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Saudi to build one of world's 'largest' airports



An artist's impression of the new airport

Riyadh

Saudi Arabia is set to build one of the world's largest airports in what will be a huge boost for the Kingdom's ambition to become a global hub for trade and tourism, according to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz.

The King Salman International Airport, located in Riyadh, will have six parallel runways, and is expected to contribute SR27 billion (\$7.18 billion) annually to Saudi Arabia's non-oil gross domestic product.

The airport will help drive annual passenger traffic in Saudi Arabia from the current 29 million to 120 million travellers by 2030 and 185 million by 2050, with aircraft traffic in the Kingdom increasing from 211,000 to more than 1 million flights per year.

Chemical weapons threat 'increasing'



A 2000 file photo shows two Russian soldiers at a chemical weapons storage site

Kiev

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has increased the threat of the use of weapons of mass destruction including chemical munitions, according to the head of the world's toxic arms watchdog.

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) summit opened in The Hague yesterday with a stark warning.

'Terror links'

Tunis

The speaker of Tunisia's dissolved parliament, Rached Ghannouchi, appeared yesterday before a judge investigating accusations his party helped Tunisian extremists travel to fight in Iraq and Syria.

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HM King hails solid Bahrain-US ties and partnership

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa expressed pride in the deep-rooted Bahrain-US relations, and the robust partnership between them.

HM the King emphasised that bilateral relations and co-operations reflect both countries' history of mutual understanding and respect, as well as joint coordination and cooperation.

His Majesty was speaking as he received, in the presence of HM the King's Personal Representative, His Highness Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa,



HM King receives US Ambassador Bondy

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Royal Court Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa,

and Foreign Affairs Minister, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani,

the US Ambassador to Bahrain, Steven C. Bondy, at Al Safriya Palace yesterday.

HM King Hamad reviewed with the US Ambassador the solid friendly relations between Bahrain and the US, as well as the advanced level reached by their joint cooperation across various fields.

He commended the effective pivotal role played by the US administration to strengthen the pillars of security and stability and consolidate regional and global peace.

A 'royal call' for innovative ideas

HRH Prince Salman invites all public sector employees to participate in Fikra fifth edition

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday emailed all public sector employees inviting them to participate with their innovative ideas in Fikra, the Government's innovation competition.

In the email, HRH Prince Salman noted that the Government is eager to incorporate successful ideas and suggestions into successful programmes.

The fifth edition of Fikra provides the opportunity for public sector employees to submit ideas and proposals that benefit Government efficiency.

The competition is open to all public sector employees via <http://www.fdp.gov.bh>. The closing date for entries is 27 December 2022.

His Royal Highness expressed his pride in the achievements of skilled Bahrainis, whose contributions are essential to the



Fikra has produced an array of creative ideas which have contributed to furthering excellence across government services benefiting the Kingdom's citizens in line with Bahrain Economic Vision 2030.

Kingdom's development.

Fikra mirrors HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's vision to empower public sector employees more and increase their contribution to the Kingdom's wide-ranging development.

The competition winners will



HRH Prince Salman

be presenting their innovative ideas to the Government Executive Committee, chaired by HRH Prince Salman, before implementation across relevant government agencies.

Submissions

On Sunday, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) started receiving submissions for the fifth



HRH Prince Salman's email

edition of the Fikra, and will run until 27 December 2022.

Participants may submit their ideas individually or in groups (with a maximum of four individuals per group), through the Prime Minister's Office website on: www.pmo.gov.bh.

Ideas should focus on ways

to further develop government services or improve efficiency and performance.

All submission will undergo a preliminary review, and interviews with the participants of the selected ideas, will be conducted by the relevant members of the evaluation committee.

Massive search underway

Bahraini 'missing' while diving in northern region

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A massive search effort continued to look for a Bahraini diver, Nashme Hassan Al Hiddi, who went missing during his diving trip in the northern region of the Kingdom.

According to sources, marine patrols were immediately directed to the area, and the necessary measures were taken.

The Coast Guard Command stated that



Al Hiddi

search and rescue work is still under way, noting that the Public Prosecution Office has been notified of the incident. Authorities and volunteers are working together to continue looking for the diver.

Volunteers were urged to exercise caution, and drivers were told to only search in pairs while attached to a boat for further security.

One must take the necessary precautions before embarking on such an excursion, including gathering all relevant meteorolog-

ical information, determining if it is windy or not, consulting the safety personnel, and remaining alert at all times.

Earlier, The Daily Tribune reported a similar case where a Bahraini diver went missing and was found dead after drowning at sea, according to the Ministry of Interior.

The Coast Guard had initiated a search after a 51-year-old citizen drowned while diving with a group of other individuals reportedly off the coast of Sitra.