

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**

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Hosni Mubarak mourned
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Following directives from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, issued an edict to fly flags at half-mast 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 diplomatic missions abroad following the demise of former Egyptian President, Hosni Mubarak. The Royal Court has mourned former Egyptian President who passed away yesterday.

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 relations between the late former Egyptian President and Bahrain's leadership, pointing out the key role played by Mubarak in promoting Egypt's role at the Arab and international level. The Royal Court extended sincerest condolences to Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi and the late former president's family.

CBSE exams postponed
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The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has postponed the exams for Classes X and XII at schools across the Kingdom.

The new dates for re-scheduled exams will be announced soon, it is learnt.



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Iran's deputy health minister says he is infected with Corona

Tehran

Iran'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 minister put on a brave face as he admitted he was infected.

"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," he said.

"I've isolated myself in a place since. A few minutes ago, I was told that my final test was final, and now I am starting medication."

Coronavirus (COVID-19) updates:

Number of tests on arrivals with negative results: **25,000**

Number of negative laboratory tests: **1012**

Number of infected cases: **23**

Measures taken:

- Barring of all indirect flights arriving from Iran at Bahrain International Airport
- All private and public universities, higher educational institutes, schools and kindergartens are closed for two weeks
- Bahraini citizens banned from traveling to Iran, until further notice

Latest update: 10:00 PM
 25 February 2020

Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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The 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 COVID-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.

We will defeat Corona

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

The official highlighted that there were no registered cases of human to human transmission of the COVID-19 within the Kingdom.

All COVID-19 cases are registered among individuals arriving from Iran, and were flagged at Bahrain International Airport, with the exception of patient zero, who was diagnosed after arrival to the Kingdom and has not transmitted the infection to any individual as of yet.

The Kingdom is following a comprehensive medical protocol based on guidelines set out by the Gulf Health Council (GHG) and the World Health Organisation (WHO), aimed to safeguard the health and safety

of citizens and residents, the official said. Co-operation and collaboration between national institutions is critical to combat the spread of the COVID-19, as the health and safety of citizens remains the Kingdom's top priority, he added.

Retired medical professionals will be deployed to intensify health care measures and provide the effective treatment of all infected individuals.

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.

Meanwhile, His Royal Highness Prince

Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister yesterday chaired the 302nd meeting of the Executive Committee to take stock of the situation.

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

HRH the Crown Prince stressed that multilateral 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. **See Page 2**



HRH the Crown Prince chairs the Executive Committee meeting.



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

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