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Indian PM Modi to get COVID-19 vaccine



New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will get a coronavirus shot in the second phase of the country's inoculation campaign, broadcaster NDTV reported yesterday citing sources.

Executive committee



His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa chairs the 363rd meeting of the Government Executive Committee, held remotely. The meeting reviewed procedures for storing and dispensing medicines, and measures to combat COVID-19 outbreak.

Saudi minister optimistic that ties with US will be 'excellent' under Biden



Dubai

Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan expressed optimism that relations between Riyadh and Washington will be "excellent" under US President Joe Biden, Al-Arabiya TV channel cited him as saying yesterday.

The appointments made by Biden show "understanding of the common issues" by the new US administration, the minister added, according to Twitter posts by the Saudi-owned, Dubai-based TV channel.

Focus on development

Build on the success of HM the King's development march: HRH Prince Salman

● Citizens are the focus of the government's plans, programmes and projects.

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday called on all to continue building on the achievements of His Majesty the King's development march, which keeps citizen's welfare as its goal.

"Citizens lie at the heart of all development efforts to which the government is directing all its works," the Crown Prince and Prime Minister said.

The Kingdom, HRH Prince Salman said, will continue these endeavours with "determination, vigour and through the collective efforts of the members of the Executive and Legislative branches."

"For this, it's important to continue building on what has been achieved by the comprehensive development march of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa," added HRH Prince



HRH Prince Salman in discussion with Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal

Salman.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking with Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal, the Speaker of Parliament, at Riffa Palace.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister told the speaker that advancing joint work between the Executive and Legislative branches will help the Kingdom boost its development drive. "This will help the government better serve

the citizens across all development plans, programmes and projects."

The speaker assured HRH the Crown Prince that the members of executive and legislative branches are relentlessly working on to achieve the aspirations of the country and its citizens.

"We will continue the process of national work with renewed determination and vigour," the speaker assured Prince Salman.

"Challenges will not deter us, as we are determined to move ahead with the spirit of one to attain Bahrain's goals."

The speaker thanked His Royal Highness, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for the interest he attaches to promote cooperation between the executive and legislative authorities to support the comprehensive development process in Bahrain.

Bahrain condemns twin suicide blast in Iraq



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Bahrain yesterday condemned the twin blast in a crowded Baghdad market that killed at least 32 people.

Foreign ministry expressed deep condolences to the families and relatives of the victims, the government and the brotherly Iraqi people and wished the injured a speedy recovery.

The ministry affirmed Bahrain's solidarity with Iraq in its war against terrorism, reiterating the Kingdom's unwavering position that rejects violence and extremism of all forms and manifestations.

Thursday's attack took place in the same market that was struck in the last big attack, in January 2018, when at least 27 people were killed.

Save Everest

Everest trash art to highlight mountain's garbage blight

Reuters | Kathmandu

Trash collected from Mount Everest is set to be transformed into art and displayed in a nearby gallery, to highlight the need to save the world's tallest mountain from turning into a dumping site.



Used oxygen bottles, tents, ropes, broken ladders, cans and plastic wrappers discarded by climbers and trekkers litter the 8,848.86 metre (29,032 feet) tall peak and the surrounding areas.

Tommy Gustafsson, project

director and a co-founder of the Sagarmatha Next Centre - a visitors' information centre and waste up-cycling facility - said foreign and local artists will be engaged in creating artwork from waste materials and train locals to turn trash into treas-

ures. "We want to showcase how you can transform solid waste to precious pieces of art ... and generate employment and income," Gustafsson told Reuters. "We hope to change the people's perceptions about the garbage and manage it," he said.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED
2596967

ACTIVE CASES
2918

DEATHS
366

DISCHARGED
95594

NEW CASES
305

CRITICAL
15

210 fils (includes VAT)



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