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Third death due to COVID-19 announced

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The Ministry of Health announced yesterday the death of a 65-year-old Bahraini national who was suffering from underlying and chronic health problems, and was registered as an active case of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The deceased male, who had returned from Iran via an indirect flight, was placed in isolation and received extensive 24-hour treatment from a specialised medical team.

The man's death is the third in Bahrain due to the coronavirus pandemic.

27,109

is the number of coronavirus tests that have been conducted as of last night

The Ministry highlighted that, except for two cases, all other 210 active COVID-19 cases remain stable and that all patients are receiving treatment from a specialised medical team following guidelines provided by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

As of last night, a total of 27,109 tests have been conducted.

The Ministry of Health expresses its heartfelt condolences to the individual's family at this difficult time.



02 Stern warning for violators

More than 400 immersion heaters confiscated

05 BBK approves distribution of 51,374,480 dinars cash dividends

210 fils (includes VAT)



Bahrain among first countries to use Hydroxychloroquine to treat COVID-19

● Hydroxychloroquine is in a class of drugs used to prevent and treat malaria, discoid or systemic lupus erythematosus and rheumatoid arthritis.

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Bahrain is one of the first countries in the world to use Hydroxychloroquine to treat the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Supreme Council of Health chairman and National Task-force for Combating the Coronavirus head Lieutenant General

Dr. Shaikh Mohamed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa highlighted this yesterday.

The drug is reported to have had a profound impact when used to treat the symptoms exhibited by active COVID-19 cases.

The Kingdom had first used the drug on February 26 earlier this year, following the registration of its first case on February 24. The compound was administered in line with treatment regimens which have seen notable success in China and South Korea.

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Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19)

To all citizens and residents For further developments on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and updates on the Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Coronavirus, please visit the Ministry of Health's website

www.moh.gov.bh

Be Aware #UnitedAgainstCovid19

First remote meeting



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister chaired yesterday a Coordination Committee meeting, which was held for the first time remotely. During the meeting, the latest developments in dealing with the coronavirus (COVID-19) were discussed along with measures taken to contain and prevent its spread.

STAYING OPEN

Ministry lists businesses excluded from temporary closure

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The Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism has listed the kinds of commercial establishments that are exempt from the temporary closure previously announced to help combat the further spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The ministry late last night issued an explanatory statement on the decision to close all commercial shops from 7pm tomorrow until 7pm on April 9.

The Ministry emphasised that the closing of these stores excludes:

- Hypermarkets, supermarkets, cold stores, grocery stores, butcher shops and fish shops
- Bakeries
- Natural gas-fuelling stations and liquid-fuelling stations
- Hospitals, medical centres, pharmacies and optical centres
- Banks and currency exchange bureaus
- Corporate administration offices of companies and organisations that conduct activities without direct engagement with customers
- Businesses that import, export and distribute goods
- Automotive garages and repair shops
- Businesses operating in the construction and maintenance industry
- Manufacturers

Commercial stores will open again from April 9 to April 23. Until then, they are allowed to engage in the sale of goods and services through electronic means and have them delivered. Restaurants are also permitted to operate but only through take away and home delivery services.

Curfew proposal approved!

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Bahrain's Council of Representatives yesterday approved an urgent proposal to impose a partial curfew as part of the efforts to curb the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-2019).

The proposal now awaits the go-ahead from the government.

If imposed, citizens and residents across the Kingdom will be need to remain at home

from 6pm until 5am, except for those whose work require otherwise.

The initiative comes as Bahrain records coronavirus cases daily.

The rapid spread of the pandemic has forced many countries to impose lock-downs and curfews.

Meanwhile, the Council approved several other urgent proposals, and referred them to the government. They included:

- Giving illegal expatriate workers a grace period to rectify their situation and leave the country to limit the spread of COVID-19.
- Setting up a new fund for contributions and donations from businessmen, national companies, banks and individuals to cover costs of COVID-19 and other disasters.
- Including working mothers in companies, entities and institutions half-owned by the state in the work-from-home system.
- Delivering e-services at ministries and service departments.
- Paying an incentive bonus to volunteers in the National Campaign to Combat 'Coronavirus'.
- Limiting the economic stimulus package to supporting small, medium-sized and micro private sector companies and enterprises that have been negatively affected by COVID-19, and the precautionary measures enforced to combat it.
- Granting teachers a holiday like students.