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yesterday.

Under the edict, Bahrain's flags will be flown at half-mast

for one day at the Kingdom's public institutions, as well as embassies and diplomat-

ic missions abroad following

the demise of former Egyptian

President, Hosni Mubarak.

The Royal Court has mourned

former Egyptian President

In a statement issued, the court paid homage to the

former Egyptian President,

stressing that the Arab nation

has lost an iconic leader who

dedicated his life to serving his

country and the Arab nation.

It also affirmed strong rela-

tions between the late former

Egyptian President and Bah-

rain's leadership, pointing out

the key role played by Mubar-

ak in promoting Egypt's role

at the Arab and international

level. The Royal Court extend-

ed sincerest condolences to Egyptian President Abdel Fat-

tah El Sisi and the late former

CBSE exams postponed

The Central Board of Secondary Education

(CBSE) has postponed the ex-

ams for Classes X and XII at

schools across the Kingdom.

announced soon, it is learnt.

The new dates for rescheduled exams will be

president's family.

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who passed away yesterday.

SPORTS

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Lucas Martins returns. meets Rakhman **Makhazhiev at BRAVE** CF 35 in Brazil

Former BRAVE CF Lightweight World Champion and Featherweight contender Lucas "Mineiro" Martins is set to make his much-anticipated return to the BRAVE CF cage. **P16** What it will take for everyone to be able to afford school in the US?

Court orders telecom company to pay BD61,000 to sacked employee



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WORLD

Trump clinches \$3 billion military equipment sale



Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, issued an edict to fly flags at half-mast Iran's deputy health minister

says he is infected with Corona

Tehran

ran's deputy health minister confirmed yesterday that he has tested positive for the new coronavirus, amid a major outbreak in the country.

Iraj Harirchi coughed occasionally and appeared to be sweating during a press conference in Tehran on Monday with government spokesman Ali Rabiei.

At the time he denied a lawmaker's claim that 50 people had died from the virus in the Shiite shrine city of Qom, saying he would resign if the number proved to be true.

In a video broadcast on state television, the deputy he admitted he was infected. starting medication."

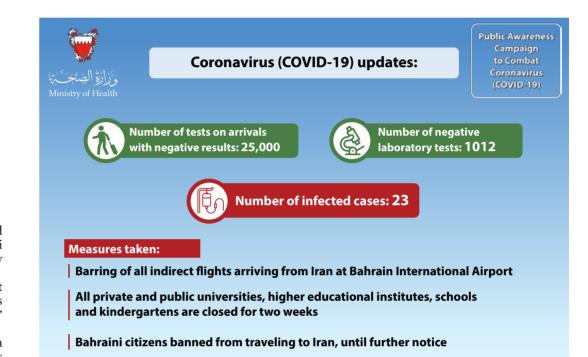
I had a fever as of last night and my preliminary test was positive around midnight.

HARIRCHI

"I too have been infected with coronavirus," Harirchi said in the video apparently shot by himself.

"I had a fever as of last night and my preliminary test was positive around midnight,"

"I've isolated myself in a place since. A few minutes ago, I was told that my final minister put on a brave face as test was final, and now I am



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he Kingdom has registered 23 cases among individuals arriving from Iran to Bahrain International Airport, via Dubai and Sharjah, according to the National Task Force for Combating the Coronavirus (COVID-19), at the Crown Prince Centre for Training and Medical Research.

All passengers arriving from Iran and other countries experiencing cases of COV-ID-19 have been tested in a well-equipped, isolated area at the airport, task force member Dr Manaf Al Qahtani, said at a press conference yesterday.

All infected patients arriving from Iran have then been transferred to the Ebrahim Khalil Kanoo Community Health Centre in Al Salmaniya, for isolation and treatment, and all individuals who have had contact with the infected patients are also under quarantine, as a precautionary measure, he added.



Inspectors close down a pharma store for manipulating prices of face masks.

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We will defeat Corona

Latest update: 10:00 PM

25 February 2020

No human-to-human transmission case reported yet within the Kingdom despite total infections rising to 23

no registered cases of human to human

individuals arriving from Iran, and were dom's top priority, he added. flagged at Bahrain International Airport, with the exception of patient zero, who and has not transmitted the infection to any individual as of vet.

The Kingdom is following a comprehenset out by the Gulf Health Council (GHG) and the World Health Organisation (WHO), aimed to safeguard the health and safety

transmission of the COVID-19 within the national institutions is critical to combat First Deputy Prime Minister yesterday All COVID-19 cases are registered among and safety of citizens remains the King-

deployed to intensify health care measures was diagnosed after arrival to the Kingdom and provide the effective treatment of all infected individuals.

kindergartens, and universities as well as sive medical protocol based on guidelines higher institutions are to be closed for two weeks, as a precautionary measure to ensure the containment of the virus.

Meanwhile, His Royal Highness Prince

The official highlighted that there were of citizens and residents, the official said. Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Co-operation and collaboration between Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and the spread of the COVID-19, as the health chaired the 302nd meeting of the Executive Committee to take stock of the situation.

HRH the Crown Prince chairs the Executive Committee meeting.

During the meeting, His Royal Highness Retired medical professionals will be called for a united response to the serious challenge presented by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

HRH the Crown Prince stressed that mul-All public and private schools, including tilateral co-operation across borders and collaboration between national institutions is critical in order to lay the foundations for controlling the spread of COVID-19 but added that co-ordination must go further than government.

Musician, social **activist** to speak at BKS Book Fest

Iran govt rapped

for 'covering up'

spreading disease

corona cases,

DERASAT to

launch skills

programme for

training

youth

210 fils (includes VAT)



Costly masks!

The government has warned against pharma stores selling face masks at exorbitant prices. The Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism inspectors yesterday shut down three pharma stores for manipulating the prices of face masks.

Schools closed

All public and private schools, including kindergartens, and universities as well as higher institutions are to be closed for two weeks, as a precautionary measure to ensure the containment of the virus.

cases of coronavirus infection have been reported in the Kingdom. However, there has been no cases of human-tohuman transmission here.

Key meeting

Chief of Public Security, Lt-General Tariq Al Hassan yesterday chaired the emergency meeting of the National Disaster Management Committee. Representatives from concerned ministries and organisations attended.