

GCC and UK vow to bolster cooperation

Joint Ministerial Meeting held virtually

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Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif Al Zayani has stressed the deep-rooted relations between the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the UK and its importance.

This came as the Joint Ministerial Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and representatives of the GCC states and the UK was held virtually yesterday.

The GCC side was chaired by Minister Al Zayani, who is also chairman of the current session of the Ministerial Council.

The British side was under the chairmanship of the Minister of State for Middle East and North Africa at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the UK, James Cleverly, with the participation of the GCC Secretary-General of the Cooperation Council, Dr Nayef Falah Al Hajraf.

In his opening speech, Dr Al Zayani affirmed the mutual keenness of both sides to further



The online discussion in progress

strengthen cooperation in supporting strategic partnership and joint action for the benefit of the people and in the face of common challenges.

He underscored that this meeting is an opportunity to review the current cooperation level, and ways to enhance it for the common interests of both sides.

Minister Al Zayani also praised the constructive and effective role of the UK at the regional and international level, stressing the importance of working together to face challenges in the region and the world.

Minister Cleverly affirmed the importance of enhancing

joint action between the two sides at all levels, hailing the outcomes of the summit held in the Kingdom of Bahrain in December 2016 between the UK and the GCC.

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They also stressed their keenness on enhancing strategic partnership following the GCC-UK summit held in Bahrain in December 2016.

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Review of Trade and Investment between the two sides, which aims to enhance cooperation in this important field, in preparation for entering into free trade negotiations between the two sides.

During the meeting, they also exchanged views on political and security developments in the region and the international efforts to combat terrorism, in addition to a number of relevant regional and international issues.

Tamkeen resumes training programmes to help Bahrainis

Giving citizens professional training skills to meet the labour market's requirements

Set to start receiving applications from Feb. 25 directly through its updated electronic portal

Job seekers, employees, students and business owners will benefit from the programmes

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The Labour Fund Tamkeen has announced the resumption of its individual development programmes through a comprehensive updated platform on its website.

It is in line with the implementation of the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Job seekers, employees and students will benefit from the programmes. Likewise, the initiatives aim to help Bahraini business owners.

It is scheduled to start receiving applications from February 25, directly through the electronic portal of Tamkeen, after activating the applicant's private account or logging in to the account if it is activated.

The launch of the People Development Platform comes in its new form to emphasise the importance of meeting the requirements of the next stage in the labour market, especially with the developments in the market realities due to the coronavirus pandemic, the continuous change of the work environment, and its growing need for technological applications.

Tamkeen CEO Dr Ibrahim Muhammad Janahi said that the personnel training platform will include the usual programmes in accredited professional certificates and training courses for employability skills. It will also include youth training programmes, on-the-job training, and training to obtain the required licenses.

It will also support vocational training initiatives with a number of partner employers in providing training, with the aim of enhancing the capabilities of young people and refining their skills to allow them to acquire the professional skills required for employment in various developmental and economic sectors.

Online exam on dermatology and venereal diseases held



The examination process in progress

First of its kind examination conducted by Health Ministry

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The Ministry of Health organised the first online examination in the field of dermatology and venereal diseases.

The written examination

was held under the auspices of undersecretary Dr Walid Al Manea.

It was administered by Exam Soft in the US under the supervision of the secretariat of the Arab Council for Medical Specialties in cooperation with the Training Affairs of the Ministry of Health.

The Chargé d'Affairs of Training Affairs at the Ministry, Dr Munira Sabt Al Subaie, said that the examination was the first of its kind in dermatology

and venereal diseases.

Two female doctors from Salmaniya Medical Complex attended the examination, which will qualify the examinees to obtain the rank of first resident and a specialist in venereal dermatology.

Dr Al Subaie praised the guidance, support and continuous follow-up by the higher management of the Ministry, headed by Minister Faiqa bint Saeed Al Saleh and Undersecretary Dr Al Manea.

Bahrain strongly condemns armed attack on UN-WFP convoy in Congo

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The Kingdom of Bahrain condemned the armed attack in the Democratic Republic of the Congo which targeted a United Nations World Food Programme convoy and resulted in the demise of the Ambassador of the Republic



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of Italy to the Congo and two other companions.

The Foreign Affairs Ministry expressed condolences to the Italian government and people as well as to the family of the victims of this cowardly act, stressing its strong condemnation and denunciation of all acts of violence and extremism.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Recommendation of Declaration of Dividends

The Board of Directors of Ahli United Bank B.S.C. resolved, at its meeting held on 22 February 2021, to recommend the distribution of dividend for the year ended 31 December 2020 to the shareholders whose names are registered on the company's register on the Record Date. This is subject to the approval of the company's shareholders on the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The proposed distribution is as follows:

- Cash Dividend: 5% of share nominal value, equivalent to US cents 1.25 per share amounting to US\$ 120,648,609 (The proposed annual cash dividend includes Nil declared and paid to the shareholders as interim dividend).
- Bonus Share: 5% of paid-up capital, equivalent to 5 shares for every 100 shares held.

Below are the key dates to be taken note of:

Event	Bahrain Bourse Listed Shares	Boursa Kuwait Listed Shares
General Meeting Date (Shareholders' approval date)	31 March 2021	31 March 2021
Cum-Dividend Date (Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)	1 April 2021	1 April 2021
Ex-Dividend Date (First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)	4 April 2021	4 April 2021
Record Date (The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	5 April 2021	6 April 2021
Payment Date (The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)	19 April 2021	19 April 2021

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Chairman

22 February 2021

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