

### Customs' revenue up by 6.3pc in first quarter

Manama

Customs President Shaikh Ahmed bin Hamad Al Khalifa said that the logistics sector in the Kingdom, had witnessed a rapid growth as a result of the increase in the trade exchange because of standardised customs procedures and the smooth traffic of products through the facilitation of customs clearance.

He pointed out that the positive rise in imports had increased the customs revenues in the first quarter of 2019 by 6.3 per cent compared with the same period last year. The revenues are estimated to be around BD52.1 million, while it was BD49m in the same period of 2018.

He said that the rise indicated economic and commercial growth and the dedication of the Customs Affairs to improve customs procedures, performance and services to serve the development interests of the Kingdom.

He said that the Customs Affairs would continue to develop and enhance systems and procedures to facilitate the traffic of travellers and goods to meet its development strategies.

### Sandstorms hit Riyadh

Riyadh

Saudi authorities have issued a weather warning as massive sandstorms continued to sweep through the Kingdom.

Winds of up to 31 km per hour hit the Saudi capital yesterday, causing widespread traffic disruption due to low visibility.



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### His Majesty in Hungary



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday arrived in Budapest on a visit during which he will meet Hungarian President János Áder. HM the King will hold talks during the visit with the Hungarian President on good bilateral relations, binding the two friendly countries and peoples, and further strengthening joint ties, in addition to regional and international developments. HM the King was received on arrival by Attila Tóth, Director of Gulf Region in the Ministry of Foreign affairs and trade of Hungary, Representative of Hungarian president and Bahrain's ambassador to Budapest.

### Saudi arrests 13 accused of planning terror attacks

Riyadh

Thirteen people were arrested after finding plans to execute criminal acts that were targeting the Kingdom's security, Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported yesterday.

The statement published by SPA included the names of the 13 men arrested, in addition to their civil ID numbers.

The spokesperson for the Saudi Presidency of State Security said explosive belts were found during a raid on the house of the Zulfi attackers.

Four heavily armed attackers were killed in a failed terrorist attack claimed by Daesh on an Interior Ministry building in Zulfi, north of Riyadh on Sunday.

The four terrorists that were killed belonged to Daesh.

“A total of five explosive belts were found, four of which were worn by the perpetrators, and another inside a car.”

SOURCES

The Presidency of State Security released the identities of the four attackers: Abdullah Hamoud Al Hamoud, Abdullah Ibrahim Al Mansour, Samer Abdulaziz Al Madid and Salman Abdulaziz Al Madid.

Saudi authorities discovered a house in Al Rayyan neighborhood in Zulfi governorate, rented by Abdullah Al-Hamoud, one of the four perpetrators, where they found what resembled to be a factory for manufacturing explosives and explosive belts.

# Securing students

Special committee recommends measures to protect students from violence, drug addiction

Manama

The Cabinet, chaired by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday, was informed about the results of an investigation into the incident at the Hamad Town Intermediate Girls' School through a report submitted by the Deputy Premier and the probe committee chairman, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa.

The committee, following its six meetings, concluded that there was no drug abuse or dealing at that school, after verifying reports from the Ministry of Education, Interior Ministry and Health Ministry, in addition to the results of the investigation carried out by the Public Prosecution.

The reports also revealed that the allegations included in the video clip were false and



HRH the Premier chairs the Cabinet.

### Call to tighten anti-terror measures

HRH the Prime Minister called on the International Community to take serious stances against terrorism that target houses of worship, such as mosques and churches.

In this context, HRH the Premier condemned the “cowardly terrorist blasts” that had targeted churches and hotels in Sri Lanka during Easter Day.

The Prime Minister denounced the “inhumane” incident, calling for the need to disseminate the spirit of tolerance, love and co-existence, and to revive the human conscience to counter everything aimed at subverting peace, security and stability, extending deepest condolences to the Government and people of friendly Sri Lanka.

would fall under defamation and hype, and therefore have been referred to the judiciary.

The panel also confirmed the integrity of the administrative and legal measures taken by the Education Ministry's School Discipline Committee, adding that the two students will be allowed to sit their final exams next month and to attend school regularly next year.

The Committee recommended the consolidation of school environment protec-

### Bahrain's accession to KAICIID discussed

The session discussed the Kingdom's accession to the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID), and decided to refer a memorandum submitted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs in this regard to the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs.

tion through developing the student behaviour regulations, involving parents and increasing communication with them, strengthening of the role of social, academic and psychological guidance in schools and intensifying administrative inspection procedures.

### GOLD TASTE

## Bahraini chef presents lamb dish covered in gold

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A Bahraini youngster has evoked mixed public reaction for making a lamb dish covered with gold.

Young chef Yousif Zainal who describes himself as a ‘recipe developer’ went viral on social media after he prepared a unique dish, which consisted of 24k gold.

The dish which he called ‘lamb covered with pure gold’ created a stark division



The ‘lamb covered with pure gold’ dish

among the social media users.

While many commended what they

described to be his creativity and eye for art, others lamented the extravagance.

On his Instagram account Zainalkitchen he posted picture of the dish along with a video of instructions on how to prepare it.

A small lamb of 10 kg was used for the preparation. He listed bukhari rice, onions, garlic, coriander, cumin and black pepper as some of the other ingredients.

The post garnered hundreds of comments within minutes. Some of the social

media users called the dish unIslamic and unethically extravagant.

“This is un-Islamic, it is either forbidden or discouraged, so it is better to delete this post and ask for forgiveness,” a user commented.

Some users called the dish ‘wonderful’, saying that it is a creative idea. “This is a matter of personal freedom, it is up to the person to decide what to do with his money. What is the difference between eating gold and wearing it,” a user commented.