

## HM King keen to consolidate independence of judiciary

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has expressed Bahrain's pride in its rich history and landmark achievements in the field of judiciary.

HM the King expressed his constant keenness to consolidate the independence of the judiciary and support it with well-qualified experts, given the pivotal role played by the judicial branch in promoting the values of justice and equality, preserving freedoms and protecting the rights of all the citizens and residents.

This came as His Majesty received at Al Safriya Palace yesterday two Court of Cassation judges, who took the official legal oath before HM marking the issuance of a Royal Order appointing them to their posts.



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HM King Hamad congratulated the two judges, wishing them every success in undertaking the national responsibilities assigned to them.

He expressed appreciation to the members of the judicial branch for their dedicated efforts, noting that the continuous development and organization of the Bahraini judiciary enable it to assume its duties to the fullest.

## HM King Hamad praises Gulf Air achievements

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa praised Gulf Air's important achievements since its establishment, earning it a prestigious reputation among regional and international airlines.

This came as HM the King received at Al Sakhir Palace yesterday Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani.

HM the King was presented a model aircraft marking the 70th anniversary of Gulf Air by the Minister, who is the Board of Directors Chairman of Gulf Air.

HM King Hamad expressed thanks and appreciation to the minister for the gift, commending the efforts exerted by the chairman and members of Gulf Air's Board of Directors to improve the company's performance and services.

HM the King affirmed the kingdom's unwavering support for Gulf Air, being the national carrier of Bahrain that contributed, throughout its 70-year history, to enhancing air transportation in the region, and consolidating the Arab hospitality values of which Bahrain is famous.

HM King Hamad commended the efforts of Bahraini competencies working in Gulf Air's various sectors, praising their landmark achievements since the establishment of the national carrier.

# Bahrain lays out new rules for air travellers

### Updated entry procedures via Bahrain International Airport to take effect on June 25

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The Civil Aviation Affairs has announced that an update of the entry procedures via Bahrain International Airport will take effect on June 25.

The move is in line with the directives of the Executive Committee and the recommendation of the National Taskforce for Combating Coronavirus (COVID-19).

According to the new regulations, all passengers, vaccinated or unvaccinated, arriving in the Kingdom, aged six or above, have to present an approved (PCR) test certificate with a QR code before boarding the plane.

The test has to be undergone 48 hours before departure for passengers authorised to enter the kingdom and who are coming from countries on the red list, namely India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Vietnam.

Passengers coming from countries that are not on the red list have to undergo the PCR test 72 hours before departure.

According to the new update, all passengers from all countries must undergo the PCR test again upon arrival in Bahrain and on the 10th day after arrival.

The cost of the tests can be paid through BeAware Bahrain application in addition to the platforms at the airport which permit to pay in cash or electronically by credit cards.



New regulations await passengers arriving in Bahrain

It has also been decided to limit the issuance of visit visas upon arrival at Bahrain International Airport to those coming from the countries that are allowed to obtain them according to the procedures for visit visas to the Kingdom.

The Civil Aviation Affairs noted that the precautionary quarantine will continue to be applied for 10 days for all travellers coming from the countries listed on the red list and all unvaccinated travellers aged six years and above.

The precautionary quarantine can take place in the passengers' homes or places designated for isolation that are licensed by the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA).

The entry of travellers coming from the countries listed on the red list will continue to be suspended on all flights, including those coming from those countries who will enter the kingdom temporarily, with the exception of citizens and holders of valid residence visas in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The exception also includes travellers coming from countries that are not listed on the red list.

1. Among the requirements of the precautionary quarantine and PCR test before boarding the plane: Vaccinated passengers having certificates approved by the countries whose vaccination certificates have been approved according to the decision of the Minister of Health, or mutual agreements signed to recognize vaccination certificates.

2. Among the precautionary quarantine requirements: Vaccinated passengers who hold vaccination certificates issued by the US, Britain, the European Union, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Japan and Singapore.

## Qatar must heed 'Gulf unity' in foreign policy

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The Kingdom of Bahrain hopes that Qatar will take into account in its foreign policy the unity of the Gulf, and the bonds of kinship, common history and mutual interests, and that the two brotherly peoples and countries share a common destiny.

Foreign Minister Dr Abdulatif bin Rashid Al Zayani said that Bahrain sent two official invitations to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Qatar, Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, to send a Qatari delegation and hold bilateral talks between the two countries in the Kingdom.

It aims to settle the issues between the two sides, in implementation of what was stipulated in the Al-Ula summit statement, and to move forward in strengthening the process of joint Gulf cooperation.

Dr Al Zayani added that the unity among the member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is demand for all its people, which was stipulated in the Al-Ula summit statement, which emphasised commitment of states to their solidarity in not violating the sovereignty of any other member state, threatening their security, or targeting the national cohesion of their peoples and their social fabric in any way, and by standing fully in the face of what prejudices the national and regional security of any of them.

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### Expats banned from selling outdoors in Capital Governorate



Expats who sell outdoors in the Capital Governorate will now face legal consequences after the Capital Municipal Council yesterday issued new regulations limiting this practice to jobless Bahraini nationals. According to the Council's Instagram post, Bahraini nationals who wish to be peddlers have to obtain a permit. They should neither be employees in the public nor the private sectors or own a commercial registration to become eligible. The applicant must also provide three recent photographs as well as ID card.

### Shura Chairman receives Parliament Minister



Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh received Parliament Affairs Minister Ghanem bin Fadhel Al Buainain to discuss topics related to legislative affairs. Al Saleh affirmed that the legislative branch's achievements during the past sessions, and the legislation and laws it submitted to activate the specific constitutional tools, are considered a distinct product of sincere national work by members of the legislative branch, and constructive cooperation and continuous coordination with the executive branch. Al Buainain praised Shura chairman and all members, for their national interest and responsibility in enacting legislation and amending laws, stressing the continuous endeavor by the esteemed government to open up more prospects for cooperation and joint action.

**The Government Executive Committee extend precautionary measures for an additional week to maintain the declining trend of daily cases, starting Friday, 25 June 2021, to Friday, 2 July 2021, as follows:**

**The following in-person activities remain restricted:**

- Shopping malls and commercial shop – with services limited to online sales and delivery
- Restaurants and cafes – services limited to delivery and takeaway
- Gyms and sport halls, swimming pools and recreational centres
- Cinemas
- Events and conferences

**Attendance of sporting events**

Salons, barber shops and beauty parlours

Social gatherings in homes

Schools and higher educational institutions, kindergartens, rehabilitation centers, nurseries and training centers, with the sole exception of attendance for international examinations

**The following policies remain in effect:**

- Work-from-home policy to cover 70% of Government employees
- Current travel procedures to the Kingdom of Bahrain

**The following operations may resume without restrictions:**

- Hypermarkets, supermarkets, grocery stores, and stores that sell meat products and fresh vegetables
- Bakeries
- Fuel and gas filling stations
- Private health clinics, with the exception of some health services for which a circular is being issued by the National Authority for Regulating Health Professions and Services
- Banks and currency exchange services
- Administrative offices of institutions and companies, whose activities are not customer facing

- Import and export distributors
- Automobile repair and spare parts shops
- Businesses operating in the processing, construction or maintenance sectors
- Factories
- Enterprises operating in the telecommunication sector
- Pharmacies

**Activities will gradually resume, based on the data, after the prescribed period has passed.**