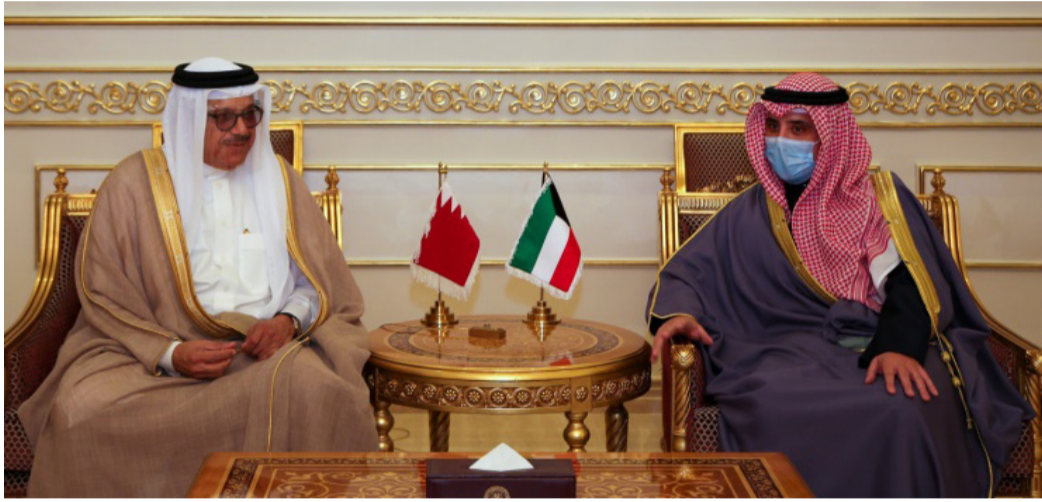


Bahrain boosts Oman and Kuwait ties



Above, Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdellatif bin Rashid Al Zayani met in Muscat yesterday with Omani counterpart Bader bin Hamad bin Humood Al Busaidi. Also yesterday, Minister Al Zayani met in Kuwait with Kuwaiti Foreign Minister and Acting Minister of Information, Dr Shaikh Ahmed Nasser Al Mohammed Al Sabah. Dr Al Zayani discussed with Minister Al Busaidi and Minister Al Sabah bilateral fraternal relations and ways of boosting cooperation in various fields and issues of common concern.

BD3.5m Hamad Town Market project deal signed

● **Aims to provide services to residents of Hamad Town and nearby areas**

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Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister Eng. Essam bin Abdullah Khalaf has signed a usufruct contract with The Malls Real Estate Development Company for the investment and operation of the popular Hamad Town Market.

Considered one of the strategic projects of the ministry, the agreement will pave the way for the establishment and operation of the market to provide services to the residents of Hamad Town

and its nearby areas.

The Malls Real Estate Development Company Board of Directors chairman Dr Muhammad Jamaan signed the deal in the presence of representatives of Hamad City in the Parliament, Basem Al Maliki, Muhammad Bouhamoud, Youssef Zainal and Abdullah Al Thawadi.

The total cost of the project is BD3.5 million, which The Malls Real Estate Development Company will invest in establishing and operating the market, while the total amount of the usufruct of the ministry during the contract period will be BD3.1 million.

The popular Hamad Town Market project, which is being built on a land area of 12,303 square metres, is an integrated commercial service landmark

that takes the traditional Bahraini Arab character.

It takes into account the needs of citizens, as the market is located in Complex 1212 of Hamad Town on Shaikh Hamad Street and close to Shaikh Street Khalifa bin Salman Highway which is located in the area adjacent to the entrances to Hamad Town Roundabout No. (17).

12,303

sq mtrs

Total land area where the market is being built



Agreement-signing ceremony

Man's best friend looking for 'forever' home

Addressing Bahrain's street dogs problem and how everybody can be part of the solution

● **Reducing stray population a shared social responsibility**

● **Rescue groups essential to solve abandoned animal issue**

● **More resources and community action are needed**

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The stray and abused dogs issue in the Kingdom of Bahrain is a complex one and there are no easy solutions. There are many causes for this problem. The most important



Stray dogs have taken up residence in different areas in the Kingdom, and they multiply!

is abandonment behaviour by residents; their owners could no longer afford to keep them, plain and simple.

Dog lovers and those who either hate dogs or are afraid of them say this problem is the

result of a lack of community and government effort, limited resources and funding, as well as irresponsible dog ownership.

Hundreds of street dogs, including those abandoned by their owners or with owners

that are allowed to roam, have taken up residence in different areas in the Kingdom, and they multiply!

The government must introduce and improve animal protection legislation and initia-

tives, not only to protect humans coming into contact with these animals, but also to protect the health and welfare of the strays themselves.

Spaying and neutering — rather than euthanising them — is the best way to fix the problem.

This is something that active local animal volunteer groups like Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BSPCA) and individuals like Fathiya Al Bastaki, a passionate Bahraini animal lover, are diligently working on. However, they can't do it alone, and the public plays an important role.

Ultimately, establishing shelters is logical and very efficient step in taking care of abandoned dogs and preventing further growth of its population.



They walk freely on the streets, villages, compounds, and other public spaces, and majority of them are not spayed or neutered. Most of them were born on the streets and they are in dire need of medical attention, severely underweight, hungry, thirsty and covered head to toe in ticks.

Virtual Children's Day celebration at New Millennium School-DPS

● **Students enjoy online class activities conducted by teachers**

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New Millennium School-DPS students and teachers celebrated the Children's Day Bahrain with great enthusiasm and gaiety through the digital platform.

Students enjoyed a number of online class activities conducted by their teachers. They were all enthralled to see their teachers perform in the special assembly entitled "The Celebration of Childhood".

On this special occasion, the teachers pledged to continuously



Children taking part in various activities

strive to work for the welfare of the students.

The enthusiasm of the celebration was witnessed throughout the day. Laughter and camaraderie marked the celebrations

which left the students in bouts of laughter as they enjoyed the day.

Principal Arun Kumar Sharma, in his heartwarming and loving message to the students, ap-

plauded their ability and patience to adapt to the present situation.

He also lauded the parents, addressing them as the "unsung heroes" who have indeed showered their whole-hearted support



in the successful conduct of the entire digital teaching-learning process.

Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai and

Managing Director Geetha Pillai extended their best wishes and blessings for the children on this joyous occasion.