

Congratulations continue for HM King



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Congratulations continued to pour in for His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa from all walks of life for being bestowed with a rare award by the United States of America for playing a crucial part in the normalisation of

ties with Israel. "King Hamad has shown extraordinary courage and leadership through his support of the Vision for Peace and his decision to establish full diplomatic relations with the State of Israel," Donald Trump had said honouring HM the King with the Legion of Merit, Degree Chief Commander. "King Hamad has shown ex-

traordinary courage and leadership through his support of the Vision for Peace and his decision to establish full diplomatic relations with the State of Israel," Trump said. Yesterday, in a statement, Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB)'s Governor Rasheed Mohammed Al Miraj, said he has "deep pride in the outstanding award that confirms HM the King's steady

support for regional and global stability." HM King received similar cables of congratulations from Customs President Shaikh Ahmed bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Royal Protocols Chief, Major General Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Fadhala, Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry's Undersecretary for Works Affairs, Ahmed Abdulaziz Al

Khayat, HH Shaikh Abdulla Al Fateh bin Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa, Dr Hassan bin Abdullah Fakhro, Advisor of HM the King for Economic Affairs, Secretary-General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) Dr Mustafa Al Sayed, His Highness Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa and several other.

20 more services go online

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Bahrain's digital battle against the deadly coronavirus battle just got stronger with Kingdom moving 20 of its services online.

The move avoids people queuing up at various departments, thereby reinforcing COVID-19 precautionary measures.

The digital transformation drive has so far taken 104 services online. All of them are available either through National Portal Bahrain. bh or e-Government apps storebahrain.bh/apps.

Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, launched the new e-services yesterday.

The services are in cooperation with the Information and eGovernment Authority (IGA), Nationality, Passports and Res-



Newly launched services

The Information and eGovernment Authority: updating ID card residential address, printing and verification of residential address statement.

The NPRA offers four services: New visa issuances, transfer and cancel visas, and cancel visa requests.

Traffic e-services: Issuance of lost or damaged vehicle ownership, plate numbers ownership, reserved plate numbers, traffic centres locator, inspection centres locator, traffic accidents centres locator.

The Coast Guard: Renewal of the vessel registration certificate, navigation licenses renewal and requests management.

The General Directorate of Guards: Updation of company profiles, viewing security guarded locations, registration of guarded locations and cancellation of guarded locations.

idence Affairs (NPRA), General Directorate of Traffic, Coast Guard and General Directorate of Guard.

Chief of Public Security, Interior Ministry's Undersecretary of Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs, Chief Executive of the Information and eGovernment Authority and General Director of Traffic were present at the launch.

The Interior Minister hailed His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for Bahrain's digital transformation.

The minister further stressed the importance of enhancing awareness among people to benefit from the e-services that replace the need for visits to service centres.

Strength Week

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First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, has ordered to organise a 'Strength Week' from February 23-27 at the late Shaikh Isa bin Rashid Al Khalifa Sports City.

The event will feature five championships, including CrossFit, Weightlifting, Physical Strength, the Strongest Man in the World.

"We have instructed for holding this event to implement the directives of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, to bolster Bahrain's position as a key hub for hosting and organising sports events under any circumstances. Holding this event comes as part of our efforts to support the strength and endurance sports as well as to encourage practising such sports," HH Shaikh Khalid said.

Free extension of visas end

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Starting today, the Nationality, Passports and Residence will stop the automatic and free extension of visit visas. The authority said it will now offer its services by collecting the fees prescribed for services.



Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava during a discussion with Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak on enhancing bilateral ties. The meeting discussed ways to boost the exchange of expertise and experiences, transfer of knowledge in electricity and water, and capacity building. The meeting also discussed the most important projects carried out by EWA.



The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR)'s Chairperson Maria Khoury received Deputy British Ambassador, Stuart Summers, and outgoing Head of Political Affairs, Media and Public Relations department at the embassy Sherrill Edis. The meeting discussed strengthening cooperation and coordination to unify efforts in areas related to human rights.



The Arab parliament yesterday affirmed its full support to Arab women in overcoming the crisis created by coronavirus pandemic during a meeting chaired by Adel Abdul Rahman Al-Asoumi, Speaker of the Arab Parliament. Al-Asoumi praised the efforts of Arab women in the frontline in fighting the outbreak, especially those in the nursing profession. Al Asoumi called on Arab states to support women to overcome the obstacles they face and to strengthen joint efforts to mitigate the repercussions of the pandemic on women and children with necessary health and social services

Interpol arrests wanted man in Bahrain

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A wanted man in Bahrain has been arrested in a joint operation by Interpol and the Department of International Affairs.

The Director-General of the General Department for Combating Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security said the 26-year-old Asian man



landed in police net from a neighbouring country.

He is a suspect in several cheque fraud cases committed inside the Kingdom.