

1 **Charlize Theron's mother influenced her to act**

Actress Charlize Theron's mother influenced her to pursue acting after her career as a ballerina did not work out the way she had planned.

P14

THE DAILY **tribune**

There's no happily ever after: Taylor Swift

14 CELEBS

WORLD

5

Indian Army's Yeti 'footprint' cause online storm

King orders Ramadan gift to families

Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has ordered the disbursement of Ramadan clothing grant to Royal Charity Organisation (RCO)-sponsored families.

On this occasion, HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Chairman of the Supreme Council of Youth and Sports expressed sincere gratitude and appreciation to His Majesty, the Honorary President of the Royal Charity Organisation for his patronage and continuous keenness to share with the RCO-sponsored families the blessings of the holy month of Ramadan, and for His Majesty's standing directives to provide permanent decent living to them.

Interference in Bahrain's affairs rapped

Riyadh

Saudi Arabia's Cabinet yesterday reiterated the Saudi rejection of any form of interference in the internal affairs of Bahrain and any attempt to prejudice its sovereignty, security and stability.

The Cabinet, during its session, chaired by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud said that it was looking forward to strong relations between Bahrain and Iraq based on mutual respect and contributing to achieving security and stability in the region.



02 Property development projects discussed

03 'I want to go home alive, not in coffin'

04 Appeals Court rejects robber's plea for alternative punishment



Timeless bonhomie

Historical ties with France in focus as His Majesty holds talk with President Macron

● Both leaders hailed the meetings between Bahraini and French businessmen, which yielded many agreements and commercial contracts.

● HM the King affirmed that Bahrain has always been a model in progress, reform, openness, tolerance, coexistence and pluralism.

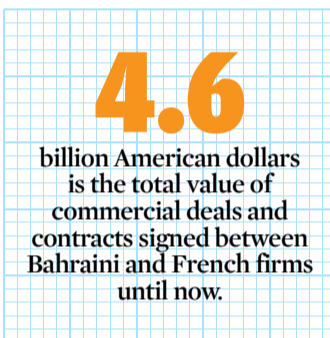
Paris

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and French President Emmanuel Macron affirmed appreciation of growing strategic relations between Bahrain and France and common keenness on further bolstering them.

They stressed that those relations are based on mutual respect, trust, co-operation, common interests and a common history, politically, economically, culturally and socially.

This came during a meeting at the Élysée Palace yesterday between HM the King and the French President.

HM the King voiced solidarity



of the Kingdom with France after the horrible fire, which engulfed the historical tower at Notre-Dame cathedral, in Paris.

His Majesty also expressed regret over losing the religious symbol and historical landmark, describing it as a major loss for all humanity.

HM the King thanked the French President for the invitation, praising France's glorious history and rich human and civilisational heritage. The King also lauded strong ties binding the two friendly countries and peoples, pointing out their common characteristics and shared noble values of creativity, tolerance and coexistence.

Both leaders reviewed progress of bilateral work, which underlines keenness to further boost relations through the signing of many memoranda of understanding and agreements in various fields.

They hailed the meetings between Bahraini and French

businessmen, which yielded many agreements and commercial contracts worth more than \$2 billion, thus bringing the overall value of current and previous contracts to \$4.6 billion.

They recalled with pride the presence of many French traders in Bahrain in the past, pointing out the French jeweller Jacques Cartier who visited Bahrain early last century and showed a great interest in the Kingdom's pearl industry.

HM the King underscored the major role played by French archaeologists who have contributed for more than four decades to uncovering the biggest part of Bahrain's archaeological monuments and their old history.

Both leaders reviewed regional issues and the future of peace in the Middle East, pointing out common visions that despite all hardships, peace is imminent. They also emphasised the need for concerted efforts to handle current challenges and dangers.

Discussions also showed an agreement on the importance of sustainable stability in the Arabian Gulf which requires the Gulf countries and their allies a firm action against terrorism and all forms of interference in countries' affairs. Both leaders also stressed the need to respect the countries' independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity in order to serve interna-



His Majesty being received by President Macron at Élysée Palace.

national peace and security.

HM the King affirmed that Bahrain has always been a model in progress, reform, openness, tolerance, coexistence and pluralism.

The King underscored the kingdom's unwavering commitment to working with its part-

ners, including France, to promote tolerance and rapprochement between all peoples.

His Majesty also expressed the kingdom's resolve to continue the path of development and achievements to achieve the aspirations of the Bahraini people.

ment to working with its part-

DEALS GALORE

Bahrain, France sign co-operation agreements

Paris

Bahrain and France yesterday signed a string of co-operation agreements and memoranda of understanding.

The deals were sealed on the sidelines of the visit of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to Paris at the invitation of French President Emmanuel Macron.

An agreement was reached between the Government of the Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic on training of Bahraini specialist doctors in France.

The deal was signed by Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid



Mr Al Romaihi signs the MoU with Mr Vallet.

bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa and his French counterpart Jean-Yves Le Drian.

An MoU between Higher Education, Research, and Innovation in the French Republic and the Ministry for Higher Ed-

ucation, Research, and Innovation in the French Republic for co-operation in the field of

higher education was signed by Education Minister Dr Majid Al Nuaimi and French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian.

Dr Al Nuaimi and Mr Le Drian signed another MoU for extending co-operation in the different fields of education.

A third MoU between the Ministry of Information in the Kingdom and the Institut National de l'Audiovisuel (INA) in the French Republic was signed by Information Affairs Minister Ali bin Mohammed Al Romaihi with INA President director-general Laurent Vallet.

The Education Ministry and AixMarseille University of France also inked a deal for co-operation.