

# Time to take 'unified and decisive stance'

HM King calls on international community to stand up against Houthi militias and other terrorist forces and supporters

● **His Majesty takes part in quartet summit with UAE Vice President, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Egyptian President**

Abu Dhabi

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has joined growing calls for the international community to take a unified and decisive stance against the Houthi militias and other terrorist forces and their supporters.

This came as HM the King took part in a quartet summit held in Abu Dhabi yesterday with the UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Dubai Ruler, Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Abu Dhabi Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi.

His Majesty and President Al Sisi voiced their countries' solidarity with the UAE and support to all steps taken to preserve its security and territorial safety.

During the meeting held at Qasr Al Watan in Abu Dhabi, the leaders discussed the ter-



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rorist attacks carried out by the Houthi militias on civilian places and facilities in the UAE and their launch of two ballistic missiles towards the country.

They described the attacks as

a dangerous threat to regional security and stability, affirming that those hostile practices are in breach of all international laws and conventions and pose a threat to international peace and security.

The leaders also focused on cooperation and coordinating stances regarding issues of common concern. Regional and international developments and common challenges facing the Arab region were also spotlighted.

At the end of the meeting, they affirmed the importance of continuous coordination and consultation between the three countries regarding issues of common interest.

## Gulf Air operates first flight out of Istanbul amidst snow storm

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Gulf Air confirmed operating its first flight from Istanbul to return the first batch of stranded passengers to Bahrain following recent severe snow storms that resulted in halting air traffic in the Turkish city.

Bahrain's national carrier has operated a special flight from Tekirdag Corlu Airport to Istanbul International Airport then to Bahrain International Airport as its final destination, to bring back stranded passengers affected by recent bad

weather conditions.

The airline worked with Turkish authorities to exceptionally operate the flight and help return passengers home safely.

Gulf Air is amongst the first airlines to operate such a special flight out of Istanbul amidst this weather crisis that affected flights due to recent closure in Istanbul.

While Gulf Air is committed to the safety of its passengers and crew members, it affirms its continuous efforts to operate similar flights from Istanbul to return all stranded passengers at the soonest.

## HRH Prince Salman issues edict aimed at restructuring Taqyeem

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday issued Edict (6) of 2022, restructuring the Government Service Centre Evaluation Committee (Taqyeem).

Chaired by the Chief Executive Officer of the Information and e-Government Authority (IGA), the committee will comprise the following members, who will serve for a renewable four-year term: Dr Raed Mohammed bin Shams, Yousif Mohammed Al Binkhalil, Dr Hamad Ebrahim Abdullah, Osama Saleh Hashem Al Alawi, Shaikh Muath bin Duaij Al Khalifa, Dr Mohammed Abdullah Baqer, Nada Abdulmajed Al Qassab, Hussain Ali Al Shehab, Fadheela Ebrahim Mohammed Al Akram, Ahmed Abdulhay Al Awadhi.

The relevant authorities, each in their capacity, shall implement the provisions of this edict, which comes into effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette.

HRH Prince Salman issued Edict (7) of 2022, amending some provisions of Edict (27) of 2020 on re-structuring the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority (BTEA).

According to the edict, clause (5) of Edict (27) of 2020 shall be replaced by the following:



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister

"5- Mohammed Ahmed Abdullah Ali- Representative of Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat).

The aforementioned shall serve until the end of the term of his predecessor."

The edict shall take immediate effect, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

His Royal Highness also issued Edict (8) of 2022, promulgating the issuance of the Executive Regulation of Law (7) of 2019 on Regulating the Registration of Births and Deaths.

Article (1): The provisions of the Executive Regulation of Law (7) of 2019 on Regulating the Registration of Births and Deaths, accompanying this edict, shall come into force.

Article (2): The Minister of Interior and those concerned, each in their own capacity, shall implement the provisions of this edict, which takes effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette.

## Indian Embassy launches new user-friendly website



Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava at the flag-hoisting and ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the Indian Embassy

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Marking the Republic Day of India, the Indian Embassy in the Kingdom yesterday launched a new user-friendly website eoibahrain.gov.in, which gives updates and quick alerts.

"In addition, a Tribes India Atmanirbhar Corner and Ayurveda Garden was also inaugurated at the Embassy premises. The Tribes India corner showcases the tribal products based on Indian tribal culture, knowledge and traditional skills and handcrafted by the tribals from across India, and aims to promote tribal art and craft in the International market. The Ayurveda garden, curated by Indian Ladies Association with support of Lulu Group, will pro-

mote awareness about our vast and ancient science of Ayurveda and use of herbs in promoting wellness," the statement issued by the embassy said.

"As Ayurveda, the traditional Indian medicine, is becoming increasingly popular, particularly during Covid times, the garden provides visitors a hands-on experience of different herbs that can be grown in Bahrain. The Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF) Bulletin highlighting their activities of the past one year especially on the outreach programmes to the underprivileged community members, was also released during the ceremony by the Ambassador," it added.

Earlier yesterday, the Republic Day celebration commenced

with the offering of flowers to Mahatma Gandhi, followed by the flag-hoisting ceremony and playing of the national anthem.

Ambassador Piyush Srivastava read the message of Hon'ble President of India given on the eve of Republic Day.

"Due to continued increase in COVID infections and in the interest of everyone's health and safety, physical participation at the flag hoisting ceremony was restricted to representatives of few Indian community associations and Indian workers. The event was screened live at the Embassy's social media accounts," the statement said.

Bahrain India Society yesterday organised an event to launch the book 'Gandhi: His engagement with Islam and the

Arab World' written by Abdulnabi Al Shoala in English, Hindi, Urdu and Malayalam languages. During the ceremony, Al Shoala presented copies of the book to Ambassador Srivastava.

In the evening, the embassy hosted a virtual reception for the 73rd Republic Day of India, which will feature documentaries and cultural performances showcasing India's rich heritage and diversity.

More than 250 people including Members of Parliament, Representatives from the Government of Bahrain, distinguished Bahraini dignitaries, Diplomats, businessmen and Indian community attended the virtual event.

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## ILA's Ayurveda Garden inaugurated

The Ayurveda Garden was inaugurated by Excom 2021 of the Indian Ladies Association at the Indian Embassy premises by Indian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain Piyush Shrivastav and ILA patron Monika Shrivastava. Sneha kids handed over a plant to Ambassador Shrivastav, who then planted it along with Shrivastav, in the presence of sneha coordinators and other guests. ILA thanked Juzer Rupawala of Lulu International for the immense support in making the event successful. The Ayurveda Garden consists of herbal and medicinal value plants for healthy living. ILA plans to conduct workshops on ayurveda and healthy living in coordination with the Indian Embassy.



## AOU Directors hold talks with Ebdaa Bank CEO

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As part of Arab Open University's endeavour to enhance aspects of joint cooperation with the different local community organisations, its Director, Dr Ghurmallah Al Ghamdi, met with Dr Khaled Al Gazawi, the Ebdaa Bahrain Bank Chief Executive.

During the meeting, they discussed the relevant aspects of joint cooperation to support the university students and graduates by taking advantage of the various services provided by the bank, especially since the bank is considered one of those specialised in supporting small and micro enterprises.



Dr Al Ghamdi with Dr Al Gazawi, Dr Eltahawy, Nasser and Qambar

The meeting was attended by Dr Hisham Eltahawy, Head of AOU Training, Continuous Education and Community Service Center, and Sakina Nasser, Head of Financial Affairs, and from Ebdaa Bank, Youssef Qambar, Human Resources

Manager.

Dr Eltahawy stressed the importance of cooperation with Ebdaa Bank, especially in matters related to supporting entrepreneurship and supporting the university's initiative for training leading to employment.