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#### 2 Seas set for Gulf 12 **Hours title-defence**

Bahraini-British motorsport team headlines 15-car grid with two GT3 cars in the fray in gruelling 2022 endurance race taking place this weekend in Abu Dhabi **P**|12

Houthis seize vessel off Yemen that Saudi say carried medical equipment



Nicolas Cage doesn't consider himself an actor

**BUSINESS** 

OPEC votes to appoint Kuwaiti candidate as new sec-general

## **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 UAEflagged cargo ship, which was heading from Socotra Island to the port of Jizan, Saudi Arabia.

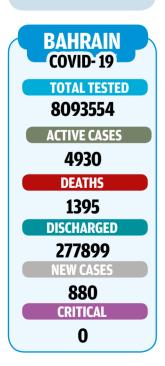
The Foreign Ministry denounced the terrorist operating which targeted the cargo ship transporting equipment for a field hospital, describing the acts as a flagrant violation of the international law of the sea.

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



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#### 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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is 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 suscumulated.

This came as His Royal High- Governorate. ness yesterday met, at Gudaibiya



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

HRH the Crown Prince and Palace, with Council of Repre- Prime Minister noted the im- Pace of achievement sentatives Speaker Fawzia bint portance of developing sustain-Abdullah Zainal, MP Mahmoud able rainwater drainage systems

areas where rainwater has ac- ipal Council, representing the in line with international best accompanied by the diligent im-

quality and sustainability.

Makki Al Bahrani and Zainab Al to further enhance the quality the plans to accelerate the pace aspirations of citizens according achieve the Kingdom's develop-Darazi, Member of the Munic- of the Kingdom's infrastructure of achievement, which must be to the requirements of the pres- ment goals.

12th District in the Northern practice, and to ensure their plementation of the proposed ongoing comprehensive develideas and innovative solutions opment. in all fields.

This comes in line with with work are based on achieving the tive and legislative authorities to

"It is important to develop 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."

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

ent and the future.

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

His Royal Highness highlight-HRH Prince Salman also noted ed the importance of continued that the priorities of government cooperation between the execu-

#### Preserving workers' rights

# Wages Protection System third phase underway

The third phase of the Wages Protection System (WPS)

The initiative is envisaged as in the WPS. a major leap in the protection of the lawful rights of workers greatly contributed to elimi-

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

**LMRA Chief Executive Officer** has been implemented starting Jamal Abdulaziz Al Alawi hailed on January 1 covering employers the employers' ongoing commitwith no more than 49 workers. ment and positive participation

Al Alawi noted that it has as stipulated in provisions of nating delayed salary payment, the employment contract signed reducing labour disputes and between the employer and the guaranteeing workers' rights with full transparency, in addi-It also covers all establish- tion to safeguarding the rights ments registered with the La- of employers and proving their mercial sectors and activities. ing complaints and grievances. salary payments, along with 88%



LMRA statistics have indicat- of employers (CRs with 50-499 bour Market Regulatory Au- compliance with completing ed that all employers (CRs with workers) since joining the systhority (LMRA) in various com- salary payments, thus prevent- 500+ workers) have completed tem initiative.

"These statistics are a vivid Al Alawi said.

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,"