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## HM King and HRH the Prime Minister thanked by Sultan of Oman



HM the King



HRH the Prime Minister

### ● HM King Hamad receives cable of thanks from Brazil President

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received a cable of thanks from His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, Sultan of Oman, in reply to HM the King's congratulations on his country's National Day.



Oman Sultan

Also yesterday, HM the King received a cable of thanks from Brazil President Jair Bolsonaro in reply to HM the King's congratulations on his country's Independence Day.

## Minister Al Zayani, Prince Faisal hold phone call



Minister Al Zayani



Prince Faisal

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A phone call was held yesterday between Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani and his Saudi counterpart, Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdul-

lah Al Saud, during which the solid relations between the two brotherly countries were reviewed. They also discussed aspects of bilateral cooperation between the two countries and regional and international issues of common concern.

## HM King receives Korean, Indian Ambassadors' credentials

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday received the credentials of two new ambassadors during a ceremony held at Al Sakhir Palace.

HM King Hamad received the credentials of Korean Ambassador HE Hae Kwan Chung and Indian Ambassador HE Piyush Srivastava.

HM King Hamad exchanged welcome statements with the new ambassadors, and hailed the strong bilateral relations and steadily-growing ties binding the Kingdom of Bahrain and their friendly countries.

HM the King wished them



HM the King with Indian Ambassador HE Piyush Srivastava

every success in performing their diplomatic duties to consolidate the good relations of cooperation and friendship with

Bahrain. The two ambassadors conveyed to HM the King greetings and appreciation from their

countries' leaders, wishing him abundant health and happiness and Bahrain and its people further progress and prosperity.

## HRH Prime Minister boosts Bahrain-UK ties



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets the UK Ambassador remotely

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted the long-standing and historic ties

shared by Bahrain and the UK. This came as HRH the Prime Minister held a remote meeting yesterday with the UK Ambassador HE Roderick Drummond, Ambassador of the UK. During the meeting, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minis-

ter noted the importance of reinforcing bilateral partnerships across various sectors to benefit the people of both Kingdoms. Regional and international topics of common interest were also discussed during the meeting.

## HM King presented with a Bahraini Shaheen falcon

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received at Sakhir Palace yesterday Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa who presented him with a Bahraini Shaheen falcon which was offered to HM by BDF Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa. HM the King thanked the BDF Commander-in-Chief, expressing appreciation of the bird.

## Speaker lauds HRH Premier commitment

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Speaker Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal praised His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and Prime Minister, for his keenness to strengthen cooperation with the legislative branch of government. This came as the Council of Representatives yesterday held its 8th weekly meeting, as part of the third session of the fifth legislative term.

## Deputy Premier receives Health Minister, medical staff



Deputy Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa yesterday received Health Minister Faeqa bint Said Al Saleh, along with a number of senior officials and doctors. The Deputy Premier was presented with a book including condolences from all the Ministry's medical, nursing and administrative staff over the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

# Saudi Arabia to make coronavirus vaccine free for all

Riyadh

Saudi Arabia's Deputy Minister of Health for Preventive Affairs Dr Abdullah Al Asiri said that the coronavirus vaccine will be available free of charge to all in the Kingdom, Saudi Gazette reported.

"Saudi Arabia is obtaining vaccines for public health purposes and therefore it has not included them on the list of products that are chargeable," he said.

Al Asiri hoped that the coronavirus vaccines would be made available to 70 percent of the

Kingdom's population by the end of 2021.

"Most of the coronavirus vaccines are administered twice, except one. Children under 16 years of age will be excluded from receiving the vaccine at this stage," he added.

Earlier, Al Asiri noted that Saudi Arabia will be one of the first countries in the G20 and around the world to obtain good quantities of safe and effective vaccines to combat coronavirus.

Asiri pointed out that obtaining effective vaccines required



Saudi Arabia looks to obtain good quantities of safe and effective vaccines

a long preparation plan and supply chain, and time for the vaccine to arrive in large enough quantities to the countries requiring it.

The Kingdom plans to announce a clear schedule of vaccine arrival in the coming weeks. "Therefore, what will be released this year is not expected to be in the large quantities that would affect the pandemic's trajectory, which isn't expected before mid-2021," he added.

Meanwhile, Assistant Minister of Health and the Ministry

Spokesman Dr Mohamed Al Abdel Ali said on Monday that Saudi Arabia will receive delivery of those vaccines that must fulfill a number of specific conditions. The vaccine must be effective, safe, and approved by the concerned authorities, he said.

Al Abdel Ali confirmed that critical cases of coronavirus decreased by 6.3 percent during the last week. He stressed the need to strictly adhere to the precautionary measures and preventive protocols issued by the competent authorities.