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**US, Saudi, UAE and India discuss railway project**

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The US is currently in talks with Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and India to construct a project that would link Middle Eastern nations through a network of railway lines.

Reports claimed that the railways would also be connected to India via shipping lanes from ports in the region.

Sources say that the White House National Security Advisor, Jake Sullivan, is expected to arrive in Saudi Arabia on Saturday, and will meet with Saudi, Emirati, and Indian counterparts next week to further discuss the proposed project and other regional issues.

**Eight unlicensed manpower agencies, 26 illegal workers face legal action**

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Eight unlicensed manpower agencies were referred for legal action after failing to acquire the necessary licenses, and 26 irregular workers were arrested for violating their work permits.

This came as the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted a joint inspection campaign in the Capital Governorate, in coordination with the General Directorate of Crime Detection and Forensic Evidence and the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) of the Ministry of Interior.

The campaign resulted in the detection of violations related to Labour Market and Residency Laws and Regulations. Acquire the licenses from the LMRA to avoid legal accountability.

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**HRH Prince Salman receives Singapore Chief Justice**



The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday received the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Singapore, the Honourable Sundaresh Menon, at Gudaibiya Palace. The Vice President of the Supreme Judicial Council and President of the Court of Cassation, HE Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, HE Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, also attended the meeting. (Full report on Page 2)

**'Flexible' working hours for workers**

Cabinet approves new policy to be adopted across ministries and government agencies

**Giving employees three-hour window to begin workday in move to increase productivity**

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The Cabinet has approved a memorandum submitted by the Civil Service Council to adopt flexible working hours across ministries and government agencies.

The new policy will provide employees with a three-hour window to begin their workday to increase productivity.

The Cabinet directed the Civil Service Bureau to take the necessary measures to implement the policy.

The decision came as the Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, chaired yesterday the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace.

**Coronation**

The Cabinet highlighted the importance of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's at-

tendance at the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Head of the Commonwealth, which was also attended by His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, which reflects the depth of relations between the two countries.

The Cabinet congratulated HM King Charles III on his coronation and thanked the UK for its hospitality.

On the occasion of World Press Freedom Day and Bahraini Press Day, the Cabinet commended HM the King's address on the importance of addressing hate speech.

The Cabinet highlighted the contributions of Bahrainis in the press and media and emphasised their pivotal role in supporting the Kingdom's comprehensive development.



HRH the Deputy King chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

To mark International Nursing Day, the Cabinet thanked Bahraini nursing professionals for providing immaculate health services to Bahraini citizens and residents.

**Support**

The Cabinet affirmed the Kingdom of Bahrain's support

for the Saudi-American initiative to commence preliminary talks in Jeddah between representatives of the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces from the Republic of the Sudan.

These talks are designed to encourage the cessation of military operations in Sudan, ultimately

ending the ongoing conflict.

The mediation will be led by Saudi Arabia and the US, with support from the Quartet, the Arab League, and the tripartite mechanism represented by the United Nations Mission, the African Union, and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development.

**Decision**

The Cabinet welcomed the decision of the council of the League of Arab States in its extraordinary session to resume the participation of delegations of the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic in the meetings of the council and all its affiliated organisations.

The Cabinet noted that this decision supports a commitment to preserving Syria's sovereignty and territorial integrity, consistent with common Arab interests and aspirations.

**Rare attack**

**'Jordan' air strike in Syria kills major drug trafficker**

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An air strike killed a major drug smuggler and his family in southern Syria yesterday,

a war monitor said, attributing the strike to Jordan which has neither confirmed nor denied.

Drug dealer "Marai al-Ramthan, his wife and six chil-

dren were killed in a Jordanian air force strike" in the eastern countryside of the Sweida province, near the Syrian-Jordanian border, the Britain-based Syrian

Observatory for Human Rights said.

"Ramthan is considered to be the most prominent drug trafficker in the region, and

the number one smuggler of drugs, including cspagton, into Jordan," said the Observatory, which relies on a wide network of sources inside Syria.