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King Salman
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a cable of thanks from the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud in reply to his congratulations on the success of the 41st Summit of the GCC Supreme Council.

King Salman expressed deepest thanks and appreciation to HM the King for his good feelings and sincere supplications, wishing him abundant health and happiness, as well as further progress and prosperity to the people of Bahrain.

HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman appointed



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Based on His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's directives, the High Committee of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club has congratulated His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa on his appointment as its honorary president.

HM King Hamad issued Royal Decree 6/2021 appointing HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman as Chairman of the High Committee of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club.

HM King congratulates Indian president on Republic Day

HRH Prince Salman sends similar cable to Indian Prime Minister Modi

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a

cable of congratulations to President Ram Nath Kovind of India, on his country's Republic Day.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, also sent a cable of congratulations to the Indian leader.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister sent a similar



HM the King



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister

cable to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

HM the King and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister also sent a cable of congratulations to Australian Governor-General David Hurley on his country's National Day. HM the King wished Hurley abundant health and happiness.

Iraq hangs three 'terrorists'

Hangings came after rights groups warned Iraq may authorise a spree of such executions following the bombings on Thursday

Nasiriyah

Three Iraqis convicted of "terrorism" were hanged yesterday, a security source said, days after a deadly double suicide attack in a crowded Baghdad marketplace killed over 30 people.

The reported hangings came after rights groups warned Iraq may authorise a spree of such executions in a show of strength following the bombings on Thursday, which were claimed by the Daesh group.

"Three people convicted under Article 4 of the anti-terror law were executed on Monday at the Nasiriyah central prison," the security source told AFP, on condition of anonymity.

On Sunday, an official from Iraq's presidency told AFP more than 340 execution orders "for terrorism or criminal acts" were ready to be carried out.

"We are continuing to sign off on more," that official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Another official from Iraq's presidency said yesterday that all the orders were signed after 2014, most of them under ex-president Fuad Massum and at a time when IS occupied a



Islamic State claims responsibility for an attack in a crowded Baghdad market on Thursday

third of the country.

Thursday's attack, which killed at least 32 people, was a jolting reminder of the persistent threat posed by IS, despite the government declaring victory over the jihadists in late 2017.

A 2005 law carries the death penalty for anyone convicted of "terrorism," which can include membership of an extremist group even if they are not convicted of any specific acts.

Rights groups have warned that executions were being used for political reasons.

"Leaders resort to announcements of mass executions simply to signal to the public that

they're taking... (these issues) seriously," said Belkis Wille, senior crisis and conflict researcher at Human Rights Watch.

"The death penalty is used as a political tool more than anything else," she told AFP on Sunday.

Since Baghdad officially declared victory over IS, Iraqi courts have sentenced hundreds to death for crimes perpetrated during the jihadists' 2014 seizure of swathes of the country and their brutal three-year hold over cities including Mosul.

Only a small proportion of the sentences have been carried out, as they must be approved by the

president.

Barham Saleh, who has held the post since 2018, is known to be personally against capital punishment, and has resisted signing execution orders in the past.

Some Iraqis took to social media to demand tougher action from Saleh after Thursday's attack, accusing him of "not carrying out the sentences" and risking a prison break.

A protest is planned to take place today in Nasiriyah, demanding that jihadists be executed in revenge for last week's double suicide attack in the capital.

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SECURITY SOURCE

Despite Saleh's moderating influence, Iraq in 2019 carried out the fourth highest number of executions among nations worldwide, after China, Iran and Saudi Arabia, according to Amnesty International.

Judicial sources told AFP at least 30 executions took place in 2020.

They include 21 men convicted of "terrorism" and executed at Nasiriyah prison in November.

The move sparked condemnations from the United Nations, which described the news as "deeply troubling" and called on Iraq to halt any further planned executions.

Rights groups accuse Iraq's justice system of corruption, carrying out rushed trials on circumstantial evidence and failing to allow the accused a proper defense.

UN Human Rights Commissioner Michelle Bachelet said late last year that given such gaps in Iraq's legal system, implementing capital punishment "may amount to an arbitrary deprivation of life by the State."

Virus killer

Venezuelan president presents medicine as 'miracle cure' for COVID-19

Caracas

Whilst the rest of the world is working on optimising a legitimate vaccine against COVID-19, Venezuelan president Nicolas Maduro, has presented Carvativir droplets, which he claims are a miracle cure for the virus.

Having given a speech on television for the entire country to see, Maduro showed a small bottle of the droplets and claimed sustained use of a short period of time could neutralise the virus.

"Having received the official

health permit of the country, I can present the medicine that 100 percent neutralises the coronavirus, Carvativir," Maduro explained. "It's best known as the miraculous droplets of Jose Gregorio Hernandez."

Ten drops under the tongue, every four hours, and the miracle is done, it's a powerful antiviral medication, it's so powerful that it neutralises the coronavirus."

What's unclear is what the purpose of this medication is, will it simply work on people who have been infected? Will it

work when a patient is suffering severe COVID related complications? Does it actually do anything to limit the spread and ultimately end the virus.

Generally, drops are a short-term measure to help an individual, but it remains to be seen how this progresses in Venezuela, although Maduro maintains that there are no side-effects.

"It doesn't have any secondary or negative effects," he said.

Venezuela will export thousands of doses of the droplets to countries they share a trade relationship with.



Maduro shows a small droplets bottle



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BAHRAIN COVID-19

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 3100

DEATHS
 369

DISCHARGED
 96761

NEW CASES
 413

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 18

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