

Five COVID-19 deaths

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Five more deaths raised Bahrain COVID-19 tally to 236 yesterday as it also recorded new 622 recoveries.

Two Bahraini women old 35 and 78 years, a 42 and 67-year-old Bahrain men and a 43-year-old expatriate man are the latest casualties.

The Kingdom recorded a continued rise in new positive cases. Yesterday, the ministry detected 489 new cases, of which 120 are expatriate workers, 362 are contacts of active cases, and seven are travel-related cases.

Bottom trawls: Coast guard seizes fishing boat, 240 kg shrimp

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Bahraini coast guard patrols confiscated a fishing vessel yesterday for employing banned bottom trawls in the waters of Bahrain.

Coast guard officials also captured 240 kilograms of shrimp caught using the method, which destroys far more ocean habitat than any other fishing practice.

Bahrain has banned the usage of bottom trawls as per Ministerial Resolution No. (205) of 2018.

Coast Guard Commander said officials seized the vessel from the coast of Nabih Saleh.



Picture courtesy of AlAyam

Public prosecution is mulling further actions.

Man in dock for COVID-19 violations

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Legal actions were taken against a 50-year-old man for violating measures implemented to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in the Kingdom.

In a statement, the Muharraq Governorate, Police Directorate, said official actions followed the spotting of a video clip of the incident doing rounds on social media platforms.

The top cop said the person violated COVID-19 preventive



Picture courtesy of AlAyam

measures, insulted an on-duty public employee, prevented him from performing his official duties, and misused social media. Interior ministry in a tweet on its account @moi_bahrain confirmed the incident.

Two arrested for selling tobacco products

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Two men are in the dock for storing and selling banned tobacco products in the Kingdom. The Director-General of the Capital Governorate Police Department announced the arrest of the two Asian nationals.

The police chief said they were acting on a tip-off re-

ceiving saying certain people are engaged in selling banned substance in the Kingdom.

Police opened an investigation resulting in the identification and arrest of the suspects.

Police also seized several banned substances from their possession. The case is with Public Prosecution for further procedures.

Amman meeting will revive peace process: Bahrain

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Bahrain yesterday welcomed the resolution passed by the coordination meeting held in the Jordanian capital Amman stressing two-state solution as key to end the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Foreign ministers of Jordan, Egypt, Germany and European Union envoy of Middle East peace process took part.



Jordan and Egypt on Wednesday stressed that the two-state solution is the key to end the Palestinian-Israeli conflict

Bahrain's foreign ministry statement expresses hope that efforts like these will open the

opportunity to lead Palestine and Israel to a comprehensive political dialogue to end the conflict.

The meeting reiterated that the two-state solution, which guarantees the establishment of an independent, sovereign Palestinian state on the pre-1967 lines with East Jerusalem as its capital, is the only way to realize a just and comprehensive peace in the region.

Cairo Declaration

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Head of the Libyan Parliament, Agila Saleh, confirmed that the meeting that took place in Cairo with the commander of the army, Khalifa Haftar.

In an exclusive interview with *Al-Arabiya*, Saleh indicated reaching an agreement with Haftar to support the Libyan armed forces.

Saleh stressed that the "Cairo Declaration" is the closest to resolving the Libyan crisis.

He also stressed that after forming the authority, the Libyan armed forces would merge, and expel mercenaries from the country.

Saleh further indicated that Sirte would be the seat of the interim government until its formation per a political agreement.



Representative picture (file)

He added that each Libyan region would name its representative in the Presidential Council, and it is not permissible for the speaker and prime minister to be from the same area.

Libya has been riven by violence since Col Muammar Gaddafi was deposed by Nato-backed forces in 2011.

The oil-rich nation is a key transit point for migrants heading to Europe from Africa.

SEA, Rashid Equestrian club sign solar power deal

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Sustainable Energy Authority President (SEA) Dr Abdulhussain Mirza and the Executive Director of Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club, Shaikh Salman bin Rashid bin Mohammed Al Khalifa signed a joint-cooperation deal on renewable energy and energy efficiency. As per the deal, the SEA will install solar power systems at the club premises after doing a feasibility study along with club specialists.

Dr Mirza thanked the club's



Dr Mirza and Shaikh Salman with other officials during the deal signing

high committee for contributing to the national efforts to achieve renewable energy targets.

Indian embassy virtual open house solves complaints on spot

● Amnesty in place till 31 December 2020

● Air-bubble arrangement operational since 11 September 2020

● Tickets can be booked through airline office or travel agents

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On spot resolutions were reached in several of the issues raised by Indian community members during a virtual open house held yesterday by the Indian Embassy in Bahrain.

Led by Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava with his consular team, the session focused on urgent, non-routine consular, and labour issues raised by community members.

The issues not resolved yesterday, the envoy said, will be rectified after collecting required documents.

The embassy, he said, would



Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava during the virtual Open House

revert to the concerned person in due course.

Complaints also reached the embassy through the consul's

twitter account @IndiaInBahrain.

In one such posts, a user @Sanju_80 wrote, "I have been stuck in Bahrain without any job and any kind of financial and mental support. Don't have money buy food & medicines, No place to stay. I am from poor family, I have two small kids, god knows when I will leave Bahrain and meet my small children or I will be spending rest of my whole life here in Bahrain."

During the session, the ambassador encouraged community members to follow the embassy through its website and social media accounts to get updated on COVID-19 developments. He also urged community members to make use of the current Amnesty being provided by Bahrain till 31 December 2020.

On this note, Srivastava reminded participants on the air-bubble arrangement in place between India and Bahrain since 11 September 2020.

The deal allows national carriers of both countries to operate a specific number of flights from India to Bahrain and vice-versa, the envoy added.



A twitter post by @Sanju_80 on embassy's account

27,000

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He also reminded that passengers who wish to make use of the opportunity could book their tickets directly through Airlines' websites or travel agents.

Till date, more than 27000 Indian nationals have travelled from Bahrain to India through various flights under Vande Bharat Mission (VBM), and over 3500 Indian nationals have returned from India to Bahrain.