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“Kingdom Security 6” exercise concludes



Public Security Chief patronises concluding ceremony
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The Chief of Public Security, Lt-General Tariq Al Hassan, yesterday attended the final ceremony of the joint maritime security exercise “Kingdom Security 6”.

Held in association with the Royal Bahrain Naval Force, the four-day drill aimed at enhancing the efficiency and security preparedness, along with the exchange of expertise between public security personnel and concerned participating authorities.

Israel, Sudan said to reach deal for ties

Times of Israel

Israel and Sudan will announce the establishment of diplomatic ties over the weekend or early next week in a US-brokered deal, Hebrew media reported Thursday, citing officials involved in the negotiations.

The announcement will likely come after a phone call between US President Donald Trump, Sudan’s transitional leader Lt. Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, Sudan’s Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, according to the Walla news site.

Hariri to the fore

The veteran politician named as Lebanon’s PM for a fourth time

- Vows to halt collapse
- Hariri has already served three terms
- He was the sole candidate in talks

Agencies | Beirut

Lebanese veteran politician Saad al-Hariri was named prime minister for a fourth time yesterday and pledged to form a new government that can tackle the country’s worst crisis since its 1975-1990 civil war.

After his nomination, Hariri said he would quickly form a cabinet of specialists “with a mission to enact the economic and financial reforms” set out in a French roadmap to unlock foreign aid.

But he faces major challenges to navigate Lebanon’s sectarian politics to agree a cabinet, which must then fix a mounting list of woes: a banking crisis, currency



“I tell the Lebanese who are suffering from hardships to the point of despair that I am determined to work to stop the collapse that is threatening our economy, our society and security”

SAAD AL-HARIRI

crash, rising poverty and crippling state debts.

A new government will also have to contend with a COVID-19 surge and the fallout of the huge August explosion at Beirut port

that killed nearly 200 people and caused billions of dollars of damage.

At 50, Hariri has already served three terms since 2009 as premier - a post reserved for

a Sunni Muslim in Lebanon’s power-sharing system. His last coalition cabinet was toppled almost exactly a year ago as protests gripped the country, furious at the ruling elite for decades of state graft and waste.

Hariri, the sole candidate in Thursday’s talks, was backed by a majority of parliamentarians.

The nomination of Hariri follows weeks of political wrangling that has delayed a deal on a new government.

He was backed by his own Future Movement, the Shi’ite Amal party, Druze politician Walid Jumblatt’s party and other small blocs.

The heavily armed Hezbollah, which took part in Hariri’s last cabinet, did not nominate anyone but said it would facilitate the process.

“We will contribute to maintain the positive climate,” said Mohammed Raad, head of Hezbollah’s bloc. Together with its allies, including Amal and Aoun’s party, they hold a majority in parliament.

Lebanon’s two main Christian blocs did not nominate Hariri. The Free Patriotic Movement, led by Aoun’s son-in-law, said a veteran politician could not lead a technocrat government.

Its rival the Lebanese Forces, the second biggest Christian bloc and a staunch Hezbollah opponent, also declined to name him. “Has this political class that took people hostage learned they cannot continue in this way?” MP Georges Adwan said.

Former colonial power France has tried rallying Lebanon’s sectarian leaders but has been frustrated by the apparent lack of urgency or progress.

Hariri has presented himself as the “natural candidate” to build a cabinet that can revive the French plan, which lists long-neglected reforms and calls for resuming IMF talks.



Mass protests against economic stagnation and corruption bring down the government of Saad Hariri, who was succeeded by the academic Hassan Diab.

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No, that’s not correct!

- Works Ministry refutes rumours shaming major project

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Bahraini authorities yesterday rebuffed rumours circu-

lated online claiming that a major road project in the Kingdom is flawed as inaccurate.

The Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry, in a statement, categorically denied the claims of engineering defects at the Saar Interchange on Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Highway.

The claims, which went viral



An artist impression of the completed project



The demolished factory in the vicinity of the project

on social media platforms here, stated that the authorities bulldozed parts of the under-construction flyover at the interchange to coverup technical and engineering flaws.

The Ministry clarified that the structure got demolished at the project site was a temporary precast factory as planned earlier.

“We razed the plant as its

services were no longer required with the project nearing completion,” the Ministry confirmed.

The Works Ministry statement affirmed that the demolition of the factory occurred as scheduled earlier to complete the project.

The bridge, the Ministry said, is planned to reopen in the first quarter of 2021.

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‘Dead’ babies discovered alive at burial home

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Game changer!

This 14-year-old’s discovery could find a cure for Corona

CNN

As scientists around the world race to find a treatment for the coronavirus, a young girl among them stands out.

Anika Chebrolu, a 14-year-old from Frisco, Texas, has just won the 2020 3M Young Scientist Challenge -- and a \$25,000 prize -- for a discovery that

could provide a potential therapy to Covid-19.

Anika’s winning invention uses in-silico methodology to discover a lead molecule that can selectively bind to the spike protein of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

“The last two days, I saw that there is a lot of media hype about my project since it involves the SARS-CoV-2 virus and it reflects our collective hopes to end this



Anika Chebrolu, 14, won the 2020 3M Young Scientist Challenge.

pandemic as I, like everyone else, wish that we go back to our normal lives soon,” Anika said.

Anika said she was inspired to find potential cures to viruses after learning about the 1918 flu pandemic and finding out how many people die every year in the United States despite annual vaccinations and anti-influenza drugs on the market.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

- TOTAL CASES: 87,446
- ACTIVE CASES: 3,063
- DEATHS: 308
- DISCHARGED: 75,840
- NEW CASES: 304
- CRITICAL: 29

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