

HM King hails Bahrain’s ‘successes’ against COVID

Praise for HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister’s dedication and distinguished leadership

● His Majesty chairs Supreme Defence Council meeting

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has praised Team Bahrain’s “successes” on various fronts to overcome the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. HM the King expressed pride in the dedicated and commendable efforts exerted by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and Prime Minister, citing HRH’s distinguished leadership of Team Bahrain’s efforts to



HM the King meets the Supreme Defence Council

cushion the impact of the pandemic. His Majesty made the remarks as he chaired the meeting of the Supreme Defence Council (SDC), attended by HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, at Al Sakhir Palace yesterday. Also Supreme Commander and President of the Council, HM the

King highlighted Team Bahrain’s professionalism, well-thought-out plans and tireless efforts that have resulted in a sharp drop in the number of daily active cases and an increase in the number of recoveries. He commended the medical and health competencies, as well as all frontliners, allied entities and volunteers, for

playing important roles in the Kingdom’s fight against the virus. HM the King also lauded the praise of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General, Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, during his visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain’s distinguished initiatives, measures and outstanding success in dealing with the pan-



dem, in addition to his call to document Bahrain’s experience in fighting the pandemic in order to take advantage of it at the international level. HM King Hamad added that Bahrain’s landmark achievements will remain engraved in the national memory, as they reflect the spirit of challenge and authentic awareness of the people of Bahrain, stressing that Bahrainis will continue working together to advance the comprehensive development process with determination towards a better present and a brighter future for the coming generations. The Supreme Defence Council followed with interest the ongoing developments in sisterly Tunisia, wishing Tunisia and its dear people success in achieving security, stability and growth, under the leadership of President Kais Saied. The Council also discussed ways to develop the technological performance across various fields to enhance the nation’s progress. HM the King lauded the fruitful efforts made by the Bahrain Defence Force, Interior Minister and National Guard.

Indian Ambassador meets TDT Chairman and CEO



Indian Ambassador to Bahrain Piyush Srivastava, centre, meets The Daily Tribune (TDT) Chairman and Managing Director, P Unnikrishnan, left, and Chief Executive Officer Abdul Jaleel Abdulla as they discussed issues of mutual interest.

Finance Minister receives Sudanese Ambassador



Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, received yesterday outgoing Sudan Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Ibrahim Mohammed Al Hassan. He stressed deep-rooted fraternal relations between both countries and growing cooperation mainly in the economic field. Shaikh Salman praised the Ambassador’s efforts to boost bilateral relations mainly in the financial and economic field, wishing him every success in his future duties. The Sudanese Ambassador expressed utmost thanks and appreciation to the Finance Minister, wishing Bahrain constant growth and prosperity.

Pakistani Foreign Minister arrives in Bahrain



Pakistan Foreign Affairs Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi yesterday arrived in the Kingdom of Bahrain on an official visit to participate in the second meeting of the Bahrain-Pakistan Joint Ministerial Committee (JMC). He was welcomed by Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdulatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, the Ministry’s Undersecretary for Consular and Administrative Affairs, Ambassador Tawfeeq Ahmed Al Mansoor, the Ambassador of Bahrain to Pakistan, Mohammed Ibrahim Mohammed, and the Ambassador of Pakistan to Bahrain, Mohammed Ayub.



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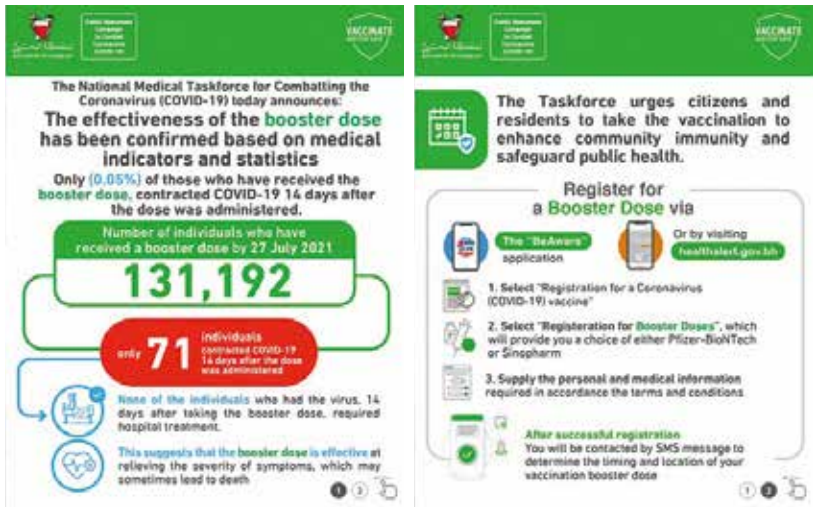
Booster dose effectiveness confirmed

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The National Medical Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus (COVID-19) yesterday announced that the effectiveness of the booster dose has been confirmed based on medical indicators and statistics.

The Taskforce noted that 131,192 individuals had received a booster dose by 27 July. Of those who have received the booster dose, only 71 individuals (0.05%) contracted COVID-19 14 days after the dose was administered.

None of the individuals who were infected with the virus, 14 days after taking the booster



dose, required hospital treatment. This suggests that the booster dose is effective at relieving the severity of symptoms, which may sometimes lead to death.

The Taskforce urged citizens and residents to take the vaccination to enhance community

immunity and safeguard public health.

Booster shots have been attributed to significantly reduced deaths as zero deaths and hospitalisations were recorded in Bahrain for individuals after two weeks of receiving a booster shot.