



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa receiving well-wishers from Bahrain's four governorates marking the holy month of Ramadan, as part of the Royal keenness to meet Bahrainis during the blessed month. HM King praised the great efforts of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and his invitation to take part in the Makkah meetings. Saudi Ambassador to Bahrain, Dr Abdullah bin Abdulmalik Al-Sheikh, handed over the letter at the Sakhir Palace. Speaking on the occasion, His Majesty warned that social media must be used for the good of the country and not as a tool for destruction. In this regard, HM the King directed competent security services to take strict measures against 'negative tendencies'.

Tributes pour in for HRH PM

Arab health ministers hail PM's WHO honour, PM thanks WHO for the honour

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Tributes poured in from all quarters yesterday after the honouring of His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa as a “World Leader” in health by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Arab Health Ministers in a statement said the achievement has entitled Bahrain to be a leader in the health sector.

“WHO’s honouring of HRH Premier was in appreciation of his prominent role in enhancing general health in the kingdom,” said Egypt’s Health and Population Minister and President of the preparatory meeting of the Executive Bureau of the Arab Health Ministers, Dr Hala Zayed.

She was speaking during the 52nd meeting of the Arab health ministers, which discussed the preparations for the 72nd World Health Assembly meeting at the UN headquarters here.

Bahrain’s delegation to 72nd World Health Assembly, led by Health Minister, Faeqa bint Said Al-Saleh, participated in Arab Health Ministers’ meeting.

Foreign minister

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, in a statement, affirmed that the honour furthers the interna-



Arab health ministers welcome HRH Premier's honouring by WHO

tional recognition of His Royal Highness’ significant role in advancing human development.

“This achievement reflects the WHO’s appreciation of the Prime Minister’s role in supporting the Organisation in different countries,” said Shaikh Khalid.

The Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia Zainal, in a statement, said the award is a recognition of His Highness’s contribution to Bahrain’s comprehensive development and modernization.

She paid tribute to HRH the Premier’s vision that helped made a huge leap forward in the progress of the Kingdom.

Secretary-General of the Su-

preme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim bin Hamad Al Khalifa hailed the honour as recognition for HRH the Premier’s exceptional achievements and humanitarian projects.

Minister of Finance

Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, said the honour recognises HRH the Premier’s prolific landmark development strides and contributions in the humanitarian field.

Interior Ministry Undersecretary for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs Shaikh Rashid bin Khalifa Al Khali-

fasaid the WHO honour, the first of its kind in the organisation’s history, recognises HRH the Premier’s clear role in the health field and contribution to sustainable development.

PM thanks WHO

His Royal Highness Prime Minister in a letter to the Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO), Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus expressed sincere thanks and appreciation to the World Health Organisation for the honour.

Health Minister, Faeqa bint Said Al-Saleh, handed over HRH Premier’s letter to WHO Director-General during their meet-



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preciation for his pioneering role in enhancing the health sector in the kingdom, and in recognition of his contributions, successes and landmark achievements in the field of health.

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the prestigious honouring proves the great international appreciation enjoyed by HRH Premier for his milestone achievements.

WHO director-generalempahsised the importance of stepping up cooperation between WHO and its Member States to eradicate diseases that have become a serious threat to civilians in under-developed countries.

Sabria Mohammed gets Japan's top honour

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The Embassy of Japan yesterday announced the names of foreign recipients of this year's ‘Spring Imperial Decorations’.

Sabria Mohammed Ismail

Shakeeb, a former employee of the Embassy of Japan in the Kingdom, is among this year’s foreign recipients, the embassy said in a statement.

Sabria Mohammed will receive the ‘Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays’.

Car catches fire in Riffa: Interior Ministry

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A fire broke out in a car yesterday in Riifa, tweeted Interior Ministry.

“The Civil defence forc-

es extinguished the fire and relevant procedures are being taken. Initial details indicate short circuit as a reason for the fire,” the Ministry stated.

Praise for 24/7 health centers

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Mohammed Zafran

The decision to open more 24/7 health centres has drawn praise from a Parliamentarian.

“Health centres operating round the clock in Hamad Town



Basem Al Malki

will benefit the people there immensely,” said MP Basem Al-Malki who represents the constituency.

Ministry of Health recently announced that Mohammed Jassim Kanoo Health Center in

Hamad Town will operate on a 24/7 basis.

The Parliamentarian hailed HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa for his constant support and directives to improve the healthcare facilities in the country.

“This step will help reduce the burden on Salmaniya Medical Complex during the evening hours and will also reduce the rush at the health centre during the morning hours. The decision is great news for the people of Hamad town,” he said.

Tribune reported on Monday that starting June, Hamad Town and Barbar health centres will operate round the clock.

The ministry of health decided to add Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah health centre in Barbar and Mohammed Jassim Kanoo Health Center in Hamad Town to the list of health centres that operate around the clock.

According to ministry sources, the northern governorates were chosen to have two additional 24-hour health centres considering its size and the number of people in need of such service.

The health centres that currently operate 24 hours are Hamad Kanoo Health Center in Riffa, Muharraq Health Center, and Engineer Health Center in Isa Town.