

# Cheering for Bahrain's National Team



Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal, the Speaker of the House of Representatives



Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi, the Education Minister



Aymen Tawfiq Almoayyed, the Minister of Youth and Sports Affairs



Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, the Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs



Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy



Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed, the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications

As the Reds push hard to win a spot in the FIFA World Cup 2022, Bahrainis are coming out in full strength to cheer on the team.

Yesterday, Education Minister Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi came out wearing red to cheer the team.

The team on Thursday grabbed a thumping win by blasting eight goals against none scored by Cambodia to rise to the top of Group C with 12 points in a joint qualification for the FIFA World Cup 2022.

Bahrain now has two more games ahead of them in their bid to make it to the next round.

Works Minister Es-sam Khalaf also posted thumps up



Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Oil Minister



Bassem bin Yacoub Al Hamer, the Minister of Housing



Ali bin Mohammed Al Rumaihi, the Minister of Media Affairs

for National Team on the ministry's Instagram account.

Also, coming out to encourage the team were: Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, Bassem bin Yacoub Al Hamer, the Minister of Housing, Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Minister of Oil, Aymen Tawfiq Almoayyed, the Minister of Youth

and Sports Affairs, Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, the Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs and Ali bin Mohammed Al Rumaihi, Minister of Media Affairs.

The ministers affirmed their full support to the Bahrain National Team, wishing them all the best in their march ahead to the World Cup.

The show of support was part of an initiative by HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the representative of His Maj-

esty the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs.

The Reds had come close twice to qualify for the FIFA World Cup but lost those chances to Trinidad and New Zealand in 2006 and 2010, respectively.

Now, with a new breed of talent, Team Bahrain is well on their way to realising its World Cup dreams once more.

The entire nation is watching with bated breath as the likes of Alaa Hubail, Ali Husein Baba,

and Mohamed Salmeen lead the way. Portuguese coach Helio Sousa is grooming the team that won the West Asian Football Federation Championship and the Gulf Cup in 2019 to complete the job and take Bahrain to the world Finals for the first time in their history.

The team will return to action on Monday night against Iran, which has 11 points. They will play Hong Kong in their final match on June 15.

# Boosting Bahrain-Russia ties

Minister Dr Al Zayani continues meetings with top Russian officials

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Bahrain's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, continued to hold meetings with top officials and ministers on the sidelines of his participation in the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum in Russia.

The meetings focused on enhancing bilateral and trade ties with Russian Federation and boosting business opportunities.

During a discussion with Viktor Zubkov, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Gazprom, Dr Al Zayani expressed Bahrain's keenness to continue strengthening ties, especially in the energy industry.

Their talks also focused on benefiting from the economic, commercial and investment opportunities in both countries.

Mikhail Murashko, the Minister of Health of the Russian Federation, discussed ways to enhance cooperation in the health sector with minister Dr Al Zayani.

They discussed joint efforts to address the coronavirus pandemic and appreciated the constructive partnership of both countries in Sputnik V COVID-19

## Plenary session with President Putin



Dr Al Zayani also took part in an official plenary session with Vladimir Putin, the Russian President.

Putin said the Russian market is returning to the pre-crisis level, stressing the need for equitable distribution of vaccines.

Russia, Putin said, had not produced COVID-19 vaccines but is also working with international partners to manufacture these vaccines abroad.

vaccine manufacturing and distribution.

Dr Al Zayani also held discussions with the President of the Russian Republic of Adygea, Murad Kombilov, and Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al-Zayani,



Dr Al Zayani with Viktor Zubkov, the Chairman of the Board of Gazprom



Dr Al Zayani with the President of Russian Republic of Adygea, Murad Kombilov



Dr Al Zayani with Mikhail Murashko, the Minister of Health of the Russia

Minister of Foreign Affairs, on enhancing bilateral and trade ties.

Present during the meetings from Bahrain side were Ahmed Abdulrahman Al-Saati, the Ambassador of Bahrain in Moscow, Khaled Amr Al-Rumaihi, the CEO of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company, Khaled Ibra-

him Humaidan, the CEO of the Economic Development Board, Eman Ahmed Al-Dosari, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce Tourism, Talal Abdul Salam Al-Ansari, Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and officials at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

# Ministry closes four mosques, opens new treatment halls

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The Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments announced closing four more mosques for finding existing COVID-19 cases among worshippers.

The closure, the ministry said, is for carrying out sterilisation, contact tracing and ensuring the correct practice of preventive measures.

Separately, Health Ministry announced opening new facilities to treat COVID-19 patients who are not critical.



Sterilisation of mosques progressing

"The halls are prepared to function as medical centres for examining and treating existing patients, who are not critical and undergoing home isolation," Health Ministry tweeted.

