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Bahrain condemns Houthis' UAE cargo ship hijacking

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The Kingdom of Bahrain strongly condemned the terrorist Houthi militia's hijacking of a UAE-flagged cargo ship, which was heading from Socotra Island to the port of Jizan, Saudi Arabia.

The Foreign Ministry denounced the terrorist operating which targeted the cargo ship transporting equipment for a field hospital, describing the acts as a flagrant violation of the international law of the sea.

It affirmed that terrorist Houthi militia had committed a maritime piracy that poses a great threat to the freedom of maritime navigation in Bab al-Mandab and the Red Sea.

It said that the terrorist acts show the militia's terrorist drive to subvert regional security and stability, calling on the international community to condemn this dangerous terrorist act and compel the Houthis to immediately release the ship and its crew.

Bahrain also condemned Houthi drone attacks towards Najran in Saudi Arabia.

4th King Hamad award for youth empowerment P2

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED 8093554

ACTIVE CASES 4930

DEATHS 1395

DISCHARGED 277899

NEW CASES 880

CRITICAL 0

220 fils (includes VAT)



HM King hailed by Cabinet on prestigious Arab humanitarian award



The Cabinet has extended its congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa on being awarded The Abu Bakr Al Siddique Medal-First Class, by The Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organisation (ARCO), in appreciation of His Majesty's humanitarian efforts. The Cabinet commended the visions of His Majesty the King, which has showcased the Kingdom of Bahrain as a model of success in providing humanitarian relief. His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday chaired the weekly Cabinet meeting, at Gudaibiya Palace. (Full report on Page 2)

Drainage solutions vow

HRH Prince Salman orders compensation for those affected by recent rainfall

- Royal call for swift documentation of all flood-related damage
- Plans underway to enhance quality of Kingdom's infrastructure

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has directed the swift documentation of all flood-related damage and compensation for those affected by the rainfall.

HRH Prince Salman also ordered the development of sustainable drainage solutions in areas where rainwater has accumulated.

This came as His Royal Highness yesterday met, at Gudaibiya Palace, with Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal, MP Mahmoud Makki Al Bahrani and Zainab Al Darazi, Member of the Munic-



HRH Prince Salman being briefed on the development of sustainable drainage solutions

ipal Council, representing the 12th District in the Northern Governorate.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted the importance of developing sustainable rainwater drainage systems to further enhance the quality of the Kingdom's infrastructure

in line with international best practice, and to ensure their quality and sustainability.

Pace of achievement

This comes in line with with the plans to accelerate the pace of achievement, which must be

accompanied by the diligent implementation of the proposed ideas and innovative solutions in all fields.

HRH Prince Salman also noted that the priorities of government work are based on achieving the aspirations of citizens according to the requirements of the pres-

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- HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

ent and the future.

He emphasised that collective effort which transforms challenges into opportunities remains key to the Kingdom's ongoing comprehensive development.

His Royal Highness highlighted the importance of continued cooperation between the executive and legislative authorities to achieve the Kingdom's development goals.

Preserving workers' rights

Wages Protection System third phase underway

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The third phase of the Wages Protection System (WPS) has been implemented starting on January 1 covering employers with no more than 49 workers.

The initiative is envisaged as a major leap in the protection of the lawful rights of workers as stipulated in provisions of the employment contract signed between the employer and the employee.

It also covers all establishments registered with the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) in various commercial sectors and activities.

All labour categories across the Kingdom can benefit from this system.

LMRA Chief Executive Officer Jamal Abdulaziz Al Alawi hailed the employers' ongoing commitment and positive participation in the WPS.

Al Alawi noted that it has greatly contributed to eliminating delayed salary payment, reducing labour disputes and guaranteeing workers' rights with full transparency, in addition to safeguarding the rights of employers and proving their compliance with completing salary payments, thus preventing complaints and grievances.

Wages Protection System (WPS) Objectives

- Achieves Bahrain's international obligations through wages protection & labour rights.
- Ensuring salary payment in due time regularly.
- Ensuring speed in taking legal action if necessary, to avoid work stop or resorting to court.
- Obtaining actual and agreed upon data on salaries in employment contracts and government systems.
- Providing comprehensive accurate reliable database on wages of private sector workers, thus contributing to preparing sound statistics and economic studies.
- Combating trafficking in persons and forced labour by the pre-identification of suspicious cases.

LMRA statistics have indicated that all employers (CRs with 500+ workers) have completed salary payments, along with 88%

of employers (CRs with 50-499 workers) since joining the system initiative.

“These statistics are a vivid

testimony of the successful system which has been launched since last May, upon a cabinet resolution and pursuant to Labour and Social Development Minister's Edict 22 of 2021 on the phases of applying the WPS system for workers of the private sector, under the umbrella of business and investment development towards fostering the stability of national economy through the creation of stable work environment by establishing stable labour relations in private sector organisations on the basis of transparency and protection of workers' rights,” Al Alawi said.