

**Muschiatti to direct 'Attack on Titan'**  
 After the record-breaking box office run of "It", director Andy Muschiatti has found his next project. Muschiatti will direct a feature film adaptation of "Attack on Titans" for Warner Bros.  
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**Official, wife electrocuted**  
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Abdulla Ebrahim Al Shaikh Abdelrahman Al Jowder, the Head of Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, and his wife Sarah Alawsi were electrocuted at their residence in Busait-een. The incident occurred when Sara was giving a shower to their son. Mr Al Jowder tried to rescue them and got electrocuted, sources said.

A short-circuit in the water heater is considered the cause behind the incident, sources added.

A probe has been ordered and both bodies were sent to SMC morgue. They will be buried at Muharraq Graveyard today after midday (Dhuhr) prayers.

The couple were mourned in an obituary message issued by Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel Humaidan yesterday.

**Denmark recalls Iran envoy**  
 Copenhagen

Denmark yesterday recalled its ambassador to Iran in response to a plot by Tehran's intelligence services to assassinate an opposition figure on Danish soil.

A Norwegian citizen of Iranian background was arrested for the plot last month, which targeted the leader of the Danish branch of the Arab Struggle Movement for the Liberation of Ahwaz (ASMLA), Danish security service chief Finn Borch Andersen said.

"We are dealing with an Iranian intelligence agency planning an attack on Danish soil. Obviously, we can't and won't accept that," Andersen told a news conference.

# Brotherly nations

Outcome of Bahrain-UAE joint committee meeting hailed



His Majesty receives Shaikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has stressed deep-rooted historic fraternal relations between Bahrain and the UAE which are based on strong foundations of cooperation and coordination in various fields.

HM the King was speaking as he received at Safriyah Palace yesterday the UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Shaikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who was accompanied by Minister of Culture and Knowledge De-

velopment Noora bint Mohammed Al Ka'abi, on the occasion of their visit to Bahrain to participate in the eighth session of the High Joint Committee meeting.

Shaikh Abdullah conveyed to HM the King the greetings and respect of the UAE President Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

HM King Hamad welcomed the UAE Foreign Minister and his accompanying delegation and asked him to convey his greetings and best wishes to the UAE President, the Vice-President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

He hailed the outcome of the Joint Committee meeting during which a number of agreements, memoranda of understanding and executive programmes were

concluded to boost cooperation and integration in various political, economic, financial, cultural, educational and tourism fields.

HM the King praised the ongoing efforts of the committee members to carry out the strategic visions of the leaderships of both countries by opening up new horizons for joint coordination. He also lauded the efforts of the officials in both countries to serve common interests.

HM King Hamad commended the UAE's honourable stances in support of Bahrain and its people, praising the UAE's advanced international status and pioneering achievements at all levels.

He also lauded the UAE's commitment to serving Arab and Islamic issues and boosting regional security and stability.

HM the King reiterated congratulations to the UAE on launching KhalifaSat satellite, describing the move as a quality leap in the UAE's tendency to manufacture and launch satellites by relying on local experiences and competencies.

**Govt Executive Committee reviews Benayat progress**

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The Government Executive Committee, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday discussed the progress of Benayat, a new streamlined process for issuing building permits within five days.

HRH the Crown Prince announced the launch of the Benayat system during the Government Forum 2018, held on Sunday.

In a statement, the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister, Essam Khalaf, highlighted that Benayat represents a new milestone in streamlining processes associated with issuing building permits.

Mr Khalaf emphasised the role that Benayat plays in encouraging investments and facilitating opportunities within the real estate sector, adding that this new efficiency-focused system is one of a series of initiatives led by the Executive Committee to meet key objectives within Bahrain's

Economic Vision 2030 and continue to drive innovation within government services.

The minister also spoke of the range of mechanisms introduced as part of Benayat, noting that the seamless workflow integrates over 14 entities to regulate and monitor the process, while private sector partners carry out different procedures, including an initial review of submissions to ensure requirements are fully met.

Mr Khalaf concluded by emphasising that Benayat serves as a demonstration for the government's firm commitment to transform the role of the private sector into the main engine of growth, fostering opportunities for citizens and accelerating sustainable development.



HRH the Crown Prince

**Venice under water**



Tourists waded through the water in St Mark's Square in Venice. Violent storms battered Italy for a third consecutive day yesterday, killing at least 11 people, and flooding much of Venice. The lagoon city's St Mark's Square remained under water for a second day while the adjacent St Mark's Basilica was inundated, its baptistry totally flooded and its mosaic floors covered by 90cm of water.

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## University of Bahrain ranked 25th in region

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The University of Bahrain has been ranked first in the Kingdom and 25th in the Arab region.

The QS Quacquarelli Symonds assessed over 1,000 universities in the Arab region, using unified criteria to assess universities and rank them.

UoB President Dr Riyadh Youssef Hamza extended thanks and appreciation, on behalf of all UoB personnel, to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First



Dr Hamza raises the certificate of award at a function held at university campus in Sakhir.

Deputy Premier.

He valued the Government's support to the university, commending the Supreme

Council for Education and Training, chaired by Deputy Premier Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, as well as the UoB board of trustees, headed by Education Minister Dr Majid Al Nuaimi.

The QS Quacquarelli Symonds issued a list featuring the top fifty universities after assessing over 1,000 universities in the Arab region.

Dr Hamza held a meeting with the academic and administrative staff and students at the Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa hall at the Sakhir Campus and shed light on the development plans.

He took pride in the landmark stride, which was achieved by the University of Bahrain, which was listed

**31**  
 was the rank obtained by the UoB in the same survey last year.

among 3 per cent of top Arab universities, jumping by 17 places to rank 25th in three years. The University of Bahrain was ranked 31st in 2017, 33rd in 2016 and 42nd in 2015.



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