

BDF chief inspects unit for combat and administrative readiness

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Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) is steadily moving forward, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander, with providing all its units with the most advanced weapons, mechanisms and systems, BDF

Commander-in-Chief Marshall Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa said yesterday.

This will empower the BDF to maintain the high level of combat readiness for all its affiliates, so that they will always be fully prepared to protect Bahrain and be the fortified shield of the Kingdom, he added.

Shaikh Khalifa was inspect-

ing a BDF unit where he was briefed on their combat and administrative preparedness and plans to enhance performances.

He stressed the significance of maintaining its level of combat and administrative readiness and intensifying efforts in line with the vision of HM the King.



The BDF Commander-in-Chief, right, expects a BDF unit

Food supplies adequate!

Fruits, vegetables and other goods arrive in 30 trucks and two cargo planes

● **BCCI Food Wealth Committee head acknowledges abundance of foodstuffs in local markets**

● **More large shipments are scheduled to arrive from the Netherlands next week**

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Thirty trucks and two cargo planes loaded with food arrived in Bahrain yesterday.

This was confirmed by Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry Food Wealth Committee head Khalid Al Ameen.

He said that the arrival of sev-



Al Ameen, right, with Al Bustani during their tour of a local market

eral tonnes of all kinds of fruits, vegetables and other foodstuffs indicated that suppliers in Bahrain are ensuring the import of adequate food supplies to cover the country's needs.

Al Ameen yesterday conduct-

ed a tour of Bahrain's markets along with businessman and fruits and vegetables importer Redha Al Bustani.

Al Ameen acknowledged the abundance of fruits and vegetables in the local markets.

Al Ameen noted that large shipments were due to arrive in Bahrain from the Netherlands next week.

He asked people to stop panic-buying as there is enough food stock for everyone in the country

for at least the next six months.

He had pointed out yesterday that Jordanian authorities have lifted the ban on their export of fruits and vegetables more than a week following the issuance of a decision to ban supply.

Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed R Al Zayani stressed recently that the ministry is in constant coordination with relevant authorities to ensure that goods and products are continually available in Bahrain's markets.

Al Zayani assured that food and commodities in the Kingdom remain abundant, and noted that there is no need to purchase large quantities of goods other than what is needed.

The minister further assured that all food stores are prepared to deliver products when required, and that the supply of medicine and food remains a top priority.

Car fire put out in East Riffa

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The Civil Defense extinguished a fire yesterday in East Riffa after two vehicles parked in an open space were aflame.

This was reported by the Ministry of Interior on social media.

The Interior Ministry determined that the cause of the fire was a short circuit in one of the cars. The fire then spread to the other vehicle.

There were no injuries caused by the incident, the ministry said.

Theoretical driving lessons online

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Theoretical driving lessons will be provided online starting Sunday, Director General of Traffic Brigadier Shaikh Abdul Rahman bin Abdulwahab Al Khalifa said yesterday.

The decision to move the lessons online is part of the precautionary measures taken by Bahrain to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and ensure the safety of all.

The lessons will be offered in multiple languages and will cover the most important points and themes that are normally delivered at the driving learning building. These theoretical lessons at the building will be suspended until further notice.

World customs official praises Bahrain initiatives

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World Customs Organisation (WCO) secretary-general Kunio Mikuriya has hailed the precautionary measures taken by the Kingdom of Bahrain in the fight against the spread of coronavirus.

Mikuriya highlighting that the WCO has updated its website and urges countries of outbreaks to take the necessary steps.

In this context, the Bahrain Customs president and WCO vice-chair for North Africa, Near and Middle East region Shaikh Ahmed bin Hamad Al Khalifa highlighted the importance of countries to share their experiences with one another.

Shaikh Ahmed revealed the measures taken to protect the safety of customs officers.

Supermarket outlet reopens following infection scare

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A popular supermarket chain that was forced to close one of its outlets due to a suspected case of coronavirus (COVID-19) with one of its staff members has reopened the branch.

Management of Alosa Supermarket announced yesterday on social media that the team member expected to have been

infected with the coronavirus has tested negative. Nonetheless, the team member will still be self-isolating over a recommended period.

In light of this, Alosra's Najibi Centre branch has reopened following its temporary closure on Tuesday as a precautionary measure.

The outlet has also been "professionally disinfected and sanitised by a certified service

provider and concerned authorities," the chain said on its online post.

"We are happy to report that the team member in question tested negative (not infected) for COVID-19," it said. "As a precaution, the team member will be spending the recommended time in self-isolation."

The post added: "We understand that our move to close the Najibi Centre outlet has caused

concern and stress but we feel that we have a responsibility to help protect the communities we are privileged to serve and as such felt that we needed to act quickly and transparently the moment we had news of a potential threat."

It continued: "Our Alosra Najibi Centre outlet has since been professionally disinfected and sanitised by a certified service provider and concerned

authorities. We are open as normal from today onwards.

"We are following the advice of all government and public health authorities, and proactively implementing a range of precautionary measures. All outlets are deep cleaned every night, and we have further amplified the stringent processes that we already have in place to minimise the spread of COVID-19."

Closure of fast lane on Shaikh Kalifa bin Salman Highway

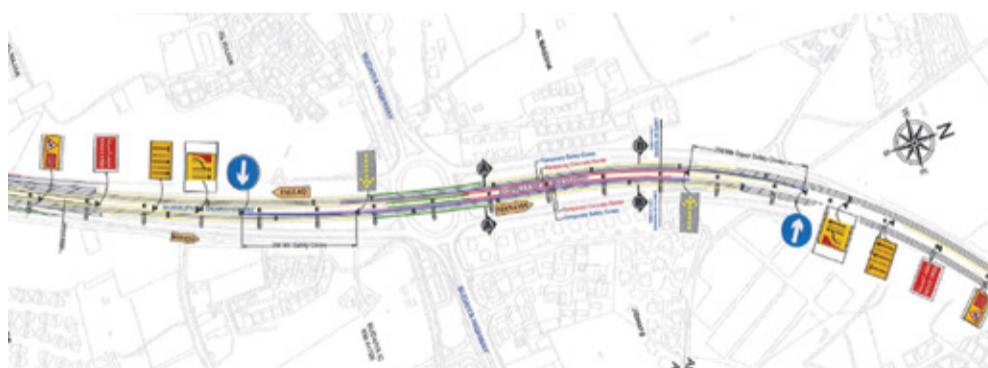
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The Ministry of Works, Municipality Affairs and Urban Planning announced yesterday that, in co-operation with the General Directorate of Traffic of the Ministry of the Interior, improvement works of Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman High-

way has required the closure of the fast lane in both directions between Budaiya and Saar flyovers.

The closure was effective from last night and it will be in effect for one month.

All road users are requested to observe and obey the traffic rules for the safety of all.



An illustration of the closed lane

Closure of two lanes on Shaikh Salman Highway

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The Ministry of Works, Municipality Affairs and Urban Planning announced yesterday that its Roads Affairs, in cooperation with the General Directorate of Traffic of the Ministry of the Interior, will be

conducting maintenance work of expansion joints on Shaikh Salman Flyover.

This will necessitate the closure of the slow and middle lanes for southbound traffic and the closure of the slow lane of the loop from Shaikh Isa bin Salman

Highway to Shaikh Salman Highway leading to Salmabad Area.

The closure will be effective from tomorrow 5am until Tuesday, March 31, at 5am.

Road users are requested to observe and obey the traffic rules for the safety of all.



An illustration of the closed lanes