

## Bahrain elected UN crime prevention commission member

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The member states of the United Nations Economic and Social Council yesterday elected Bahrain by acclamation as a member of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice of the Economic and Social Council, for the period between 2022 and 2024 during the elections that took place at the United Nations headquarters in New York City.

The election of Bahrain serves as an indication of its high international standing



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The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is the main policy-making body at the United Nations in the area of crime prevention and criminal justice.

Its mandate consists of improving international action to combat national and transnational crime, including organized crime, economic crime, money laundering and trafficking in persons, as well as improving the efficiency and fairness of criminal justice administration systems.

The Commission also provides substantive and organizational guidance to the United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which is held every five years to follow up the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the protocols attached to it.

## Three mosques closed for reckless health protocols

Justice Ministry takes action after they violated precautionary measures against COVID

● Move taken as part of national taskforce efforts to ensure safety and health of everyone

● Four mosques reopen following completion of sanitisation and contact tracing process

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The Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments has closed three mosques for flouting the precautionary measures to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The move was taken as part of the efforts of the National Medical Taskforce for Combatting Coronavirus to trace active cases and their contacts so as to ensure the safety and health of everyone.

The three mosques violated the established health precautionary measures, as those in charge of them allowed the en-



Mosques must put in place the required health measures for the safety of worshippers

try of non-vaccinated worshippers, including active cases who are supposed to be under quarantine and not to contact others.

The decision was taken in view of the laxity of those in charge of the mosques in implementing the required precautionary measures, especially those related to examining the worshippers' vaccination certificates and keeping a safe distance between those performing the prayers, the Ministry said.

The Ministry added that it had consulted with the nation-

al medical taskforce before announcing the closure of the mosques.

The time will be used to enable the relevant teams to carry out the contact tracing and the sanitisation process. A team will also make sure that the precautionary measures are properly followed in the mosques.

The Ministry also announced the re-opening of four mosques that had been temporarily closed for failing to comply with the precautionary measures.

## Four restaurants are shut down

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Four touristic restaurants located in the Capital Governorate have been shut down for one week for violating the mandatory precautionary measures to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19) and curb infections.

Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) announced the closure of the restaurants, in coordination with the Health Ministry's Public Health Directorate and the Inspection Directorate at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.

It urged owners of tourism outlets to adhere strictly to the resolutions and directives regulating the resumption of trade activities in accordance with health protocols.

"The restaurants have been shut down for one week in light of the spotted violations of the health protocols", said a BTEA statement, adding that administrative and legal measures would be taken against the outlets.

BTEA announced that inspections would continue unabated to ensure owners of touristic facilities comply with mandatory precautionary measures for combating the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in coordination with competent authorities.

## Steady growth of Bahrain-India cooperation in all fields hailed

● Political Affairs Undersecretary meet Indian Ambassador

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Dr Shaikh Abdullah with Ambassador Srivastava

Foreign Affairs Ministry Undersecretary for Political Affairs Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa yesterday received India Ambassador to Bahrain Piyush Srivastava.

Dr Shaikh Abdullah welcomed the Indian Ambassador and praised the historical and distinguished relations be-

tween the two friendly countries, highlighting the abundance of opportunities available in various investment and strategic sectors that will expand the partnership between the two friendly countries in order to achieve common aspirations.

The Undersecretary shed light on the success of the work of the third meeting of the High Joint Commission (HJC) between Bahrain and India, chaired by the Foreign Ministers of the two countries, which was held in New Delhi on April 7.

## Interior Minister receives Bahrain Ambassador to Oman



Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa received yesterday Bahrain Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman Dr Juma'a bin Ahmed Al Ka'abi. He praised the embassy's role in bolstering cooperation and providing the best services for the Bahraini community in Oman. Both sides reviewed security cooperation between the two brotherly countries. Ambassador Al Ka'abi expressed thanks and respect to the Interior Minister for his keenness on boosting joint cooperation.

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