

Knibb, Blummenfelt win Oceanside Ironman 70.3

Taylor Knibb shone in the women's race as Kristian Blummenfelt dominated the men's event in Oceanside. | P15

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HM King hails UK efforts in promoting stability and peace

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, highlighted the United Kingdom's role on the international stage and its contributions to supporting security, stability, and peace in the region and internationally.

This came as HM the King received John Healey, Secretary of State for Defence of the UK, during his visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

They discussed current regional developments and wider international issues, alongside matters of mutual interest.

Relations

During the meeting, HM King Hamad reviewed bilateral relations with the UK official, as well as areas of cooperation and joint work between the two countries.



HM the King with John Healey

He expressed pride in the longstanding and distinguished relations between Bahrain and the UK. His Majesty underscored a close partnership built over many years of alliance, coordination, and constructive cooperation, particularly in the military and

defence fields.

Commitment

HM the King highlighted the shared commitment to further develop and advance these ties across all levels in support of the common interests of both coun-

tries and their peoples.

The UK Defence Secretary expressed gratitude for His Majesty's role in strengthening the bilateral partnership, reinforcing longstanding ties, and advancing military and defence cooperation between the two countries.



"We have a close partnership built over many years of alliance, coordination, and constructive cooperation, particularly in the military and defence fields."

— HIS MAJESTY KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA, SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES

Strategic partnerships strengthen ties

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The longstanding nature of Bahrain-UK relations is underpinned by strategic partnerships and multisectoral collaboration.

This was emphasised by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and Prime Minister, who met yesterday with John Healey, UK Secretary of State for Defence.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted the shared commitment to further bolstering cooperation, particularly in the military and defence sectors, in line with signed agreements, including the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA), to the benefit of both nations.

He commended the UK's significant international role and its efforts to safeguard regional and global security and stability.

The meeting also explored avenues to strengthen bilateral cooperation, particularly in the military and defence sectors.

Discussions addressed regional developments.

Unity stands

GCC and Jordan denounce Iranian aggression across region in strongest terms



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

HM King's caring gesture for injured praised by Cabinet

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The Cabinet yesterday highlighted a joint statement by the GCC and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan condemning in the strongest terms the blatant acts of aggression by Iran.

The statement by the Kingdom of Bahrain, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Kuwait denounces all forms of Iranian aggression, whether carried out directly or through proxies and armed groups operating in the region.

It specifically cited recent attacks launched by Iranian-backed groups from the Republic of Iraq targeting multiple countries.

During its weekly meeting

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— CABINET

chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the Cabinet commended His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, for personally visiting those injured in the hos-



tile Iranian attacks and currently receiving medical care.

The Cabinet said HM the King's visits demonstrate his commitment to following up on the condition and treatment of the injured and recognise the ef-

forts of the Kingdom's national workforce across military, security, and civilian sectors.

The Cabinet expressed pride and appreciation for the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), the National Guard, the Ministry

of Interior, and all military, security, and civil authorities for their readiness, efficiency, and professionalism in responding to the recent developments.

It also commended Bahraini citizens, part of Team Bahrain, for their dedication and contributions across sectors.

Plans

The Cabinet reviewed plans to mitigate the impact of the hostile Iranian aggression, ensuring the availability of goods and services and the smooth flow of supply chains.

It also noted the International Day of Conscience, reflecting Bahrain's ongoing commitment to promoting international peace and stability.

Additionally, the Cabinet extended congratulations on the successful election of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) for its thirty-first session.

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