

Deputy PM receives Foreign Affairs Minister

Deputy Prime Minister Jawad bin Salem Al Arrayed received Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani yesterday. The Deputy Premier congratulated Al Zayani on the royal confidence and his appointment as Foreign Affairs Minister, wishing him success in his new post. Al Zayani affirmed his keenness on fulfilling his duty to serve Bahrain under the leadership of His Majesty the King, the constant care of HRH the Prime Minister, and the support of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.

Congratulatory cables sent

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has sent a cable of congratulations to the Bangladesh President Mohammad Abdul Hamid on his country's Independence Day.

HRH the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa also sent a cable of congratulations to President Abdul Hamid, as well as to Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, sent a cable of congratulations to both President Abdul Hamid and to Prime Minister Hasina.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns terrorist attack in Nigeria

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain condemned the terrorist attack that targeted buses carrying soldiers of the Nigerian Army, which resulted in the death and injury of many soldiers, stressing the Kingdom of Bahrain's solidarity with the Federal Republic of Nigeria in its efforts to combat terrorism.

The Foreign Ministry extends its sincere condolences to the Nigerian government and families of the victims, and its wishes of speedy recovery to the injured. It also reiterates the Kingdom's firm stance against all forms of violence, extremism and terrorism, calling for joining efforts to eliminate this scourge that threatens international peace and security.

Al Ayam and Tribune take action in COVID-19 fight

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In compliance with the strict guidelines implemented by the government for all kinds of business, Al Ayam Newspaper and The Daily Tribune are taking important proactive actions to

help fight the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in Bahrain.

Employees handling the printed editions of both papers are well equipped with protective gear, as are those who circulate the copies across the Kingdom.



Al Ayam printing press staff at work

Airport arrivals restricted

Gulf Air declares entry of passengers limited to Bahraini citizens and residents

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Bahrain's national carrier announced yesterday that it will restrict the entry of passengers through Bahrain International Airport to Bahraini

citizens and residents only.

This was confirmed by the airline on its official page on Twitter.

The statement read: "All passengers including transit passengers into Bahrain International Airport have been restricted to

citizens and residents of Bahrain and passengers with a valid Prior Permission Granted letter."

However, no statements were available from the Civil Aviation Affairs in the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunica-

tions if the same will be applied to other airlines.

This comes while many countries, including fellow GCC countries, announced this week a complete ban on travelling and halting the issuance of residency

visas until further notice.

The move comes as part of measures taken by governments around the world to contain and combat the global spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Lulu Group airlifts food consignment on Gulf Air

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In keeping with food security amidst the global outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19), Lulu Hypermarket has airlifted a special food consignment on a chartered Gulf Air flagship Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner from India yesterday in an initiative spearheaded by #TeamBahrain.

Lulu Group, the largest retail group in the Kingdom, received a special consignment of food produce from India and chose to partner with Gulf Air, the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, to



Officials receive the special consignment upon arrival in Bahrain

execute a common shared goal to serve the people of the Kingdom.

Gulf Air's line professionalism and cooperation in executing this airlift in the interests of national food security was praised by the hypermarket management and has assured customers that similar airlifts shall continue as long as required.

Present at the arrival were Gulf Air Deputy CEO Captain Waleed Abdulhameed Al Alawi, Ministry of Industry and Commerce Asst. undersecretary of foreign trade Eman Al Doseri and Lulu Group director Juzer Rupawala.

Housing Ministry to receive applications electronically

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The Ministry of Housing has announced that, effective from today, it will only receive all types of applications for housing services electronically.

Citizens therefore need not report to the ministry's Customer Service Centre.

The move is within the Housing Ministry's policy to provide e-services for citizens to save them time and effort.

It is also in accordance with the provisions of the Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19), the ministry said.

BDF Chief-of-Staff chairs defence and security meeting

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Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Chief-of-Staff Lieutenant-General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi chaired a Defence and National Security Committee meeting yesterday.

The meeting discussed ways to develop cooperation that would strengthen coordination between the military and se-

curity services in the Kingdom and enhance joint military to preserve the gains and capabilities in Bahrain.

Also present were Public Security Chief Major-General Tariq Hassan Al Hassan; National Guard Staff Director Major General Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Saud Al Khalifa; Major General Ghanim Ibrahim Al Fudhala; Assistant Chief-of-Staff for Operations, Royal Navy Forces



Officials at the meeting

Commander Commodore Mohammed Yousef Al Asam; and a

number of senior officers.

Meanwhile, Al Nuaimi also at-

tended a specialised officers military session's graduation cer-

emony at one of the BDF units.

The Chief-of-Staff was briefed on the most important theoretical and practical programmes, after which the graduates presented an infantry field military show and practical applications.

He delivered the graduation certificates to the graduates and prizes to high achievers, praising their efforts in achieving the requirements of the session successfully.