



His Majesty King Hamad congratulates GCC leaders

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, yesterday extended congratulations to the leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries on the occasion of the GCC's 42nd anniversary.

The first summit in Abu Dhabi in 1981 marked the inception of the GCC, where leaders laid the foundation for political and economic development, societal progress, and advancements across various fields within member states.

During a meeting with officers from Bahrain and the UAE, His Majesty the King expressed well wishes to the armed forces and the citizens of all GCC states.

His Majesty expressed hopes for continued achievements, progress, and prosperity for the GCC countries and their brotherly peoples.

Dubai assault stemmed from family dispute: police

AFP | Dubai

Police in Dubai said yesterday a dispute between two families was behind the fatal assault of an Israeli man by eight other Israelis who have been arrested in the emirate.

Ghassan Shamsyeh, 33, died of wounds suffered in Wednesday's attack in the Business Bay area of Dubai, the main tourist hub of the United Arab Emirates, according to the authorities.

The eight suspects, all of whom are in police custody, "had arrived from a European country for tourism and shopping", Dubai police said in a statement.

They encountered Shamsyeh in a cafe which led to a "confrontation and a mutual assault that eventually resulted in the death of the victim due to the use of a sharp tool".

"The fatal assault stemmed from an ongoing dispute between two families," said the police statement.

A spokesman for Israel's foreign ministry said on Wednesday that the victim had been "stabbed to death".

General Budget



Yesterday, the executive and legislative members continued their joint meetings to deliberate on a proposed legislation aimed at endorsing the overall budget of the state for the fiscal years 2023-2024.

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US sees 'serious threat' as Iran unveils new missile

AFP | Washington

The United States yesterday called Iran's missile programme a "serious threat" after the state unveiled a new model with its longest range to date.

"Iran's development, and proliferation of, ballistic missiles poses a serious threat to regional and international security and remains a significant non-proliferation challenge," State Department spokesman Matthew Miller told reporters. The Kheibar missile will have a range of 2,000 kilometers (1,242 miles) and be able to carry warheads weighing over one tonne, Iran's defence ministry said.



The testing of the fourth generation Khorramshahr ballistic missile, named Khaibar, at an undisclosed location

More Bahrainis return as Sudan violates truce

● Bahrain so far returned 252 citizens and residents

● Citizens returned yesterday in a Gulf Air aircraft

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As the warring parties in Sudan continued to trade blame for breaches of the latest ceasefire, more Bahraini citizens and residents returned to the Kingdom as part of ongoing evacuation efforts. The evacuees arrived at the Bahrain International Airport aboard a Gulf Air plane.

Since April 15, Sudan's capital and other parts of the country have been engulfed in fierce urban warfare involving the regular army, the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF).

According to Ambassador Dr Mohammad Ali Bahzad, the Un-



Officials welcoming Bahraini citizens and residents returning from Sudan

dersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Consular and Administrative Affairs, Bahrain has successfully repatriated 252 citizens and residents so far, in light of the critical security situation in Sudan.

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The conflict has so far killed more than 1,800 people, according to the latest figures from the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project. More than a million Sudanese people have been displaced, in addition to 300,000 who have fled to neighbouring countries, according to the United Nations.

A new beginning

BIA receives first direct flight from Qatar as air traffic resumes

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In a milestone development, Bahrain International Airport yesterday celebrated the arrival of the first direct flight from Doha, signifying the resumption of air traffic between Bahrain and Qatar.

The flight touched down at Bahrain International Airport at 12:03 pm, following an half-an-hour-flight, with passengers sharing their happiness about the restart of direct flights be-



between the two countries. Gulf Air, in an official statement, confirmed that they successfully reinstated the air connection with Qatar after obtaining necessary approvals

Qatar Airways resumes daily flights to Bahrain

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operate three daily flights from Bahrain International Airport to Hamad International Airport in Doha. This renewed air link is expected to enhance connectivity and provide convenience for travellers. Furthermore, Gulf Air hinted at the possibility of increasing the number of flights in the near future, reflecting the growing demand and positive outlook for air travel between Bahrain and Qatar.

from the Civil Aviation Affairs. This development follows the decision of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations to restore ties with Qatar, which was reached during a meeting in Riyadh in January 2021. The meeting aimed to resolve the issues that led to the imposition of a blockade in 2017. Gulf Air had said they will

