



HM King, PM, CP condole with Saudi King

Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday sent a cable of condolence to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, following the sad demise of His Royal Highness Prince Talal bin Saud bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud. HM, the King extended heartfelt condolences to the Saudi monarch, praying to Allah the Almighty to rest the soul of the deceased in eternal peace and give his family solace and fortitude.

Similar messages of condolences were sent by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier to Saudi King Salman and Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Defence Minister, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud.

New Tunisia govt wins confidence vote

Tunisia

Tunisia's new government won a confidence vote in parliament yesterday, after more than four months of political wrangling since elections.

Former finance minister Elyes Fakhfakh was named prime minister-designate by Tunisia's president Kais Saied at the end of January and tasked with forming a government within a month.

Battle rages over strategic Syrian town of Saraqeb

Reuters | Amman/Istanbul

Syrian rebels backed by Turkish forces said yesterday they had recaptured the crossroads town of Saraqeb, marking a first big push-back of a Syrian offensive.

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said developments were turning in Ankara's favour, three weeks after the armed rebel opposition lost the northwestern town at the crossroads of two main highways to the Russian-backed Syrian government forces.

Russian state television said Turkish military specialists were using shoulder-fired missiles to try to shoot down Russian and Syrian military aircraft over Idlib province - a development that if confirmed would mark a serious escalation of the conflict.



A view of trucks carrying belongings of displaced Syrians

Syrian warplanes also launched renewed air strikes on residential areas of Idlib city, witnesses said.

Syrian forces have pushed hard in recent months to retake region in northwestern Syria.

Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Ministry of Health

Coronavirus (COVID-19) updates:

Number of infected cases: 33

Patients are stable and showing positive signs of recovery

No newly recorded cases of COVID-19 within the past 24 hours

Measures taken:

- Intensified the national campaign to combat COVID-19's efforts
- Enhanced detection, quarantine, isolation and treatment capacities
- The disinfection of Bahrain International Airport's arrival and departure terminals, buses, and other areas in the airport, to prevent the virus from spreading

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Need cooperation 'without exception'

Interior Minister calls on all to follow up health instructions, change social practices and give priority to general interest to prevent further spread of Covid-19

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Bahrain's Interior Minister yesterday called on all to exercise extreme caution by offering cooperation "without exception" in a bid to combat further spread of the coronavirus.

"Not caring and ignorance" will only lead to aggravating the situation, the minister warned, as the coronavirus or Covid-19 infection is "more serious and bigger than any other challenges" in hand.

There is a need for "changing some practices in society" and to give priority to the general interest, the minister said adding: "We are going through situations that require reinforcement of national spirit and community partnership."

"Your national role today is to follow up the implementation of health instructions in the community, each according to their capability, speciality and responsibility."

"Bahrain, with its small size, makes the solution more comprehensive, and the procedures are firmer. Cooperation of all reduces the intensity of the problem," said General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa.

Shaikh Rashid also reminded the participants on the "need for unifying social, media and cultural efforts out of the sense of responsibility of society to



Interior Minister: Current situation requires reinforcing national spirit, community partnership

deal with this danger."

The minister was meeting religious scholars, media personalities, editors-in-chief, businessmen, owners of Majalises and heads of sports clubs and youth centres.

The discussion was also part of the ongoing follow up of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, on steps to prevent the outbreak.

Bahrain's first Covid-19 case was detected after a "citizen arriving from Iran was suspected of having contracted the virus based on emerging symptoms". Since its outbreak, the United

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Arab Emirates has reported 13 coronavirus cases, Kuwait has recorded 43 and Oman is at four cases.

Interior Minister further urged all to remain extremely careful during religious and other gatherings and cooperate with authorities for best organising religious occasions and public meetings.

"It's important to seek information from official sources and avoid exploiting social media to spread rumours that could harm security and civil peace," the minister told the meeting.

COVID-19 patients showing positive signs of recovery

Thirty-three coronavirus (COVID-19) cases currently be-

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 INTERIOR MINISTER

ing treated here are showing positive signs of recovery, said Dr Safa Al-Khawaja, the Infectious Diseases Consultant and Head of Infection Control at the Ministry of Health.

Dr Al Khawaja urged citizens and residents to help prevent the spread by washing their hands thoroughly with soap, refraining from close interactions such as shaking hands, hugging or kissing, in addition to covering their mouths and noses with a tissue while sneezing or sneezing into the crook of their elbow.

Dr Safa reminded citizens and residents who have visited Iran or other Covid-19-affected countries during February to self-isolate immediately and call 444 to schedule medical examination dates.



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