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Bahrain condemns terrorist bombing at packed Iraq market

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The Kingdom of Bahrain has condemned the terrorist bombing that targeted a market in Sadr City in Iraq, killing and injuring a number of people. In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirmed Bahrain's solidarity with Iraq in its war against terrorism, reiterating the Kingdom's firm stance against violence, extremism and terrorism of all forms.

Tunisia health minister sacked over virus surge

Tunis

Tunisia's Prime Minister Hichem Mechichi yesterday sacked Health Minister Faouzi Mehdi amid spiralling coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in the North African country.

The ministry said earlier this month that Tunisia's health system had "collapsed" under the weight of the pandemic, which has caused more than 17,000 deaths in a population of around 12 million inhabitants.

The prime minister sacked Mehdi amid an exchange of accusations over performance in the fight against a COVID-19 surge and the slow pace of the vaccination campaign.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

ACTIVE CASES
815

DEATHS
1380

DISCHARGED
265832

NEW CASES
78

210 fils (includes VAT)

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US attacks Al Shabab in Somalia

Washington

The US military conducted an air strike against Al Qaeda affiliated Al Shabab fighters yesterday, the first since President Joe Biden took office, the Pentagon said.

The US military command for Africa (AFRICOM), in coordination with the Somali government, "conducted one airstrike in the vicinity of Galkayo, Somalia today against Al Shabab," Pentagon spokeswoman Cindi King told AFP.

The strike, 700 kilometres (430 miles) northeast of Mogadishu, targeted Shabab Islamists, King said.

"A battle-damage assessment is still pending due to the ongoing engagement between Al Shabab and Somali forces, however the command's initial assessment is that no civilians were injured or killed as a result of this strike," she added.

The strike is the first conducted by the US military in Somalia since January 19, when AFRICOM announced it had killed three Shabab jihadists in two strikes in Jamaame and Deb Scinnele. Biden was inaugurated the next day. As soon as he arrived at the White House, he limited the use of drones against jihadist groups outside US theaters of war.

That reversed the policy of his predecessor Donald Trump, who had given the US military carte blanche in countries such as Somalia and Libya.

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Individuals vaccinated

(First dose)

1 0 9 7 3 5 5

(Second dose)

1 0 3 5 6 0 4

(Booster dose)

1 1 5 5 9 5

Roadmap to defeat COVID

His Majesty King's unwavering support for Team Bahrain hailed by top lawmakers

Chairman Al Saleh: HRH Prince Salman key in success against pandemic

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Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh and Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal have lauded His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's unwavering support for the efforts of Team Bahrain to battle the coronavirus (COVID-19).

They also praised His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman

his major role in the Kingdom's continued success in cushioning the impact of the pandemic.

The Shura head said HM the King's kind gesture reflects the appreciation of all citizens and residents for all the Team Bahrain members, and everyone who has contributed to defeating the pandemic.

He added that HM the King's interest and sound directives to provide health services and vaccines to the citizens and residents, as well as the launch of the financial stimulus package, which has fortified the national economy, have enabled the Kingdom to achieve remarkable success in significantly decreasing the number of active cases.

Al Saleh paid tribute to the government, led by HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and frontline heroes, including medical and nursing staff, as well as allied teams and those responsible for the national vaccination campaign, for their keenness to implement the royal directives

to fight the pandemic, enabling the Kingdom to curb the spread of COVID-19 and reach the green level.

He extended sincere congratulations to HM the King and HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister on Eid Al Adha, wishing them and the Bahraini people many happy returns of the blessed occasion.

The Shura Chairman valued highly HM King Hamad's directives to continue providing Team Bahrain with all necessary support aimed at enabling Bahrain to successfully overcome the pandemic, affirming the Council's full support for all the measures taken by the National Medical Taskforce for Combating Coronavirus.

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Definitive account of his life

Prince Harry to share 'highs and lows' in memoir

London

Prince Harry, who fled Britain complaining about media coverage, has signed a book deal as the latest part of an effort to control his own narrative.

Penguin Random House said it will publish a literary memoir by Harry late next year that will offer a "definitive account" of his life, from his childhood to the present. Harry said he was "excited for people to read

a firsthand account of my life that's accurate and wholly truthful." "I'm writing this not as the prince I was born but as the man I have become," Harry, 36, said. "I've worn many hats over the years, both literally and figuratively, and my hope is that in telling my story — the highs and lows, the mistakes, the lessons learned — I can help show that no matter where we come from, we have more in common than we think."

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