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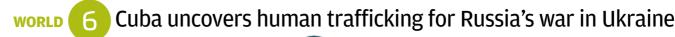
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HM King affirms unwavering support to education TDT | Manama HM the King said that the pos-students and parents for the efucation emanates from our firm

port to education in the king- today will be the pillars of the the ongoing scientific and technological progress in the world. ed the kingdom's educational

raini families to help achieve the ernment, led by His Royal Highdesired goals and contribute to ness Prince Salman bin Hamad further advancing the education Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince HM the King sector in the kingdom.

Lis Majesty King Hamad bin conviction that it plays an essen-Isa Al Khalifa affirmed the tial role in sustainable developgovernment's unwavering sup- ment. Those who are learning dom, adding that this sector kingdom's development process should always keep abreast of in the future," His Majesty said.

HM King Hamad attribut-HM the King urged the Bah- strides to the efforts of the govand Prime Minister, expressing government's support to the ed-"Our constant interest in ed- appreciation and pride in the ucation sector.



cational process in the kingdom, successful return to schools and as reflected in the constant dis- higher education institutions. tinction of Bahrainis in various fields, locally and abroad, are their endeavours to develop the living proof of the progress of learning and academic process education in the kingdom.

cere thanks to officials, teachers, their national belonging.

itive results achieved by the edu- forts they are making to ensure a

His Majesty commended to achieve the best educational He extended deepest congrat- outcomes that cope with the ulations to the educational staff developments of the labour and students on the new aca- market, enhance the students' demic year 2023-2024, wishing academic achievements, as well them a successful school year. as promote national and moral HM the King expressed sin- values among them and cement

N. Korea to 'pay price' if it gives **Russia arms: US**

AFP | Washington

The White House warned yesterday that North Korea would "pay a price" if it supplies Russia with weaponry for its war in Ukraine, with Kim Jong Un and Vladimir Putin expected to hold talks on the issue.

Sanctions-hit Russia is reportedly eager to secure more military supplies from its ally to bolster its forces as Kyiv pushes a highly scrutinised counteroffensive to take back its territory.

US President Joe Biden's national security advisor Jake Sullivan said Pyongyang and Moscow were eyeing "leader level discussions, perhaps even in person" on Russia's arms needs.

Saudi. Russia extend oil cuts until year's end

AFP | Riyadh

Saudi Arabia and Russia said yesterday they would extend voluntary oil cuts until the end of the year, sending the price of Brent crude to a 10-month high.

The Saudi production cut of one million barrels per day which first took effect in July will continue "for another three months until the end of December 2023", the kingdom's energy ministry said in a statement.

Russia's export cut of 300,000 bpd will continue for the same period, Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak said in a separate statement.

(Full report on Business Page)

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Pledge to protect natural resources

HRH Prince Salman issues directives to accelerate implementation of Kingdom's afforestation plan

TDT | Manama

ahrain is steadfastly committed to advancing environmental security as a top priority in the development plans, and to doubling efforts to protect its natural resources and contribute to sustainable development.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, made the statement as he visited yesterday the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture.

HRH Prince Salman directed efforts to accelerate the im- opment that benefits all. plementation of the Kingdom's



HRH Prince Salman with the Deputy Prime Minister, Finance Minister and Eng. Al Mubarak

prove air quality, in support of Nasser Al Mubarak. The Dep- attendance. the country's sustainable devel- uty Prime Minister, HE Shaikh

Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, latest developments in the Prime Minister expressed pride Upon arrival, His Royal High- Finance and National Econo- Kingdom's afforestation plan, in the achievements throughout afforestation plan, which aims ness was received by the Min- my Minister Shaikh Salman bin which was launched in 2022 and the Kingdom's 104-year history to preserve natural resources, ister of Municipalities Affairs Khalifa Al Khalifa and a number aims to complete the planting of municipal development, and increase green spaces, and im- and Agriculture, Eng. Wael bin of senior officials were also in of 310,000 trees and 570,000 its municipal elections, which

The Minister presented the of this year. The move aims to over the past 99 years.

fulfil the Kingdom's commitment to combat climate change and preserve the environment.

Joint responsibility

His Royal Highness said that the implementation of the Government Plan's initiatives and programmes constitutes a joint responsibility that requires Team Bahrain's collaborative efforts to build on the Kingdom's achievements within its wide-ranging comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH the Crown Prince and mangrove seedlings by the end have witnessed advancement



Representatives of the Pygmy people pass by, moments before the start of the military parade in honour of General Brice Oligui Nguema (unseen), inaugurated as Gabon's interim President, in Libreville. Gabon's coup leader vowed after being sworn in as interim president on September 4, 2023 to restore civilian rule through "free, transparent and credible elections" after a transition and amnesty prisoners of conscience. (AFP)

French schools refuse girls wearing abayas

AFP | Paris

 ${f F}$ rench schools sent dozens abaya in schools, saying it of girls home for refusing broke the rules on secularism to remove their abayas - an in education that have already over-garment from the shoul- seen Muslim headscarves ders to the feet worn by Mus- banned on the grounds they lim women - on the first day of constitute a display of religious the school year, a government affiliation. minister said yesterday.

Defying a ban on the Muslim robe, nearly 300 girls showed up on Monday morning wear- affront to civil liberties. ing an abaya, Gabriel Attal told the BFM broadcaster.

were sent home, he said.

The government announced last month it was banning the

The move gladdened the political right but the hardleft argued it represented an

Attal said the girls refused entry were given a letter ad-Most agreed to change out dressed to their families saying of the robe, but 67 refused and that "secularism is not a constraint, it is a liberty".