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HRH Prince Salman praises research studies' key role towards development

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday remotely met International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Director-General and Chief Executive Dr John Chipman.



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets Dr Chipman online

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted the important role research studies play towards building strategies to achieve sustainable development and enhance the foundations of communication and dialogue to promote progress, development, security and stability.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted the joint cooperation between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the IISS through the ongoing successful regional security forum, the Manama Dialogue, which attracts leading policy makers and regional and international

security dignitaries.

For his part, Dr Chipman expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to meet HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, noting His Royal Highness's continued commitment to supporting the cooperation between Bahrain and the IISS.

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Last update - 9:00 pm
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Individuals vaccinated

2 8 1 4 2 5

World Bank may cut Lebanon's vaccine aid
Beirut

The World Bank threatened yesterday to suspend its multi-million dollar financing for Lebanon's COVID-19 vaccination drive over politicians jumping the line.

The controversy, which echoed favouritism by elites in other countries as the world rushes to inoculate against the coronavirus, added to frustration among Lebanese over delays and violations in the vaccination campaign. Local media and politicians said that some lawmakers got shots in parliament yesterday - despite not necessarily being in priority groups.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

ACTIVE CASES

7081

DEATHS

433

DISCHARGED

111691

NEW CASES

675

210 fills (includes VAT)

Tehran is secretly keeping 'undeclared nuke material'

Iran produced 17.6 kgs of 20 percent enriched uranium, reveals IAEA confidential document

● Overall, it increased its stockpile of enriched uranium to 2,967.8 kilograms, up from 2,442.9 kilograms reported on November 2

Tehran

The UN's atomic watchdog IAEA said yesterday Iran has produced 17.6 kg of uranium enriched to up to 20 percent, a step away from producing weapons-grade levels.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reported in a confidential document distributed to member countries and seen by international news agencies AP, AFP and Reuters that as of February 16, Tehran had added 17.6 kilograms of uranium enriched to 20 percent to its stockpile.

Overall, it increased its stockpile of enriched uranium to 2,967.8 kilograms, up from 2,442.9 kilograms reported on November 2. "The agency is deeply con-



Iran's stockpile of enriched uranium is growing dangerously

cerned that undeclared nuclear material may have been present at an undeclared location and that such nuclear material remains unreported by Iran under its safeguards agreement," the IAEA said.

The nuclear deal signed in 2015 with the US, Germany, France, Britain, China and Russia, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA, allows Iran only to keep a stockpile of 202.8 kilograms. It also allows enrichment only up to 3.67 percent.

This translates to Iran's stockpile of enriched uranium being more than 14 times over the limit set down in its 2015 nuclear deal.

The new IAEA report comes as Washington and Tehran are locked in a standoff over reviving nuclear talks.

US President Joe Biden's administration has signaled to Iran its willingness to return to talks to revive the nuclear deal Former President Donald Trump abandoned in 2018.

Biden reversed Trump's deter-

mination that all UN sanctions against Iran had been restored. And the State Department eased stringent restrictions on the domestic travel of Iranian diplomats in New York.

Yet, Tehran demanded that all Trump-era sanctions on Iran be lifted before taking any real action to return to the deal.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Monday Iran might enrich uranium up to 60 percent purity if needed, while repeating a denial of any Iranian

intent to seek nuclear weapons, for which 90 percent enrichment would be required.

Iran also decided to restrict site inspections by the UN's nuclear watchdog after a US refusal to lift existing sanctions.

Britain, France and Germany condemned on Tuesday the Iranian decision and said: "We urge Iran to stop and reverse all measures that reduce transparency and to ensure full and timely cooperation with the IAEA."

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