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HM King receives Royal Guard's Everest Team

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa congratulated the Royal Guard Team members following their historic success in reaching the summit of Mount Everest in Nepal last month.

This came as His Majesty received yesterday at Al Safriya Palace the team members.

They were accompanied by National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander Major-General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and Royal Guard Special Force Commander Lieutenant-Colonel His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

HM the King bestowed the Bahrain Order on the Royal Guard team in recognition of their historic achievement, and directed to issue a special stamp that commemorates the national milestone.

HM the King praised their courage and strong determination in hoisting the Kingdom's flag on the highest mountain summit in the world.

HM the King thanked the team on their world achievements, which add to other landmark national accomplishments across all fields.

Bahrain congratulates HRH Grand Duke of Luxembourg



HM the King

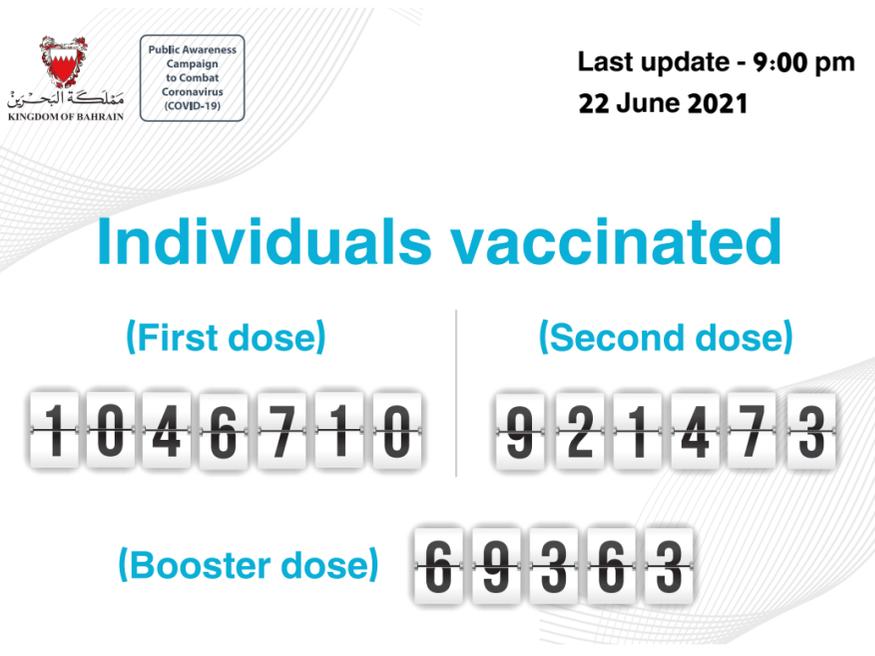
HRH Prince Salman

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations

to His Royal Highness Grand Duke Henri of Luxembourg, on his country's National Day.

HM King Hamad and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister wished the Grand Duke good health and happiness on this national occasion.



COVID-19 restrictions extended

Bahrain is delaying full reopening of non-essential commercial sectors and activities until July 2

- Shopping malls, restaurants, cafes and other leisure venues will remain closed

- Essential services will continue operating while strictly following health protocols

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For the second time this month, Bahrain has extended the existing COVID-19 restrictions on non-essential commercial sectors and activities until July 2.

The Health Ministry yesterday announced the decision to again delay the reopening of non-essential businesses for another week, three days before the first extension of the



Non-essential shops will remain closed to prevent the spread of the virus

lockdown-like curbs is due to be lifted on June 25.

Last month, the government announced a two-week closure of shopping malls, restaurants and cafes, among other non-essential sectors, from midnight of May 27 until midnight of June 10

following a sudden spike in the number of coronavirus cases.

It was extended for two more weeks and would have ended on Friday, but that has now been pushed back to July 2.

Following a presentation provided by the National Medical Taskforce for Combatting the Coronavirus (COVID-19), headed by the Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health, Lieutenant-General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, it was decided to extend the precautionary measures for an additional week to maintain

the significant decline in the daily infection numbers.

The almost month-long restrictions have proved effective as average number of new infections reported each day in Bahrain falls by more than 2,200 over the last three weeks after a record high of 3,274 cases on May 30.

The following stringent restrictions will remain in place: Restaurants and cafes can only operate home deliveries and take-out services.

Beauty salons, spas and barbershops will also remain closed

and events and conferences suspended.

Aside from shopping malls, other leisure venues such as cinemas, private gyms, recreational halls, swimming pools and beaches will also be closed.

All social gatherings at homes are barred during this period. Attendance to sporting events is also banned.

Work-from-home policy will cover 70% of government employees, while remote learning will be continued at schools.

Meanwhile, essential services will continue operating while strictly following precautionary measures such as wearing face mask and observing social distancing, among others.

Hypermarkets, super markets, grocery stores, cold stores, fish shops, bakeries, petrol stations, pharmacies, private hospitals, banks and ATMs will remain open.

The Deputy Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, yesterday chaired a meeting of the Government Executive Committee, in which the latest COVID-19 developments were discussed.

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BAHRAIN COVID-19

NEW CASES

394

ACTIVE CASES

6300

DEATHS

1326

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210 fils (includes VAT)



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