

Kingdom's women's national football team go down fighting 0-2 to Chinese Taipei as their dreams of qualifying for the 2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup were ended | P12



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**Individuals vaccinated**

(First dose)

1173266

(Second dose)

1137725

(Booster dose)

430546



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**Stage set for King Hamad International Golf Cup**

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The prestigious 13th King Hamad International Golf Cup Championship will be held from November 24 to 27 under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

This was announced by the Bahrain Golf Association (BGA) yesterday.

BGA has started preparations for the event in coordination with the competent authorities to ensure success of the championship.

Arab, Asian and European federations have been contacted

to unveil the names of players who will participate and compete for the trophy.

The royal patronage aims to encourage holding international championships in Bahrain and improve the level of golfers to bring about distinguished achievements and further promote the kingdom's status in Arab and international gatherings.

Sponsored by Batelco since its inception in 2007, the tournament has succeeded in attracting famous professional golfers who participated in European and Asian championships. It has



HM the King

also become one of the tourism investment elements in the field of sport.

The championship was postponed last year because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. BGA expressed readiness to ensure compliance with all precautionary measures put in place by the national taskforce for individual championships.

Sponsors of the championship also include Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco), Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC), Bahrain National Gas Company (Banagas), Ithmaar Bank, Gulf Commercial Bank, the Economic Development Board (EDB) and Steel Holding.

**20,340 Bahrainis employed under national programme**

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A total of 20,340 Bahraini citizens have so far been employed in 5,806 private companies under the National Employment Programme second edition.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Development announced that from 17 to 23 October, 502 job-seekers were employed in 330 companies and institutions in the private sector, in addition to 370 citizens undergoing various train-

ing programmes.

The total number of those trained so far has reached 9,057.

The programme is eyeing 25,000 job opportunities and 10,000 training opportunities for Bahrainis this year.

Those interested to avail of the programme can view the updated list of companies and institutions, as well as the number of employees in each facility, through the Ministry's website: www.mlsd.gov.bh

**Bahrain in 'growth' paths amid pandemic**

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**BAHRAIN COVID-19**

TOTAL TESTED

6812218

ACTIVE CASES

659

DEATHS

1393

DISCHARGED

274519

NEW CASES

45

CRITICAL

1

210 fils (includes VAT)



**'Good governance' call**

Cabinet urges government agencies to develop measures for proper funds management

In response to NAO Annual Report recommendations

Report referred to Government Executive Committee

Move to supervise administrative and financial performance

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The Cabinet has directed government agencies to follow up on the recommendations in the National Audit Office (NAO) Annual Report 2020-2021 and take the necessary measures to develop the management of public funds as well as their administrative and financial performance.



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

This was discussed yesterday during the weekly Cabinet meeting held at Gudaibiya Palace and chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Cabinet decided to refer the report to the Government Executive Committee to supervise the application of the

recommendations contained therein in accordance with the mechanism followed during the review of previous reports of the NAO.

The Cabinet expressed its thanks to all ministries and government agencies that did not draw any substantive observations in this year's report, highlighting the role played by

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the NAO in strengthening governance to achieve correct practices in this field.

**Net-zero emissions**

The Cabinet announced that the Kingdom of Bahrain aims to reach net-zero emissions by the year 2060 in order to face the challenges of climate change and protect the environment.

**'Green Saudi Arabia' initiatives**

The Cabinet welcomed the launch of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's first package of "Green Saudi Arabia" initiatives, under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud.

It is in addition to the announcement made by HRH Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense that Saudi Arabia will reduce reach net zero emissions by the year 2060 through a circular carbon economy approach.

The Cabinet stressed the importance of these initiatives and their objectives in protecting the environment and facing the challenges of climate change.

The Cabinet also discussed and approved several memorandums during the meeting.

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