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HM King receives condolences cables from Saudi leaders



HM the King

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 \mathbf{H} is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a cable of condolences from the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud following the passing of Shaikh Isa bin Mubarak bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

King Salman offered his deepest condolences and sympathy to HM King Hamad, praying to Allah the Almighty to rest the soul of the deceased in eternal peace and to bless the Royal Family with patience and fortitude.

HM the King received a similar cable from His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia.

Saudi fighter jet training crash kills two crew

AFP | Riyadh

Saudi air force jet crashed Ayesterday during a training exercise in the east of the country, killing its two crew members, the defence ministry said in a statement.

The aircraft, part of the kingdom's fleet of F-15sAs, crashed "while it was carrying out a routine training mission at King Abdulaziz Air Base in Dhahran", said the statement attributed to defence ministry spokesman Brigadier General Turki al-Maliki, published by the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA).

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HRH Prince Salman visits BDF General Command





His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and Prime Minister, yesterday visited the General Command of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), accompanied by His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa. (Full report on Page 2)

Conduct under fire

Call for action as First Deputy Speaker of Parliament allegedly 'disrespected colleagues'

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n a surprising turn of events, the spokesperson for the Strategic Thinking Bloc, MP Khalid Saleh Buanaq, has claimed that the conduct of Abdulnabi Salman Ahmed, the First Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, has violated the parliamentary code of conduct.

According to Buanaq, Salman's repeated disrespectful behaviour towards his colleagues during parliamentary sessions has prompted the Strategic Thinking Bloc to call for the implementation of legal measures outlined in the internal regulations of the Parliament.

words when describing Salman's in multiple sessions. actions, stating that the First inappropriate and disrespectful against the expected conduct for of discord, Buanaq highlighted sions on multiple occasions.



MP Buanag, left, and MP Ahmed

Such behaviour, Buanaq em-

Buanaq did not mince his language, have been witnessed someone holding a leadership position within the Council.

Praising the efforts of the Deputy's attempts to belittle phasized, is not only contradic- Speaker of the Parliament, and engage in verbal confrontory to Salman's responsibilities Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam,

the need for decisive action.

the internal regulations, which take decisive action to prevent mandates members to "ob- such behaviour from recurring serve the necessary respect for and ensure that these inapprothe constitutional institutions, priate practices do not become maintain decorum and respect an accepted norm within the towards their colleagues and the Council's chambers," Buanaq Council's speaker."

Dignity and prestige

Furthermore, Buanaq pointed while preserving the dignity and adherence to established norms. prestige of the constitutional institutions in the state, as well man unfold, all eyes are now speaker, and its members."

tions of the First Deputy Speaktations with fellow MPs, using as a senior member but also goes in addressing previous instances er blatantly violate these provi- integrity of the parliamentary

"It is imperative for the He referred to Article 195 of Speaker of the Parliament to asserted.

Brewing controversy

The Strategic Thinking Bloc's to Article 63 of the Council's call for action brings to light a internal regulations, empha- brewing controversy within the sizing that "MPs must express Parliament, shedding light on their opinions and viewpoints the need for accountability and

As the allegations against Salas the dignity of the Council, its on the Speaker of the Parliament and the internal regulatory According to Buanaq, the ac-mechanisms to address and rectify the situation, preserving the proceedings.

Promoting sports culture



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Affairs and Youth Affairs, and HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy to the Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Chairman of the General Body for Sports, and Chairman of Bahrain Olympic Committee, with the participants of Iron Kids 70.3 Middle East Ironman Championship on Thursday. More than 300 children aged 17 and under participated in the championship. HH Shaikh Nasser said the championship contributes to promoting sports culture in children and instill in them a passion to continue practicing.

Gaza death toll: 17,177

Urban fighting rages in Gaza as war enters third month

AFP | Jerusalem

Heavy urban combat raged Israeli forces have encircled major urban centres as they biggest cities yesterday as the seek to destroy Hamas over bloodiest-ever war between its unprecedented attack in Israel and Hamas entered its October when the Palestinthird month since the Palestin- ian fighters broke through

a rubble-strewn wasteland of and armoured bulldozers.

bombed-out or bullet-scarred buildings.

ian group's attack on October 7. Gaza's militarised border to The death toll in Gaza has kill around 1,200 people and soared to 17,177 according to seize hostages, 138 of whom the Hamas' health ministry, remain captive, according to and vast areas of the besieged Israeli figures. Israeli troops territory have been reduced to are backed by air power, tanks