



Premier opens revamped Muharraq Central Market



HRH Premier inaugurating Muharraq Central Market



HRH PM with Yousif Ali M.A., the Chairman and Managing Director of LuLu Group

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The newly revamped Central Market in the Muharraq Governorate, now four times the size of the old market, was opened yesterday by Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

The three-storey market, which spreads over an area of 28,000 sqm, features 180-car underground parking, 61 multi-purpose commercial outlets, outlets for vegetables, meat and

fish, in addition to the LuLu hypermarket on the entire first floor.

Following the inauguration, HRH the Premier ordered to continue maintaining the temporary buildings there and to allow it at the same rent to those who want to stay there.

The Premier also ordered to re-organise the area to create more parking lots and facilitate traffic movement.

Muharraq, HRH the Premier said, deserves mega develop-

ment projects to consolidate its urban growth in line with government's development and urbanisation strategy.

The strategy follows the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to enhance development across towns and villages in the Kingdom.

"Central markets should support small traders and their livelihoods, as well as open up new horizons for encouraging investments," HRH Premier said. While attending the open-

ing ceremony of the new-look Muharraq Central Market, HRH Premier was briefed by the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Essam bin Abdulla Khalaf, on the implementation stages of the project, as well as about its economic and commercial importance.

The Prime Minister exchanged talks with a number of the traders about commercial activities. HRH Premier expressed also his admiration

LuLu hypermarket in Muharraq

LuLu Group's 8th hypermarket in the Kingdom was inaugurated yesterday by Deputy Prime Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa. (Full story on page 3)

for the market's design and architectural style that combine modernity and Muharraq's authenticity.

India claims fastest cruise missile

New Delhi, India

India said the world's fastest cruise missile passed another key test yesterday when it successfully hit a land target after being fired from a fighter jet.

India is developing the supersonic BrahMos missile -- which has a top speed of 3,450 kilometres (2,140 miles) per hour -- with Russia, and according to media reports wants to soon start selling it abroad.

The missile is one-and-a-half times faster than the old Concorde supersonic jet.



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Promote sustainable growth: CP



HRH Crown Prince visiting a Majlis yesterday

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HRH the Crown Prince yesterday stressed the importance of promoting environmental sustainability and environmentally friendly technologies to promote inclusive, sustainable growth.

Pursuing sustainable development, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa said, will ensure the preservation of natural resources and secure the future of generations to come.

The Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander, and First Deputy Prime Minister was visiting the Majlis of Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Mannai, the Majlis of Eshaq Abdulrahman, Mohammed Yousif Najibi, and Mustafa Abullatif families,

which was officially opened by HRH the Crown Prince, the Majlis of the Al Jishi and Al Khozaei families, and the Majlis of the sons of the late Abdulkarim Al Ansari.

HRH the Crown Prince said it is important to investing in the skillset of the Kingdom's national workforce as well as providing them with quality jobs to achieve the Kingdom's development goals, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

In this regard, HRH the Crown Prince hailed the remarkable achievements of Bahraini women.

HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa accompanied HRH the Crown Prince to the Majlis visits.

'Dismantle' UNRWA: US

US calls for dismantling Palestinian refugee agency

United Nations, United States

The United States called yesterday for dismantling the United Nations Palestinian refugee agency UNRWA, weeks before unveiling the economic aspects of its long-awaited Middle East peace plan.

Addressing the UN Security Council, US adviser Jason Greenblatt said UNRWA was a "bandaid" and that it was time to hand over services assured by the UN agency to countries hosting the Palestinian refugees and NGOs.

"The UNRWA model has failed the Palestinian people," Greenblatt told the council.

Last year, President Donald Trump's administration cut all funding to UNRWA, arguing that it was flawed as Washington

pressed ahead with work on proposals for an Israeli-Palestinian solution.

Greenblatt, who along with Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner is drafting the peace proposals, said it was time to "start a conversation about planning the transition of UNRWA services to host governments, or to other international or local non-governmental organizations, as appropriate."

Founded in 1949, UNRWA provides education and health services to some five million Palestinians in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

The United States will hold a conference in Bahrain next month focused on the economic aspects of the peace plan that Greenblatt said has the "potential to unlock a prosperous future for the Palestinians."

BAHRAIN'S PRIDE

Bahraini wins top ME award for underwater picture

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Mohammed Zafran

A Bahraini was among the winners of a prestigious middle eastern photography competition.

Hani Badr, an employee at the fisheries department of the Ministry of Works, Municipal Affairs and Urban Planning, won the award.

A stunning image of a fisherman with his catch underwater earned Badr the award.

The World Organisation for



Badr (left) holding the picture that won the competition with the Undersecretary of Agricultural and Marine Wealth of the Ministry of Works, Municipality Affairs, Urban Planning, Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa

Animal Health photo-competition 2019 was organised by the World Organisation for Animal Health.

"I'm extremely pleased in winning this award and happy to have represented Bahrain on a high level," Badr said.

On the winning image, he said, "The shot happened partially underwater."

"The picture shows fish being caught with a net," he said.

"I used special equipment which was quite expensive, but I am happy to have invested."

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