



Kuwaiti goalkeeper detained at Doha airport

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Kuwaiti goalkeeper, Nawaf al-Khaldi, was detained by security personnel at Doha's Hamad International Airport on Tuesday.

In a video posted on Twitter, Khaldi said his mobile phone, along with all his electronic devices, were seized, and he was not allowed to contact anyone: neither his parents or family, nor the Kuwaiti embassy.

"They assaulted me in Qatar's airport and took my phones and prevented me from contacting the embassy. I was expecting my Qatari brothers to condemn what I have been subjected to in their country instead of reprimanding me," Khaldi said.

US identifies North Korea long-missile test site

Reuters | Washington

The missile engine test site that President Donald Trump said North Korean leader Kim Jong Un had committed to destroy is a major facility in the western part of the country that has been used for testing engines for long-range missiles, according to a US official.

Trump told reporters after their June 12 summit that Kim had pledged to dismantle one of his missile installations, which would be North Korea's most concrete concession at the landmark meeting in Singapore. However, the president at the time did not name the site.



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HM directive to reconsider retirement, pension bills



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has directed the government to reconsider the retirement and pension bills, taking into consideration all views and remarks expressed during discussions at the Shura and Representatives Councils as well as views expressed by citizens and the media.

The directive to recon-

sider the two bills was made as he received HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister and Speaker Ahmed bin Ibrahim Al Mulla and Shura Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh.

During the meeting, His Majesty emphasised the importance of benefiting from the values of Bahrain's democratic experience based on consultation and consensus on national issues, calling for cooperation

between the legislative and executive branches, allowing more opportunity to finalize the consultations regarding both laws.

The re-evaluation should achieve national consensus among the State's authorities and respective institutions to introduce the necessary modifications on both currently applicable laws to ensure the continuous capability of the pension and insurance funds to

fulfil their obligations vis-à-vis future generations.

His Majesty also directed to reconsider the development of the pensions system in future to ensure preservation of citizens' rights, secure financial stability of pension funds through the enhancement of areas of investment to boost the diversification of sources of income that reflect in the improvement of standards of services provided to pensioners in future.

Bahrain, UK boost bilateral relations

Crown Prince meets UK PM Theresa May on the sidelines of the opening ceremony of UK Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday met Theresa May, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the opening ceremony of the new Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre (DNRC) at the Stanford Hall Estate, Nottinghamshire, UK.

During the meeting, HRH Crown Prince highlighted the steady growth of strategic bilateral cooperation across areas of mutual interest, noting, in particular, the longstanding security relationship between both countries which is instrumental to promoting security and peace



HRH Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa with British Prime Minister Theresa May during the opening ceremony of Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre at the Stanford Hall Estate, Nottinghamshire, UK.

at the global level. HRH Crown Prince emphasised the importance of building on mutually beneficial trade relationship by supporting and strengthening trade and economic ties.

HRH the Crown Prince expressed his appreciation to the Prime Minister for her keenness and interest in strengthening

UK-Bahrain relations.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to review regional and international issues and discuss areas of common interest.

DNRC handed over

HRH Crown Prince attended the opening ceremony of the new

DNRC on behalf of His Majesty King Hamad.

The centre was handed over by the Seventh Duke of Westminster to Theresa May.

The ceremony was held in the presence of Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge, Patron of the appeal to create the DNRC.

The DNRC is a new clinical

rehabilitation centre for the armed forces stretching across a 145-hectare site on the Stanford Hall Estate near Loughborough, designed to provide injured servicemen and women access to state-of-the-art facilities and the highest quality of healthcare to support their recovery.

On behalf of His Majesty King Hamad, HRH Crown Prince offered congratulations to the UK government on the inauguration of the DNRC, noting that military rehabilitation is one of a number of areas of collaboration between Bahrain and the United Kingdom that underpin long-standing bilateral ties.

HRH Crown Prince commended the UK government and armed services for placing military rehabilitation at the centre of policy efforts, noting the importance of facilities like the DNRC in helping servicemen and women rebuild their lives.

HRH the Crown Prince emphasised that armed forces personnel play a crucial role in the defence of their country's security and values, and deserve the highest standards of medical care and support in their recovery.

Diplomacy

Iran's 'aggressive tendencies' must be halted: Merkel

Reuters | Amman

German Chancellor Angela Merkel yesterday said European countries shared concerns over Iran's ballistic missile programme and called for solutions to its "aggressive tendencies" in the Middle East.

"Iran's aggressive tendencies must not only be discussed, but rather we need solutions urgently," she said after meeting Jor-

dan's King Abdullah in Amman.

Germany remained party to the Iran nuclear deal, which lifted sanctions on Tehran in exchange for curbing its atomic programme, after US President Donald Trump withdrew from it in May.

Merkel said on Thursday that while European countries wanted to maintain the 2015 accord, they shared concerns over Iran's ballistic missile programme, its presence in Syria and its role



Angela Merkel



EU is worried over Iran's missile programme and its role in the war in Yemen

in the war in Yemen. In Syria, Iran is a big military supporter of President Bashar al-Assad, sending some of its own forces there and backing Shi'ite militias from Lebanon and Iraq who are fighting on the ground. Gulf and Western countries accuse Tehran of arming the Houthi group in Yemen, which it denies.

She also voiced support for Jordanian concern about Iranian activity in southwestern Syria, near its border.