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Coalition thwart attack by Yemen's Houthis

Dubai

The Saudi-led coalition fighting against Yemen's Houthi movement said it had thwarted an attack by the Houthis yesterday towards the Saudi capital Riyadh, the kingdom's state-owned broadcaster Al-Hadath TV reported on its Twitter page.

A Houthi military spokesman later denied on Twitter that the group had carried out any operations against the Saudi-led coalition countries over the past 24 hours.

Saudi expects 'excellent relations' with Biden

London/Dubai

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister said yesterday the kingdom was optimistic that it would have "excellent relations" with the new US administration of President Joe Biden and that it would continue to talk with Washington regarding the Iran nuclear deal.

"I am optimistic. Saudi Arabia has built solid, historical relations where it worked with different administrations. We will continue to do that as well with President Biden," Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud said in an interview with Arabiya TV.

Prince Faisal said that Riyadh will continue to consult with Washington with regards to the Iran nuclear deal.

Around 150 US National guards test positive after inauguration



Washington

Between 150 and 200 National Guard deployed to Washington, DC, to provide security for President Joe Biden's inauguration have tested positive for the coronavirus, a US official said yesterday.

The US government imposed unprecedented security measures in the city following the deadly Jan. 6 attack on the

Capitol by supporters of former President Donald Trump, including fences topped with razor wire and checkpoints manned by National Guard.

The official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the number of National Guard troops who tested positive could rise but was still a small fraction of the more than 25,000 troops deployed in the city over the past few days.

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Terminal of progress

New BIA terminal ready for operation, opening on 28th January, Minister reviews preparations

● Bahrainis occupy all major positions

● 86 per cent of employees are locals

TDT | Manama

The new passenger terminal at Bahrain International Airport will shed light on the tremendous progress Bahrain has achieved in the air transport sector, said Kamal Ahmed, the Minister of Transportation and Communications, thanking well qualified local cadres.

"It is a matter of our great pride in the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and the Bahrain Airport Company that this huge development project has come to light under the leadership of a team consisting



Kamal Ahmed, the Minister of Transportation and Communications, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bahrain Airport Company, during a visit to the new terminal at Bahrain International Airport

ing mostly of Bahrainis," said the Minister of Transportation and Communications.

Kamal Ahmed, also the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bahrain Airport Company, was inspecting the ongoing preparations to transfer operations to the new passenger terminal at Bahrain International Airport.

Well qualified

The ministry stressed: "Improving the skills of employees is one of the most important pillars of Bahrain Airport Company's growth strategy, especially in managing this project."

"Operations of modern equipment and advanced information technology systems in the new passenger terminal require an extraordinary level of expertise and skill."

The team members, the minister said, had received extensive and high-level training in Bahrain and abroad, and they are now well qualified to work with utmost efficiency.

"The presence of a large number of Bahrainis in topmost position at the airport confirms the progress Bahrain has attained in the aviation sector," the minister added.

The minister further praised the crucial steps taken by the Bahrain Airport Company in developing the capabilities of Bahrainis, refine their skill sets and prepare them to take up leadership positions in the air transport sector.

"This is also one of the most important objectives of the airport modernisation programme, which is consistent with the government action programme and Bahrain's economic vision

2030."

At present, Bahrainis constitute 86 per cent of the company's total employees in the payroll.

Bahrainis are also handling the new departments created for the new passenger terminal, including for Baggage Handling Services and the Airport Operations Centre.

Minister toured the Engineering Control Centre, the Airport Operations Centre, the Network Operations Centre, the Baggage Operations Centre, and the Fire Command Centre and ensured its readiness for January 28 opening.

The expansion project, part

of Bahrain's Vision 2030 economic programme, had been set to open in early 2020. The new terminal can handle 14 million passengers a year.

The minister praised the readiness of the main control centres to start operating in the new passenger terminal.

The terminals meet the best international standards and specifications in the management of airports and equipped with the latest technologies that enable workers to remain up to date.

Besides, the minister expressed full confidence in Bahraini employees, for their ability to operate the centre non-stop.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED

2616227

ACTIVE CASES

2977

DEATHS

367

DISCHARGED

96112

NEW CASES

246

CRITICAL

18

210 fills (includes VAT)



At 210,000 sqm in area and upon completion, Bahrain new Passengers Terminal Building will accommodate 14 million passengers per annum and capable of processing 130,000 air traffic movements per annum with a handling capacity of 4,800 bags per peak hour.

