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GCC, Arab summits vital to region: PM

Queen Elizabeth II thanks Bahrain's leadership

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a cable of thanks from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland and the Commonwealth in reply to his congratulatory cable on her birthday anniversary.

HM the Queen expressed thanks and appreciation to HM the King for his noble sentiments, wishing him steady good health and happiness and further progress and prosperity to Bahrain.

Similar cables were also sent by Her Majesty to His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier.

US 'not looking for regime change' in Iran



Trump
 AFP | Tokyo

The United States is not seeking regime change in Iran, President Donald Trump said yesterday, as tensions between the two countries rise with Washington deploying troops to the region.

"We're not looking for regime change, we're looking for no nuclear weapons," Trump said at a press conference in Tokyo, adding that he thinks "we'll make a deal" with Tehran.

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The Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister, HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, yesterday asserted Bahrain's full solidarity with Saudi Arabia in all measures it takes to strengthen the region's stability and peace.

The emergency Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Arab summits, HRH the Premier said, is vital considering the critical situation the region is currently going through.

"Whoever seeks their country's stability should be keen on Saudi security and stability, and has to counter any attempts to target it," the Prime Minister said calling on to adopt unified GCC and Arab stances in support of sisterly Saudi Arabia.

The session wished the two emergency summits every success in coming up with resolutions that would serve the interests of GCC, Arab and Islamic countries and their peoples.

The Cabinet also condemned in strongest terms the brutal attack on Holy Makka by the



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa chairs the regular weekly Cabinet session at the Gudaibiya Palace, yesterday

Houthi militias with a ballistic missile.

The session described the attack as a despicable assault on the sanctity of the holy sites that provokes all Muslims, affirming Bahrain's full-fledged solidarity with Saudi Arabia.

The Cabinet then welcomed the visit carried out by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to the United Arab Emirates, and his meeting with the Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, HH

Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan.

HRH Premier lauded the long-standing distinguished solid relations between Bahrain and the UAE, and their joint keenness to strengthen them further.

The Premier further voiced deep pride in the feelings expressed by well-wishers while congratulating him on being selected on honoured by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as a World Leader in the health field.

The Prime Minister also ex-

tended thanks to WHO Director-General and all those who attended the honouring ceremony in Geneva.

GCC march hailed

The Cabinet lauded the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) as an entity that was established to strengthen the security and stability of its member states and enhance their peoples' progress and prosperity.

Commenting on the GCC's 38th Anniversary, the Cabinet stressed the importance of pre-

serving the GCC and praised the landmark achievements attained.

'Complete projects in Muharraq'

The Prime Minister gave directives to complete development projects in Muharraq regarding services, education and facilities, according to the pre-set schedule.

HRH Premier highlighted the importance of the new Muharraq Central Market, which was opened under his patronage last Wednesday, in providing more services for the Muharraq citizens.

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Crown Prince calls for greater ties with Jordan

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HRH the Crown Prince yesterday called for further deepening the bilateral cooperation between Bahrain and Jordan.

During a meeting with HRH Prince Hashim bin Al Hussein, His Majesty King Abdulla II's Chief Royal Councillor at Riffa Palace, HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa highlighted the longstanding bilateral relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.



HRH Crown Prince with HRH Prince Hashim bin Al Hussein

For his part, HRH Prince Hashim expressed his appreciation and gratitude to HRH the

hospitality, wishing the Kingdom of Bahrain further prosperity. The Crown Prince hosted an Iftar banquet in honour of HRH Prince Hashim and the accompanying delegation.

HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HH Shaikh Mohamed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy and HE Shaikh Salman bin Khaled Al Khalifa, Director General of the Royal Family Council attended the meeting.

GAME CHANGER

Dubai group 'agree terms' for Newcastle takeover

AFP | London

Representatives of Dubai-based Sheikh Khaled Bin Zayed Al Nahyan said yesterday they had "agreed terms" with Newcastle United owner Mike Ashley, moving closer to completing a deal to buy the Premier League club.

A statement from billionaire Sheikh Khaled's Bin Zayed Group said: "We can confirm that representatives of His Highness Sheikh Khaled Bin Zayed Al

Nahyan are in discussions with Mike Ashley and his team, about the proposed acquisition of Newcastle United Football Club.

"We have agreed terms and are working hard to complete the transaction at the earliest opportunity."

The statement said Sheikh Khaled considered it "an honour to have the opportunity to build on the strong support, history and tradition of the club".

Reports at the weekend said Sheikh Khaled, a relative of Manchester City



Sheikh Khaled Bin Zayed Al Nahyan has reportedly agreed terms to buy Newcastle

owner Sheikh Mansour, was close to sealing a £350 million (\$443 million) takeover.

A spokesman for the club "politely declined" to comment, but sources close to the club have indicated there was interest.

Ashley, the founder of the Sports Direct retail chain, bought the club for £134.4 million in 2007 but has faced a string of protests from supporters disgruntled at what they see as a lack of investment in players.



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