

Chemical Import Permits Go Digital

The Supreme Council for Environment (SCE) upgraded its Chemical Import Request service into a fully digital platform, allowing businesses to apply online for permits to import chemicals and refrigerant gases.

The updated service streamlines procedures, reduces required documents, improves application tracking and cuts processing time from 20 working days to just five days.

SCE Chief Executive Amna Hamad Al Rumaihi said the digital transformation will enhance monitoring of imported chemicals, ensure compliance with environmental regulations and improve the quality of data supporting decision-making.

Major Shuwaiter Secures Top Rank



Chief of Public Security Lieutenant General Tariq bin Hassan Al Hassan received Major Ibrahim Hamad Shuwaiter in recognition of his outstanding achievement in the Middle Leadership Course held at the Police Academy in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Major Shuwaiter, Head of the Self Affairs Division at the Human Resources Directorate, secured third place with an "excellent" grade in the leadership course. He also achieved second place in the sports excellence category during the programme.

Major General Adel Abdullah Amin, Assistant Undersecretary for Human Resources, attended the meeting.

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Joint Drill Reinforces Gulf Security

His Majesty the King Attends 'Bahrain Shield' Joint Military Exercise

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, attended the joint military exercise "Bahrain Shield" on Thursday.

The exercise was also attended by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of the United Arab Emirates.

The exercise brought together personnel from the Mohammed bin Zayed Squadron, members of the armed forces of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states, the Peninsula Shield Force, and participants from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It aims



to strengthen joint military cooperation, enhance operational coordination, and facilitate the exchange of expertise among participating forces.

Addressing the gathering, His Majesty welcomed the distinguished guests to the Kingdom



of Bahrain, highlighting the deep bonds of brotherhood and solidarity that unite the GCC countries.

He said Bahrain values the unwavering support shared among Gulf nations in every circumstance, reflecting their enduring unity, mutual respect, and collective commitment to achieving prosperity and security for all.

His Majesty also praised the Gulf Cooperation Council's achievements over the years, describing it as a successful model of regional cooperation. He noted that the "Bahrain Shield" exercise represents a practical extension of GCC efforts to strengthen collective security and further develop the region's integrated defence and joint deterrence capabilities.

Bahrain Joins Coalition to Secure Key Waterway

Military chiefs unite to protect key shipping route



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Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, participated in a meeting of Chiefs of Staff from countries involved in the Maritime Defense Coalition for safeguarding freedom of navigation in the Bab el-Mandeb Strait.

The meeting was held in Saudi Arabia on Thursday and brought together senior military leaders from several brotherly and friendly nations to discuss regional maritime security and cooperation.

During the meeting, Lt. Gen. Al Nuaimi expressed his appreciation to Saudi Arabia's Chief of the General Staff, General Fayyadh bin Hamed Al Ruwaili, for the invitation to attend the high-level gathering.

He underscored the importance of ensuring the security of international waterways and maintaining safe navigation through close cooperation among participating countries to preserve regional security and stability.

The Chief of Staff noted that the region is witnessing rapid de-



velopments and growing security challenges, with maritime security remaining one of the highest priorities. He stressed that any threat to freedom of navigation or disruption of shipping lanes

would directly affect global energy security and the stability of the international economy, while also impacting the vital interests of countries overlooking the Bab el-Mandeb Strait.

HRH Welcomes New Chapter in Bahrain-UK Ties



His Royal Highness Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received a telephone call on Thursday from the Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

During the call, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister congratulated Prime Minister Burnham on his appointment, wishing him success in his new role.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted the longstanding historical ties between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Kingdom, noting that the relationship is built on close cooperation and a shared commitment to expanding bilateral collaboration across various sectors to support mutual interests.

Kingdom expresses solidarity with Egypt and Japan

Bahrain strongly condemned the drone attack targeting two ships at Damietta Port in northern Egypt, which caused a fire onboard, describing it as a violation of international law and a threat to regional security and global energy supplies.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirmed Bahrain's full solidarity with Egypt and support for measures to protect its sovereignty and vital facilities, while calling for an immediate halt to such attacks.

Meanwhile, Bahrain conveyed condolences and sympathy to Japan following a devastating earthquake in the south of the country that caused deaths and injuries, expressing support for the Japanese government, people and affected families.

Road Closures Announced

The Ministry of Works announced temporary lane closures due to ongoing road improvement projects. The slow lane on Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Causeway towards Muharraq will be closed from Friday, July 31, until Sunday, August 2, while two lanes will remain open for traffic.

A phased closure of one lane on National Charter Highway in Riffa, between Road 3908 and Al Muaskar Highway, will also begin on July 31 for three months. Two lanes will remain available for motorists.

Bahrain Condemns Iranian Attacks on Kuwait

Iran Hits Kuwait Again- Bahrain Calls for UN Action

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Bahrain has strongly condemned renewed Iranian attacks targeting civilian and vital facilities in the State of Kuwait, expressing full solidarity with the neighbouring Gulf country.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the attacks, which targeted a building belonging to a Chinese company in northern Kuwait, resulted in a worker's death and caused



significant material damage.

Bahrain described the incident as a violation of Kuwait's sovereignty, a threat to the safety of civilians, and a

breach of international law, the UN Charter, and UN Security Council Resolution 2817.

The ministry affirmed Bahrain's unwavering support for Kuwait and its legitimate measures to protect its sovereignty, security, stability, and territorial integrity.

It stressed that Kuwait's security is closely linked to the security of Bahrain and all Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states, while praising the efforts of the Kuwaiti Armed Forces and relevant

authorities in safeguarding citizens and residents.

Bahrain also extended condolences to the victim's family and wished safety and security for all those affected.

The Foreign Ministry called on the international community, particularly the UN Security Council, to take urgent and decisive measures to ensure compliance with international law, prevent further attacks, protect regional stability, and guarantee the safety of maritime navigation.