

HM King congratulates Belgium and Colombia

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to HM King Philippe of Belgium on the occasion of his country's National Day.

HM the King wished the Belgian Monarch good health and happiness and his friendly people further progress and prosperity.

His Majesty also sent a cable of congratulations to the Columbia President Ivan Duque Marquez on the occasion of his country's Independence Day. HM the King extended deepest congratulations to the Colombian leader, wishing him good health and happiness on this national occasion.

Six restaurants closed for violating health protocols

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The Health Ministry's Public Health Department yesterday announced the closure of six restaurants for a week after being found to have violated the precautionary measures listed under the Orange Alert Level. Necessary measures were taken to refer their cases to the legal authorities.

Royal support 'catalyst' for more achievements: Speaker

Bahrain success stories in fighting COVID-19 acclaimed locally and globally

● **Speaker Zainal lauds sound royal directives to help Kingdom overcome pandemic**

● **Praise for people's sense of responsibility, commitment to community partnership**

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Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal stressed that the royal support is a catalyst for more landmark achievements, noting that Team Bahrain's accomplishments and success sto-

ries in fighting the coronavirus have been acclaimed locally and globally.

The Speaker pointed out that the outstanding results achieved thanks to the well-thought-out plans and appropriate precautionary measures have led to a significant drop in the number of active cases, noting that Team Bahrain's successes are the outcome of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's sound directives and the close follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

She expressed sincere congratulations to the Bahraini people on Eid Al Adha, paying tribute to the frontline heroes, Team Bahrain members and all those responsible for the national vaccination campaign for



HM the King and HRH Prince Salman are spearheading the Kingdom's fight against the COVID-19

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FAWZIA BINT ABDULLA ZAINAL, COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES SPEAKER



their dedicated efforts.

Zainal affirmed the Representatives Council's support for Team Bahrain's efforts aimed at ensuring Bahrain's success in overcoming the pandemic and reinstating normalcy, expressing confidence in the Bahraini people's ability to overcome the current crisis thanks to their sense of responsibility and commit-

ment to community partnership.

She prayed to Allah the Almighty to protect HM the King and HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and to bless them with abundant health, happiness and long life.

She also wished Bahrain further progress, and the citizens and residents health and well-being.

Philippine Embassy vaccination programme in full swing

● **Undocumented Filipinos urged to get vaccinated for their own protection and the safety of all**

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The Philippine Embassy continues to encourage members of the Filipino community in the Kingdom of Bahrain to get vaccinated for their own protection and the safety of all.

It is part of the Embassy's vaccination programme called "Bakuna Para Kay Juan at Juana" to support the government's national vaccination campaign against the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The vaccination programme was launched on 12 June as part of the Embassy's Kalayaan 2021 celebration where 204 individuals had received their first dose.

A big number of undocumented Filipino expatriates have al-



Ambassador Ver supervising the Embassy's vaccination programme

ready registered to have their vaccination at the Sitra Mall Vaccination Center and more are expected to heed the call of the Embassy.

Besides having the protection against COVID-19, the "Bakuna Para Kay Juan at Juana" programme also aims to provide undocumented Filipinos a fighting chance in their quest to find employment in the Kingdom.

The green shield or proof of

having received the complete dose of COVID-19 vaccine is now one of the primary requirements of prospective employers in hiring a worker.

The Embassy advises those who were vaccinated during the first batch of the vaccination programme, but were not able to get their second dose last Friday, to proceed to Al Hoora Health Centre in Manama to complete their vaccina-

tion shot.

Last week, a total of 151 undocumented overseas Filipinos received their second dose of AstraZenica vaccine at Sitra Mall.

Philippine Ambassador to Bahrain Alfonso A. Ver, together with other Embassy officials and staff, were also present during the event to guide the recipients of the programme and assist them in their registration with the BeAware app of the Kingdom.

They were also reminded to follow required health protocols despite receiving the complete dose of the vaccine.

Together with the second shot, the 151 individuals are now able to register in the comprehensive BeAware health app and avail of all features of the app including an electronic vaccination certificate "green shield" which is required for entry into office buildings, government institutions, malls, restaurants, schools, among others.

Ambassador to US meets Jewish community in New York



The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the US, Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalifa, met during his visit to New York City a number of Bahraini-Jewish families residing in New York, and several members of the Jewish community in New York who had previously lived and worked in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The discussion revolved around the concept of a culture of peace, freedom of religions and beliefs, and peaceful coexistence. The Ambassador expressed his great pride in the lively environment and openness in Bahrain, stressing that the Kingdom has become a role model for promoting the concept of the culture of peace, freedom of religions and beliefs and peaceful coexistence.

Capital Governor briefed on needs to develop infrastructure



Capital Governor Shaikh Hisham bin Abdul Rahman Al Khalifa received dignitaries and representatives of civil societies in the Sanabis area, in the presence of Hassan Abdullah Al Madani, Deputy Governor, and Brigadier General Ibrahim Al Najran, Director General of the Capital Governorate Police. The Governor was briefed on the needs to develop the infrastructure in the region and upgrade its facilities. He affirmed the governorate's work to follow up on the implementation of these requests in cooperation with the concerned government agencies.

Foreign Minister receives NIHR Chairman



Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani yesterday received the President of the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR), Ali Ahmed Al Derazi. The Foreign Minister commended the royal order appointing members of the NIHR's Board of Commissioners, congratulating him on being elected by the Board of Commissioners as President of the Institution, and lauding the efforts made by the NIHR to promote human rights in Bahrain.