

Facebook plans to change name London

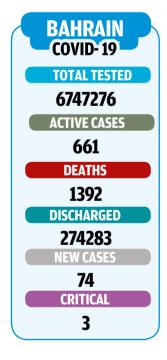
🗨 ocial media giant Face-**D**book is planning to rebrand itself with a new name next week, according to a report

Facebook Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg plans to talk about the name change at the company's annual Connect conference on Oct. 28, but it could be unveiled sooner, the Verge reported.

In response, Facebook said it does not comment on "rumour or speculation."

The news comes at a time when the company is facing increasing US government scrutiny over its business practices

Lawmakers have excoriated the company, illustrating the rising anger in Congress with Facebook.



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HM King hails strong Bahrain-UAE ties at all levels



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received UAE Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology Dr Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber. He conveyed to HM the King the greetings and appreciation of UAE President His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander His Highness Shaikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, wishing His Majesty abundant health and happiness and the people of Bahrain continued progress and prosperity. HM King Hamad stressed the strong historical relations between Bahrain and UAE and their development at all levels, mainly in the industrial, technological and oil and gas fields.



Bahrain keen to expand 'digital economy' by accelerating innovation in key technologies

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regionally in the digital economy through building capacities, developing infrastructure, leg-

digital economy as a key driver for growth and development, and made innovation in key technologies a top national priority.

To support this objective, the Kingdom has set up a national strategy to make it stronger and better.

As part of that strategy to expand the vast digital economy, it has doubled down on funding to transform and develop the and attended by members. traditional economy.

Information and Communica- tional strategy for the digital port on the identification of the Bahrain a leading destination

The Deputy Prime Minister chairs the virtual committee meeting

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The committee reviewed the progress of the work on the national strategy for the digital economy in light of the decisions of the Executive Committee to approve the required budget.

strategic objectives of setting The ministry submitted a re- a medium-term plan to make

islation, education and training.

Other strategic objectives include encouraging innovation to achieve progress in modern technology and its uses in supporting economic growth in financial, health and industrial services, transportation, logistics, oil and gas, and training.

The committee approved the work plan and the proposal to appoint an international consultant to prepare the strategy.

It also approved the proposed training programme for strategic planning for information technology in the public sector, prepared by the Information and e-Government Authority (iGA).

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