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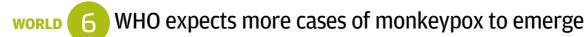
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## **Bahrain expresses** sympathy with flood-hit India and Bangladesh

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 ${f B}$ ahrain has expressed its sympathy with India and Bangladesh due to the floods that swept the northeast parts of both countries several days ago.

The floods caused the collapse of several bridges, roads, buildings, homes, infrastructure and power outages, leading to many deaths and injuries.

Foreign Affairs Ministry expressed its condolences to the families of the victims, and to both countries' governments and peoples.

## **Six Palestinian** jailbreakers get five years in jail

n Israeli court yes-An israeli coali Palestinian inmates to five years in prison for tunneling out of their cell last year and escaping from a high-security facility in the biggest prison break of its kind in

decades. The jailbreak sparked a massive manhunt in the country's north and the occupied West Bank in search for the men, who were members of Palestinian militant groups.

They were recaptured days later.

The bold escape dominated newscasts, sparked heavy criticism of Israel's prison service and prompted the government to launch an inquiry.

> **BAHRAIN** COVID- 19

## Strategic alliance

Saudi Arabia and US reiterate common vision to confront Iranian threats in the region

Washington

💙 audi Deputy Defense Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman Al Saud and US State Secretary Antony Blinken have affirmed their countries' common vision to confront Iran's destabilising policies in the region.

The two, who met in Washington on Saturday, reviewed the strategic relations between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the US and ways to strengthen them, the Saudi Press Agency reported yesterday.

Blinken reiterated the US commitment to strengthen Saudi Arabia's defenses, efforts to counter Iranian threats, and the importance of maintaining strong international support for Ukraine. They also discussed managing pressures in global energy markets stemming from Russia's invasion.

Prince Khalid welcomed US affirmation of the Kingdom's support in developing its military capabilities and meeting its defense needs.

The Saudi deputy defense minister also met US Special Envoy for Yemen Timothy Lenderking and discussed the latest developments in Yemen.

"I affirmed to him the Saudi-led coalition's backing of the Yemeni Presidential Leadership Council and its supporting enprosperity," Prince Khalid said in a tweet.



Saudi men near a US Army defence system on display at World Defense Show in Riyadh in March. (Image used for illustrative purposes only)

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will lead Yemen into peace and Prince Khalid reaffirming Ri- itary commander in the Middle COM said that Iran's uranium partners during his recent tour yadh's aspirations for the Yem- East said that Iran remains the enrichment, ballistic missile of Egypt, the UAE and Saudi

been central to his conversa-

Moving forward

## Draft work plan discussed at TRA Open Forum

**Staff Reporter** TDT | Manama

The Telecommunications
Regulatory Authority of Bahrain (TRA) yesterday held an Open Forum at its headquarters in the Seef District, which provided stakeholders with a platform to share their thoughts on the TRA's 2022-2023 draft work plan.

The draft work plan was published on 24 April, and it includes the TRA's work streams with the intention of achieving objectives based on four key themes.

Specifically, the TRA aims to meet the government policy outlined in the Fifth National Telecom Plan, to ensure network security and resilience, service for all, and to ensure protection.



Mr Marnick speaks at the Open Forum

to provide a reliable broadband consumer empowerment and

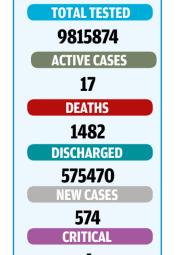
Among those attending were munications industry, from the touch and engage with all our representatives of the telecom- Ministry of Transportation and stakeholders".

Telecommunications, as well as consumer advocacy organisations.

Speaking on the occasion, Philip Marnick, General Director of the Telecommunications Authority, commented on the event, saying, "We were pleased so many attended our first TRA Open Forum.

"It enabled stakeholders, especially consumers, an opportunity to share their ideas and help shape our work. At the end of the day, the work we do here is for the people of Bahrain, so talking to one another helps us serve our community better."

Mr Marnick added that "We expect to hold more Open Forums on future draft publications, so that we can remain in



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