

Saudi 'main pillar of GCC march'

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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has affirmed that the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) was established for the sake of GCC peoples.

HRH the Premier stressed that the needs and aspirations of GCC citizens require stepping up efforts to strengthen solidarity and collaboration, expressing confidence that GCC leaders will spare no effort in order to fulfill the aspirations of their peoples for preserving the gains and achievements attained under the GCC in many fields of joint cooperation.



HRH the Premier receives Dr Al Zayani.

The Prime Minister made the statements while receiving GCC Secretary-General, Dr Abdullatif Al Zayani, at the Gudaibiya Palace yesterday.

HRH the Premier underlined Bah-

rain's keenness to support initiatives that consolidate the GCC march and maintain its unity and peoples' cohesion to attain more accomplished for the best interests of everybody, noting that under the leadership of His Maj-

esty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the kingdom is always keen to ensure that its relations with brotherly countries are strong at all levels.

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Arabia is the main pillar of this home and all its members, and it has always supported the blessed GCC march, the Premier said.

HRH the Prime Minister emphasised the importance of initiatives that back the GCC entity and increase its regional and international influence, being the safety valve for the region's security and stability and the platform that strengthens ties among its countries and peoples.

HRH the Premier praised the role played by the GCC secretary-general and his aids at the Secretariat-General in following up on cooperation aspects among member states, and keenness to implement resolutions that boost cooperation in various economic, social, political and security fields.

The GCC secretary-general extended thanks and appreciation to HRH Premier for his stances in support of every joint GCC action.

Dr Al Zayani affirmed that the Prime Minister's supportive stances towards the GCC, and constant directives to the government to expedite the implementation of GCC resolutions have contributed to deepening GCC cooperation and coordination.



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa underlined close relation between the Bahraini leadership and people, describing it as deep-rooted and the catalyst for national achievements. He was speaking as he received members of Al Bouri and Hujair families who extended to him heartfelt thanks and respect for his condolences on the demise of the family's female member.

Five injured in worksite accident

Injured rushed to SMC; probe on to find the reason behind accident



The accident site in Jannusan.



The remnants of the structure that collapsed.

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Five people were injured in a worksite accident after the first floor ceiling of a building collapsed on them in Jannusan yesterday.

The workers, all of whom are Asians, were injured while working at an under-construction building. According to sources, it happened at around 8am. "Soon after the men began their work, the accident took place. It is not clear as to what caused it. They have been injured. However, no fatalities," a source said.

"Civil Defence personnel arrived at the scene quickly to deal with the situation. The ambulance also arrived soon as well. Various other ministry officials also came to the scene," the source added.

The Ministry of Interior confirmed the accident in a tweet yesterday morning stating, "Civil Defence

deals with the ceiling collapse at an under construction building in Jannusan area. Five workers injured and were taken to hospital for treatment. Relevant procedures are being taken."

The men suffered injuries on their neck, back and the chest. They were soon rushed to Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC).

A spokesperson from the Ministry of Health confirmed to Tribune that SMC received the five men yesterday morning.

"The treatment of the five men injured in a work site accident in Jannusan is ongoing," the ministry said in a statement yesterday.

Dr Mohammed Amin Al Awadhi, assistant undersecretary for hospital affairs at the Ministry of Health, said that the medical team treating the men are doing their best to ensure their recovery.

When contacted, a senior official from the inspection department of the Ministry of Labour said that the ministry is investigating the case.

He said that the cause of the mishap is yet to be determined.

"We cannot comment on the cause of the accident as we are yet to finalise the report. It is not clear what caused the accident, we can determine this when we finalise the report," he said.