



Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak with Muharraq Municipal Councillor and representative of the 5th constituency Saleh Bu Hazza. He lauded the Municipal Council's role in fulfilling the needs of citizens and residents and underlined the support of the Electricity and Water Affairs Ministry in achieving its goals. They also discussed the electricity and water needs of the 5th constituency, future projects and plans in the constituency.



VKL Holdings and Al Namal group of companies Chairman Dr Varghese Kurian with Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava at his office. Dr Varghese Kurian's son and businessman Jeeben Varghese Kurian was also present during the meeting.

## Heroin worth BD25,000 seized, three held



Office of the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science

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Bahrain's anti-drug police seized heroin, estimated to be worth 25,000 dinars, and arrested three people in this connection.

The drugs were seized by officers of the General Department of Investigation and Forensic Evidence, said Director General of the department.

All those arrested are said to be in the age group of 30 to 41 years. Nationalities are

withheld.

The investigation that led to the arrest followed intelligence inputs received that certain people are involved in drug trafficking in the Kingdom.

Subsequently, the police opened an investigation and identified the suspects.

Police officers also retrieved heroin worth 25,000 dinars from them.

The Public prosecution will take further actions.

## ICRF quenched the thirst of 2,700 people this summer

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ICRF Thirst-Quenchers has reached out to more than 2,700 workers during this summer season to quench their thirst and help them protect against the pandemic.

Every Saturday for the last 12 weeks, ICRF volunteers distributed water, fruit, biscuits, face masks and anti-bacterial soaps, as well as flyers explaining the measures to stay safe during COVID-19 to workers.

Yesterday, the programme distributed water bottles and bananas to around 550 workers at Diyar Al Muharaq project.

Joining hands with ICRF in this endeavour for the past two years is Dawoodi Bohra Community as a part of their Project Rise.

The programmes aimed at teaching workers on the importance of drinking water, and remaining healthy, while working under soaring summer



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temperatures.

This year, the programme also provided 'Biryani' on Eid Al Adha and lunch boxes on Indian Independence day.

Free prepaid sim cards, sponsored by STC, were also distrib-

uted to around 500 workers this year.

ICRF Chairman Aruldas Thomas, ICRF General Secretary John Philip, Thirst Quenchers Convener Sudheer Thirunilath and ICRF Volunteers Pavithran

Neeleswaram, Sunil Kumar, Muralikrishnan, Nasser Manjeri, Clifford Correa, Sayed Haneef and Zulfikar Ali along with Bohra Community members took part in yesterday's programme.

## New 585 coronavirus cases, three more deaths

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COVID-19 cases continued to increase in the Kingdom, with the authorities here yesterday reporting 585 new virus cases.

Authorities had earlier warned that if the caseload continues to increase, then Bahrain might reverse some of the restriction it has eased earlier.

The Kingdom now has a to-

tal of 68,775 confirmed cases here, as the overall death toll also increased by three to 239, yesterday.

Two Bahraini women aged 54 and 62 years and a Bahraini man, aged 68, years are the latest COVID-19 related fatalities in Bahrain.

Health authorities carried out 10,131 COVID-19 tests yesterday detecting 585 new cases, of which 104 are expatriate



workers, 471 are contacts of active cases, and ten cases are travel related. The number of active coronavirus patients in the Kingdom has reached 6,284, out of which 6,223 patients are health-wise stable.

With 777 more people recovering, the overall number of people cured of their infections in the Kingdom now reached 62,252, said Health Ministry in a tweet.

## Global virus deaths exceeds 32 million

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As of now, the number of cases worldwide has soared past 32 million, with deaths approaching one million, the global economy devastated, and major cultural and sports events disrupted.

"Whoever finds the vaccine must share it... this is a global responsibility, and it's a moral responsibility," Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said Friday in a message to the virtual UN General Assembly.

"Some might see the short-term advantage or even profit, but I assure you... humanity will have a very long memory and be a very, very severe judge."

But despite the pandemic showing no signs of slowing, Japan's new prime minister Yoshihide Suga struck a defiant note, saying his country was determined to hold the postponed Tokyo Olympics in 2021.

Many European nations, meanwhile, are struggling with new waves of infections.

In Britain, authorities announced restrictions now extending to a quarter of the population, while two supermarket chains said they were rationing purchases of certain goods to clamp down on panic buying.

Moscow, meanwhile, ordered vulnerable residents of the Russian capital to avoid infection by staying at home, as Israel tightened its lockdown by stopping people from taking flights out of the country.

France reported record figures -- daily cases soared past 16,000 for the first time on Thursday.



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#VandeBharatMission Air India Express Flight IX 1974 from Bahrain to Hyderabad departed from Bahrain International Airport with 167 passengers onboard yesterday. The mission currently in its Phase 6 will continue until October 31. According to the India's Civil Aviation Ministry, 13,511 repatriation flights were operated under the Vande Bharat Mission till September 23, carrying over 1,542,089 passengers.