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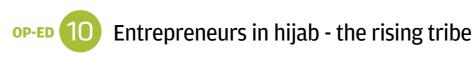
'Qatar not keen on solving crisis'

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Bahrain sees no resolution in sight to a diplomatic row between Qatar and its neighbours. "The information in our hands today does not indicate any glimmer of hope for a solution now," said Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid Bin Ahmad Al Khalifa. P02



Craig to earn 50 mn pounds for his role

SHOW

RAMADAN

Spiritual tunes in the air

Yemen deputy army chief survives attack Aden

The deputy chief of Yemeni Army, Maj Gen Saleh Al Zindani, survived an attempt on his life in Aden, the Saudi Press Agency reported yesterday. The assassination attempt took place when Al Zindani was leaving a hospital in Aden last night. Yemeni Prime Minister Ahmed Obeid bin Daghr condemned the incident calling it a barbaric act that puts international security and stability in jeopardy. The incident is under investigation and no group has claimed the responsibility for the incident.

Russian soldiers killed in Daesh strike

Beirut

Russian fighters were pro-regime forces killed in eastern Syria this week in a deadly wave of attacks by Daesh militants, Moscow and a monitor said yesterday. After its collapse last year, Daesh now only holds tiny pockets of Syria, mainly in the vast desert stretching to its eastern border. This week, the militants ramped up their hit-and-run attacks on regime positions there, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights war monitor. The deadliest was on Wednesday, when Daesh targeted a group of Syrian and allied Russian fighters near the town of Mayadeen in the eastern province of Deir Ezzor.



'95pc of airshow space booked'

Drug seller's plea dismissed

New BD3.5m House on way







His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa last night received scores of Muharraq citizens who congratulated him on the advent of the holy month of Ramadan. His Majesty expressed appreciation of the national stances of Muharraq citizens, praising the pioneering efforts and contributions that have contributed to the development of the homeland

\$32bn infra projects to boost growth

Manama

The Kingdom is implementing a \$32 billion inprogramme as part of its long- my, it is important that Bahrain term initiatives to boost growth, maintains momentum, noting

ness Prince Salman bin Hamad diversification and fiscal con-Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Dep-solidation measures that have uty Supreme Commander, and yielded high rates of return First Deputy Prime Minister, across all non-oil activities. visited the majlises of Khalifa

bin Ahmed Al Dhahrani, Abdulla bin Hamad Al Noaimi, Al Jishi and Al Khozaei families.

He highlighted that, as the frastructure development GCC's fastest growing econosaid the Crown Prince yesterday. that the Kingdom's economic This came as His Royal High-resilience is a consequence of

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Metro bell rings

Manama to join the likes of Paris, London and Dubai with the building of an advanced Metro network

The minister said that the project would be implemented in phases starting with a **Metro line connecting Bahrain International** Airport with different places in Manama.

The transport ministers of the GCC member states have agreed upon completing the first phase linking Oman with the United **Arab Emirates and** Saudi Arabia by December 2021

TDT|Manama **Thamer Tayfoor**

the Ministry of Transportation to the ministerial council. and Telecommunications has be-

Muharraq with north of Mana-said. ma, near the Diplomatic Area, Bahrain Bay, Bab Al Bahrain, Fi- project would be implemented will cover 30km and the project



nancial Harbor and Seef.

In an exclusive interview with ringing a revolutionary Tribune, Transportation and Teltransformation to its pub- ecommunication Minister Kamal lic transport system, Bah- Ahmed said the final plans would rain is all set to get its Metro as be ready by July before sending it

"Making engineering drawings gun preparations to implement for the project is a bit complione of the most ambitious pro- cated affair and would take one jects the Kingdom has ever seen. complete year. Once the draw-Metro network will connect building the infrastructure with Bahrain International Airport in the help of private sector," he

The minister said that the

Making engineering drawings is a bit complicated affair and would take one complete year. Once the drawings are complete, we will start building the infrastructure with the help of private sector.

in phases starting with a Metro will go hand in hand with the line connecting Bahrain Inter- GCC railway network project. linking Oman with the United Going by the initial plans, the ings are complete, we will start national Airport with different "We will have common stations Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia places in Manama. "A link will for GCC and Metro trains and the by December 2021, with Kuconnect Manama with Isa Town ministry hopes to obtain approv- wait and Bahrain joining the and Juffair."

Mr Ahmed said the first phase takes office."

The minister asserted the pro-



Kamal Ahmed

ject will definitely change the social life scenario in Bahrain, especially for the youngsters. "I am sure many youngsters will use Metro trains, taking a break from motoring. We can solve the issue of traffic congestion once it is implemented."

Among other things, Mr Ahmed said the project will create hundreds of jobs in the Kingdom. "Hundreds of jobs will be created as the railway project will be one of the engines of growth in the Kingdom."

Meanwhile, the GCC rail project is progressing at a fast pace. The transport ministers of the GCC member states have agreed upon completing the first phase als before the new Government network by December 2023. The project is estimated to cost