

## HM King congratulates Estonia president on Independence Day

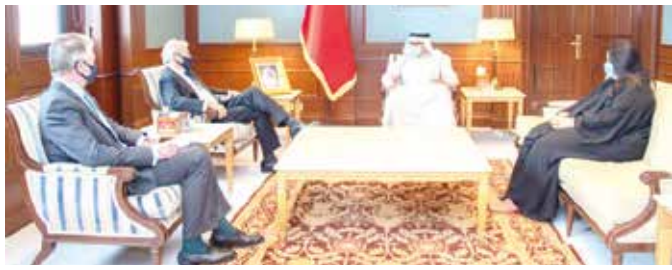
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable of congratulations to Estonia president Kersti Kaljulaid on her country's Independence Day. HM King Hamad extended his best wishes to President Kaljulaid on the national occasion.



HM the King

## Strategic research and studies praised



Dr Al Zayani with Dr Chipman and other guests

### Foreign Minister receives IISS Director-General and Chief Executive

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Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani yesterday received the Director-General and Chief Executive of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, Dr John Chipman, in the presence of the Executive Director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)-Middle East, Sir Tom Beckett, and the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Duaij Al Khalifa.

The Foreign Minister welcomed Dr Chipman, and praised the tangible efforts undertaken by IISS in the field

of conducting research and studies and organising forums, including the "Manama Dialogue", which has gained great international attention.

He also affirmed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' constant keenness to enhance cooperation and coordination between the two sides in order to achieve the desired common goals, wishing Dr Chipman and all those in charge of the institute further success.

Dr Chipman valued the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' continued support to IISS, expressing his great pride of and appreciation for the effective contributions made, including Manama Dialogue, which highlighted constructive cooperation between the two sides, and became a global platform for politicians, experts and specialists to exchange visions and ideas, wishing the Kingdom of Bahrain further progress and prosperity.

# Peace is 'strategic choice for Bahrain'

Royal leadership's vision and commitment: Help maintain regional and international security

### Bahrain participates in virtual meeting organised by Israeli-American Council

### Kingdom an important ally of the US and headquarters of the US Fifth Fleet

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The Kingdom of Bahrain is committed to helping maintain regional and international security as part of the royal leadership's vision to achieve lasting peace.

This was emphasised by the Embassy of Bahrain in the US as it participated virtually in a function organised by the Israeli-American Council on the Abraham Accords Declaration, which was held under the theme "Diplomacy for the Future".

Taking part in the event were the embassy's Senior Secretary, Talal Ibrahim Al Absi, head of the Communications and Public Diplomacy Department of the UAE Embassy in Washington, Hessa Butti Al Shuwaihi, and spokesperson of the Embassy of the State of Israel, Elad Strohmayer.

Bahrain is an important ally of the US and the headquarters of the US Fifth Fleet. It also hosts the Joint Maritime Forces and the International Alliance for the Security and Protection of Freedom of Navigation.

The Bahraini Embassy stressed that achieving peace is the strategic choice for Bahrain, adding that the reform



The online discussion in progress



Regarding the peace process in the Middle East, the embassy emphasised that the Bahrain government is committed to the Arab peace initiative ... and that the historic step taken by the Kingdom is to bring the region closer to achieving a just and comprehensive peace.

approach of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa preserved the principles of peace, dialogue and peaceful coexistence as well as the authentic aspects of the Bahraini society such as respect of religious freedom, pluralism and peaceful

coexistence.

The embassy further highlighted that His Majesty the King has important international initiatives in this field, including the establishment of the Isa Award for Service to Humanity, the Kingdom of Bahrain Declaration for Religious Tolerance, which was announced at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, and the establishment of the King Hamad Global Center for Peaceful Coexistence.

The Bahraini Embassy affirmed that the royal vision had a fundamental role in the important and courageous historical step of signing a declaration supporting peace with Israel.

It pointed out growing cooperation between both countries in various economic, environmental and technological fields.

It noted that the landmark step has also led to an important regional social progress with the recent announcement of the establishment of the Association of Gulf Jewish Communities, which is chaired by Ebrahim Nonoo, a former member of the Shura Council.

## BDF chief attends two military and maritime exhibitions in Abu Dhabi



Lt-General Al Nuaimi tours the exhibition

### Latest global defense systems and advanced military technologies on display

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BDF Chief-of-Staff, Lieutenant-General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, attended the 15th edition of The International Defence Exhibition and Conference (IDEX) and the

Naval Defence and Maritime Security Exhibition (NAVDEX) that is held in Abu Dhabi on February 21-25.

Al Nuaimi toured the exhibitions and was briefed on a number of the participants in the two exhibitions, and the latest global defense systems and advanced military technologies that contribute to strengthening regional and international security and serving world peace.

He met UAE Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Hamad

Muhammad Thani Al Rumaithi, where they affirmed the depth of fraternal relations and strong historical roots and cooperation between the two countries in the military field.

The Royal Bahraini Navy is participating in the activities of NAVDEX with a ship called "Muharrarq".

The participation is a gain to enrich the outcome of military knowledge, as it is considered one of the leading maritime defense exhibitions in the world.

## Take caution to prevent spread of virus: Dr Al Jema'a

### Dr Al Jema'a highlights need to continue applying COVID precautionary measures

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Family Medicine Consultant Dr Latifa Mohammed Al Jema'a has underscored the need to continue applying the precautionary measures with caution to mitigate the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

She said the ability of the body to fight off the virus after vaccination differs from one person to another.

"Therefore, everyone has to take caution to prevent the spread of the virus," she said, warning of the danger of the mutated coronavirus and its rapid spread.

Dr Al Jema'a emphasised the importance to continue adhering to the preemptive measures like wearing face masks,

washing hands and applying social distancing standards until the virus recedes.

She urged to show no laxity or complacency in applying the precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the virus, particularly among the elderly and children most at risk of infection.

Dr Al Jema'a stressed the need to deal with the pandemic cautiously due to the danger of the mutating and fast-spreading virus.

She called on all to take caution when contacting the elderly, people with chronic diseases, pregnant women and children even inside one home, and stay away from gatherings and restrict them to one family at home.

She underlined the importance to fully commit to the preventative measures and the instructions of the National Taskforce for Combating Coronavirus and official authorities to prevent an increase in the caseload of infections.

## Representatives Council and EWA cooperation discussed

### Future projects on electricity and water sectors reviewed

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Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak yesterday received MP Ahmed Al Salloum, representative of the Capital Governorate's fifth constituency.

They discussed a number of topics related to the electricity and water sectors and reviewed future projects of the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA), as well as its recent achievements.

They also discussed ways to enhance cooperation between EWA and the Representatives Council, through supporting EWA's plans aimed at constantly improving its services.

The Minister lauded the dedicated efforts exerted by lawmakers to raise and discuss issues that are directly related to the citizens' interests.

## IMDO forum set for launch tomorrow

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Under the patronage of the president of Supreme Council for Health (SCH), Lieutenant-General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the fourth edition of the Internal Medicine, Diabetes, and Obesity (IMDO) Conference will be launched virtually tomorrow.

It is organised by Education Plus, the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) and Noor Specialist Hospital.

The conference is held over a period of three continuous days and targets internal medicine, diabetes and obesity.

It has more than 750 participants from different countries of the world as it is one of the most important international conferences organised by Education Plus for the fourth year in a row and approved by NHRA with a rate of 21 credit hours.

## Live ammunition firing begins today

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The Royal Bahrain Naval Force (RBNF) will conduct a live ammunition firing in the area of Hair Bu Amama today and tomorrow from 8am until 2pm.

Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) General Command urged citizens and residents to keep off the demarcated area for their safety.