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### **HM King** congratulates Russian **President**

Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to Russian President, Vladimir Putin, on his re-election for a new term. HM King wished President Putin every success in achieving the ambitions and aspirations of the friendly Russian people for further progress and prosperity. 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 Deputy Premier also sent a cable of congratulations on his victory.





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# Iran nuclear deal flawed: Saud

Washington

Saudi Arabia called the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers a "flawed agreement" yesterday, on the eve of a meeting between the Saudi crown prince and U.S. President Donald Trump who have both been highly critical of Iran. "Our view of the nuclear deal is that it's a flawed

agreement," Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir told reporters in Washington.

The meeting between Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Trump comes at a time when Riyadh and Washington have been strengthening their relationship after tensions under the previous U.S. administration, in part over

Iran. Jubeir called out Iran for what Riyadh has long slammed Tehran's destabilising behaviour in the region.

"We've called for tougher policies towards Iran for years," Jubeir said.

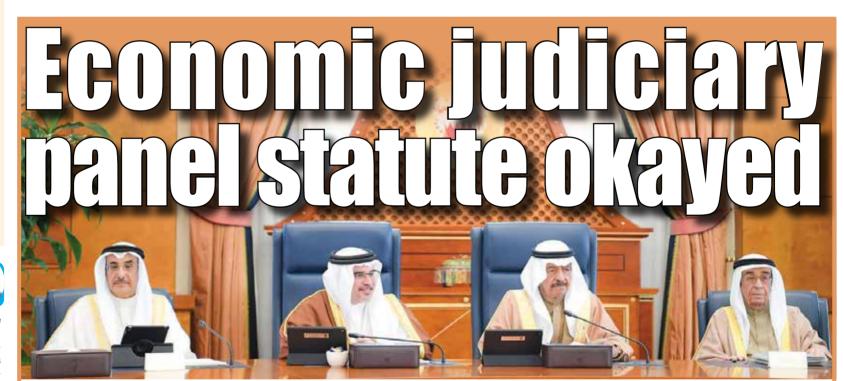
"We're looking at ways in which we can push back against Iran's nefarious activities in the region," Jubeir said, lambasting

Tehran's support for the Houthi militia in Yemen and support for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in Svria.

Iran denies interference in the region's affairs. Saudi Arabia had viewed with unease the administration of U.S. President Barack Obama, whom they felt considered Rivadh's alliance

Washington less important than negotiating the Iran nuclear deal. The Saudi crown prince left for the United States yesterday to begin the visit, which is also expected to include meetings with business leaders and stops in New York, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Houston.

- Reuters



#### **DT News Network** Manama

he Cabinet chaired by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday approved the ratification of the statute of the Economic Judiciary Commission (EJC), which was adopted by the Supreme Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), in line with the vision of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, and referred a draft-law on its ratification to the Legislative Branch.

The EJC is aimed at enhancing integration and coordination among the GCC countries in all economic and development fields and

## **Human rights strides**

HRH Prime Minister
Prince lauded the human rights achievements during His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's prosperous era on the occasion of the Arab Human Rights Day.

HRH Premier affirmed the government's resolve to carry on consolidating the rights gains, and to build on them through respecting

accelerate the pace of joint action in various fields by removing potential hurdles.

EJC shall examine cases arising from the

human rights, preserving human dignity and ensuring freedom.

HRH Prime Minister recalled with pride and appreciation HM King Hamad's initiatives in the field of human rights, most notably the royal initiative to establish an Arab Court for Human Rights, an initiative that has gained Arab support, and global acclaim.

implementation of the provisions of the GCC Unified Economic Agreement or the resolutions issued pursuant to its provisions.

### **MoU with India endorsed**

The session also approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Bahrain's Ministry of Health and India's Ministry

The cabinet session was attended by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, at the Gudaibiya Palace.

#### **Customs Affairs**

The session discussed the re-organisation of the Customs Affairs at the Ministry of Interior, and

of Health and Family Welfare, and commissioned the Minister of Finance to sign it on behalf of the Kingdom.

referred the memorandum submitted by the Interior Minister in this regard to the Civil Service Council.

### **Hajiyat residents**

The cabinet approved the government's reply to a proposal submitted by the Council of Representatives regarding the treatment of the Hajiyat residents at the Hamad Kanoo Health Center in East Riffa.