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## HM King, UAE Crown Prince review regional developments

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, yesterday discussed recent regional developments and its implication on the security and stability of the region.

During the talks, HM the King highlighted Bahrain's solidari-



His Majesty the King with His Highness Shaikh Mohammed during a discussion in Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi, yesterday

ty with the UAE in any security measures it may take to protect its security, stability and inter-

ests. The meeting held at the Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi

also discussed several issues of joint interest as well as ways to boost bilateral ties. HM the King

expressed pride in the cordial deep-rooted ties and appreciated the UAE's stances supportive to the Kingdom of Bahrain and its people.

HH the Crown Prince underlined the significance of coordination and cooperation within the framework of the Gulf Cooperation Council to serve GCC countries and confront current challenges.

HH the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi hosted an Iftar banquet in honour of HM the King.

## Children up for adoption paraded in Brazil

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

A parade of adoptable children held in a Brazilian shopping center drew condemnation yesterday, with some comparing the event to the sale of animals or slaves.

"Adoption on the Catwalk" in the central-west state of Mato Grosso was designed to "give visibility to children and adolescents who are eligible for adoption," according to an official statement.

The parade -- organized by the local chapters of the Brazil Bar Association's Childhood and Youth Commission (CYC) and the Adoption Research and Support Association (AMPARA) -- was held in the Pantanal shopping mall in the capital Cuiaba.

"As we always say, what the eyes see, the heart feels," Tatiane de Barros Ramalho, president of the CYC and a lawyer said. An undated photo published on G1 news site purportedly showed a girl wearing a white t-shirt and a short pink skirt walking down a catwalk in front of onlookers, who were recording images with their smartphones.

## Bahrain committed to regional security: Deputy King

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Deputy King HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday stressed Bahrain's steadfast commitment to ensuring regional security, calling for "integrated efforts and partnerships to address them efficiently."

"Strong bonds that exist among citizens, shields and strengthens our community," said HRH Prince Salman.

His Royal Highness also hailed the collective efforts exerted by the citizens of Bahrain in overcoming challenges.

Deputy King HRH Prince Sal-



Deputy King during a Majlis visit yesterday evening

man was visiting the Majlis of Khalid Al-Sharif and the Majlis of the Kazerooni family.

Speaking to Majlis participants, His Royal Highness Prince Salman stressed Kingdom's commitment to development under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

"The principles of the National Action Charter and the Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 will continue to guide Bahrain's wide-ranging development initiatives and strategies," the Deputy King stressed.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa

further highlighted the multi-lateral ties that exist between Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait, noting the continual support they extend to the Kingdom.

HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa welcomed the ongoing cooperation between the Executive Authority and the Legislative Authority and highlighted the importance of reinforcing the private sector as the primary engine of growth.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa accompanied His Royal Highness to the Majlis visits.

## Modi wave



India Prime Minister Narendra Modi (R) and Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) president Amit Shah wave as they celebrate the victory in India's general election at the party headquarters in New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi vowed an "inclusive" future for all Indians after a landslide election victory that crushed the Gandhi dynasty's comeback hopes once again. (Stories on page 3, 6-7)

# Saudi downs Houthi drone

Explosive-laden drone from Yemen targeted Najran airport: coalition

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Saudi Arabia yesterday shot down a bomb-laden drone deployed by Iran-aligned Houthis to attack an airport in the kingdom, the Riyadh-led coalition fighting on the side of Yemen's government said.

"An explosive-laden drone sent by the terrorist Houthi militia to target Najran airport" was intercepted and destroyed by the Saudi air force, coalition spokesman Colonel Turki al-Maliki was quoted by state media as saying.

The explosive-laden drone was intercepted by Saudi Air Defence team.

Al-Maliki said that Houthis deliberately target dignitaries, civilians, and civil facilities systematically, warning the Iran-backed militia not to continue targeting, otherwise, there will be a strong response.

The Yemeni rebels' Al-Masirah TV said the attack -- the third against Najran airport in



Colonel Turki al-Maliki

72 hours -- had targeted a Patriot air defence system.

Maliki said "the rebels attacked a civilian airport" and warned of a "response".

Maliki said on Tuesday that the rebels attacked a "civilian installation" in Najran province bordering Yemen with an explosives-laden drone, but did not report casualties.

The group also claimed responsibility for last week's armed drone strikes on oil assets in Saudi Arabia and on Sunday said they would attack 300

## More US troops

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Pentagon yesterday confirmed that it was considering sending additional US troops to the Middle East.

Acting US Defence Secretary Patrick Shanahan said this would bolster protection for American forces there, amid tensions with Iran.

"What we're looking at is: Are there things that we can do to enhance force protection in the Middle East?" Shanahan said.

"It may involve sending additional troops."

vital military targets in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

This is the third Houthi strike or attempt to strike Najran in a week, according to Saudi and Houthi reports.



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