdul Ghaffar Al Alawi as Chief Executive Officer of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) for a three-year term. The Labour and Social Development



HM the King appointment Minister shall implement the decree, which takes immediate effect, and will be published in the Official Gazette. HM the King also issued Royal Decree 50/2021, appointing Dr

Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa as Undersecretary for Political Affairs at the Foreign Affairs Ministry, and Tawfeeq Ahmed Al Mansoor as Undersecretary for Consular and Administrative Affairs at the same ministry.

The decree also stipulates the appointment of Talal Abdulsalam Al Ansari as Director-General of the Affairs of the Foreign Ministry.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs shall implement the provisions of the decree, which takes immediate effect and will be published in the Official Gazette.



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**Individuals vaccinated**

(First dose)

(Second dose)



**Stop broadcasting 'lies'**

Bahrain rejects Al Jazeera Channel's baseless allegations over inmates' conditions

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Bahrain has strongly condemned the continuous attempts by the Qatar-based Al Jazeera Channel to broadcast and disseminate lies on the conditions of inmates at the Reformation and Rehabilitation Centre.

In a statement, the Interior Ministry affirms that what was aired by Al Jazeera was based on completely false information with the intention of offending the gains achieved by the Kingdom in upholding human rights for all, including inmates.

The network's allegations only aim to politicise the situation, exploit the feelings of the inmates' families, and generate sympathy through deception, it added.

The Ministry stressed that the rehabilitation institutions in the Kingdom are open and follow a reform approach under the era of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

They, in fact, strictly follow a framework for law enforcement and transparent administration of justice.

The Kingdom also has developed systems in the field of reform and rehabilitation, in addition to expanding the im-



Al Jazeera channel ... politicising the situation



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plementation of the alternative penalties law and studying the application of the experience of open prisons.

The Ministry deplored Al Ja-

rights and respect for freedoms.

In a statement, the committee indicated that Al Jazeera deliberately twists the facts, and seeks to split national unity, which is a violation of media honour codes and its basic values and principles.

It affirmed that the Kingdom is making continuous efforts to strengthen the human rights system, especially with regard to inmates at the Correction and Rehabilitation Center where the law is enforced according to "fair and transparent reform systems" and based on high standards that guarantee all rights for them.

The Bahraini Journalists Association (BJA) slammed Al Jazeera's malicious campaign towards tainting the Kingdom's image and attempts to harm the Bahraini society, as well as destabilise security and stability.

BJA described Al Jazeera as a "political tool" that Qatar exploits in its hatred campaign against Bahrain because of its progress and development.

"Broadcasting erroneous information is clearly Qatar's expression of its constant feeling of inferiority towards the global achievements of our dear country," said BJA president Ahdeya Ahmed Al Sayed.

**Coalition intercepts Houthi drone attack in Saudi**



Destroyed Houthi drone

Dubai

The Saudi-led Arab coalition intercepted and destroyed a Houthi drone targeting Saudi Arabia's Khamis Mushait yesterday, state TV Al-Ekhbariya reported.

The Kingdom has seen an increase in attacks by the militia after the US delisted the Houthis from the list of terrorist organisations.

Last month, Yemen's Foreign Minister Ahmed bin Mubarak condemned recent attacks by the Houthis, saying that they hindered the peace process and blamed Iran for the ongoing crisis in the country.

"The Iranian interventions have become a formidable obstruction to peace as Iran has turned the Yemeni conflict into a negotiating card that Iranian regime capitalises on to serve its nuclear negotiations," he said.

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**BAHRAIN COVID-19**

- TOTAL TESTED: 3934735
- ACTIVE CASES: 10841
- DEATHS: 605
- DISCHARGED: 154711
- NEW CASES: 1039
- CRITICAL: 95

210 fils (includes VAT)

