

# Guardian of the sea

On behalf of HM King, HRH Prince Salman inaugurates naval ship RBNS Khalid bin Ali

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and Prime Minister, yesterday inaugurated the Kingdom of Bahrain's naval ship, the RBNS Khalid bin Ali, marking its entry to the Royal Bahrain Naval Force, at the Salman Naval Base. This follows the celebrations commemorating the 56th anniversary of the establishment of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF). HRH Prince Salman attended the event on behalf of His Majes-

ty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces. His Royal Highness affirmed that the RBNS Khalid bin Ali is a crucial addition to the Royal Bahrain Naval Force that will further improve the BDF's combat readiness and capabilities to carry out its national duties. He commended the efforts of the naval ship's crew and their success in their missions. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister commended the Royal Bahrain Naval Force's efforts and their active participation in several humanitarian and defence missions to safeguard international maritime naviga-



Warm welcome

Upon arrival, HRH Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces was welcomed by Commander-in-Chief of the BDF, HE Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa. The event was attended by the Commander of the National Guard, His Highness General Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, the National Security Advisor, Royal Guard Commander, Lieutenant-General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and Royal Guard Special Force Commander Staff Colonel His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

HRH Prince Salman was accompanied by His Highness Staff Commander Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and His Highness Lieutenant Commander Shaikh Mohammed Bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa. Several senior officers also attended the event.

### Ongoing development

Commenting on the occasion, His Royal Highness highlighted the BDF's ongoing development

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and thanked HM King Hamad for his unwavering support of the BDF.

HRH Prince Salman noted the BDF's pivotal role, alongside allied countries, in safeguarding and upholding regional security and development.

He expressed his congratulations to Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed, and the BDF's personnel, on the 56th anniversary of the establishment of the BDF.



HRH Prince Salman with senior BDF and government officials at the event

tion and protect the free flow of international trade in partnership with allied countries.

The Commander of the Royal Bahrain Naval Force, Rear Admiral Ahmed Mohammed Al Binalli, then delivered an address. A souvenir was then presented to HRH Prince Salman by Rear Admiral Al Binalli.

HRH Prince Salman was given a tour on board the RBNS Khalid bin Ali, where HRH inaugurated the vessel, marking its entry into the Royal Bahrain Navy.

His Royal Highness was briefed on the RBNS Khalid bin Ali's advanced facilities, including operations and command rooms and equipment. His Royal Highness was also given a summary of the naval ship's defence capabilities and its advanced systems.

## Lulu Group sends new relief aid to Gaza

Second batch of 50 tons of food and essential products handed over to Egyptian Red Crescent



Cairo

Abu Dhabi-based Lulu Group has again lent a compassionate hand to the people of Gaza with much-needed aid and relief materials.

The second batch of aid, consisting of 50 tons of food products, hygiene products and

other essentials were handed over to the Egypt Red Crescent authorities in Cairo on Monday.

The relief materials were received by Dr. Rami El-Nasser, Chief Executive Officer of the Egypt Red Crescent, from Lulu Egypt Marketing Manager Hatim Said along with Juzer Rupawala, Lulu Egypt & Bah-

rain Director, Huzefa Qureshi, Regional Director and other officials.

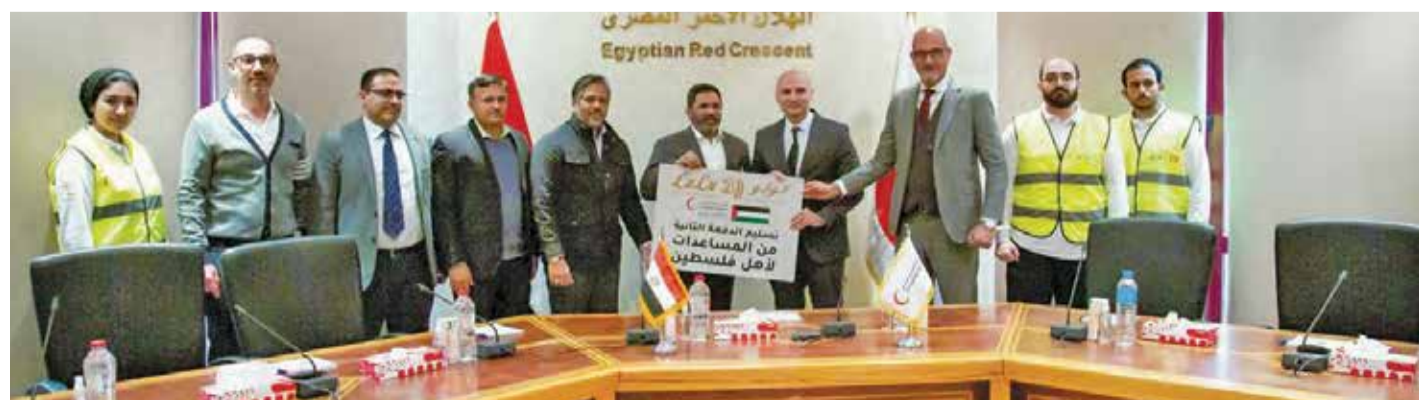
Red Crescent aims to deliver the relief materials to the people of Gaza at the earliest, said Dr. El-Nasser.

He welcomed Lulu's helping hand and expressed gratitude to Yusuff Ali MA and the Lulu

Group for the continued support to the people of Palestine.

This is the second time Lulu is providing much needed help to the Palestine People undergoing hardship in current situation.

In December, it provided 50 tons of relief materials to Gaza through Egypt Red Crescent.



Dr. Rami El-Nasser receives the relief materials from Mr. Hatim Said along with Mr. Juzer Rupawala, Huzefa Qureshi and other officials

## MP proposal allowing citizens to expand housing units

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The Council of Representatives passed yesterday a proposal urging municipalities and housing authorities to amend the regulatory requirements for urban development related to building ratios, and housing regulations.

The aim of the proposal is to allow citizens to expand their residential units, considering the growing need for such expansions.

The proposal was put forward by the following members of parliament Khalid Bu Anq, Zainab Abdulameer, and Badr Al Tamimi. Recognising the demand for additional living space among citizens, the proposal highlights the importance of revisiting and modifying the existing regulations to provide greater flexibility for

homeowners.

By allowing for expansions within the housing units, citizens would be able to accommodate the changing needs of their families without having to relocate or build entirely new structures. The proposal encourages municipalities and housing authorities to review and revise these regulations, taking into account the unique circumstances and needs of citizens.

Expanding housing units would provide citizens with the flexibility to accommodate growing families, changes in living arrangements, or the need for additional space for various purposes. It would also contribute to the sustainability of urban areas by maximizing land utilisation and minimizing the need for new construction projects.

## Bahrain Halal Expo inaugurated



His Excellency Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, inaugurated Bahrain's First Halal Expo. During his speech, the minister affirmed the importance of the halal industry in Bahrain, in light of the rapid growth of the global halal market, which reflects the increasing demand for halal goods and services. This event is the first of its kind in the kingdom, and it bridges the gap between the halal industry and the Islamic finance sector through various methods, exploring investment opportunities in the halal sector and expanding horizons for entrepreneurs and SMEs.