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HM King receives new Minister of Tourism

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received at Safriya Palace yesterday, in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, newly appointed Minister of Tourism, Fatima bint Jafar Al Sairafi, who took the legal oath before HM the King. His Majesty

congratulated her, wishing her every success in performing the national responsibility of serving the nation and citizens, and praising her wealth of experience and competence. The Tourism Minister extended most sincere thanks and gratitude to HM the King for the royal trust, stressing that his noble directives will



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HM King Hamad to welcome Egyptian **President in Bahrain today** TDT | Manama

∎ is Majesty King Hamad Hbin Isa Al Khalifa will welcome Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and his accompanying delegation upon their arrival in the Kingdom today, the Royal Court announced.

During the visit, HM the King will hold talks with the Egyptian leader on the distinguished long-standing relations between the two brotherly countries, in addition to the latest regional, Arab and global developments.

The Royal Court wished the kingdom's distinguished guest and his accompanying delegation a happy stay in their second country, Bahrain.

President El-Sisi's visit is within the framework of the efforts of the two countries to enhance their solid fraternal relations and bolster cooperation between them, in line with the keenness of their leaderships to constantly develop the deep-rooted bilateral ties for the benefit of the two brotherly countries.

500 more to benefit from 'Mazaya' housing scheme

HRH Prince Salman calls on Housing Ministry to offer additional financing services to Bahrainis

Cabinet commends **Unesco King Hamad** Prize winners for use of ICT in education

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is Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has ordered the inclusion of 500 additional beneficiaries in the "Mazaya" housing programme, bringing the total number of recipients to 2,500.

This comes as the Cabinet yesterday reviewed a memorandum submitted by the Minister of Finance and National Econorial Committee for Financial Gudaibiya Palace and Economic Affairs and Fiscal housing services, and reiterated **Education sector** Balance, on the achievements the Ministry's and supporting of various housing programmes authorities' efforts in this reprovided to Bahraini citizens, gard. including the "Mazaya" housing ed 10,629 beneficiaries.





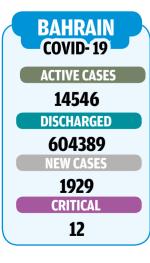
Mazaya scheme allows mid-income Bahrainis to get a finance up to BD81,000 in collaboration with a local bank to buy a house ready for habitation, while paying only a quarter of their monthly salary.

The Cabinet commended Shaikh Ahmed bin Hamad Al Khalifa's efforts in his presidency of the WCO during his last two terms which led to his re-election for a third consecutive term.

The Cabinet congratulated students who completed the academic school year, expressing their gratitude to the parents, teachers and administrators of the Ministry of Education for their contributions to the exceptional achievements and success across all academic levels.

Support for pilgrims

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted the



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chaired the weekly meeting, that will accelerate the pace of Al Khalifa Prize for the use of for the year 2022-2023, which of Saudi Arabia, for their comcalled on the Ministry of Hous- delivery, in partnership with the information and communication reflects the global recognition mitment to facilitating services ing and Urban Planning to offer private sector. additional financing schemes for



my, Chairman of the Ministe- HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting at

The Cabinet highlighted His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al His Royal Highness stressed Khalifa's continued support to programme, which has support- the importance of furthering the Kingdom's education sector, presidency of the World Cusefforts to develop innovative and commended the winners of HRH Prince Salman, who solutions for housing services the Unesco King Hamad bin Isa cil for a third consecutive term education.

dom's commitment to advancing during their Hajj pilgrimage. UNESCO's objectives by encourdevelop education and its outputs.

Bahraini leadership

It welcomed the Kingdom's toms Organisation (WCO) Countechnologies (ICT) in the field of of Bahraini citizens' leadership for Hajj pilgrims attending from in global organisations.

The Cabinet noted the impor- importance of providing the nectant role of the award in the King- essary support to Bahraini pilgrims

He praised the efforts of the aging the use of ICT to further Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and the support of His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence across the world.

Jordan port tragedy

12 dead, 250 injured in Jordan toxic gas explosion

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t least 12 people died and crane and exploded at Aqaba workers ran for their lives. port in Jordan.

coming from other nations.

The force of the blast sent a Amore than 250 were injured truck rolling down the harborvesterday when a tank of tox- side, while clouds of yellow gas ic chlorine gas plunged from a billowed overhead and dock substances team in the civil de- formed an investigation team falling on to the deck of a ship Nearby areas were evacuated incident.

Eight of the casualties were and residents told to close and Jordanian, with the other four seal doors and windows and to sawneh and Interior Minister chlorine gas being exported to vate facility and a field hospital.

avoid going out.

fense" were dealing with the into the incident.

Mazen Al-Faraya immediately Djibouti fell while being trans-Public Security Department headed to the scene, visited a ported. Video footage showed spokesman Amer Sartawy said hospital where some of the in- showed a crane hoisting the tank "specialists and the hazardous jured were being treated, and from a truck, and then the tank

Prime Minister Bishr Kha- a tank filled with 25 tons of to two state hospitals, one pri-

and exploding.

The accident happened when The injured were transported