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## **Bahrain condoles** with Egypt over road tragedy

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 $B^{\text{ahrain expressed its sincere condolences to the}}$ government and people of Egypt over the victims of the traffic collision on the Suez-Tor Sinai road, which resulted in the death and injury of a number of people.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirmed the sympathy of Bahrain with the government and people of Egypt in this painful tragedy, praying to Allah the Almighty to have mercy on the victims of the accident, wishing a speedy recovery for the injured.

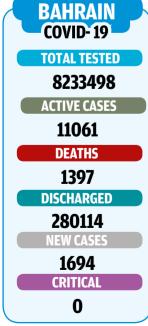
#### **Protesters behind Lebanon blackout** Beirut

The Lebanese population was subjected to collective punishment on Saturday night after protesters stormed a key power station and tampered with the electrical equipment, inflicting power cuts on the whole country for hours.

Protesters stormed the main power station in the Aramoun area, 22 km from Beirut, and tampered with its contents to secure electricity for their neighborhoods, causing a problem that affected all power generation plants.

They claimed that that there is discrimination in the distribution of electric-

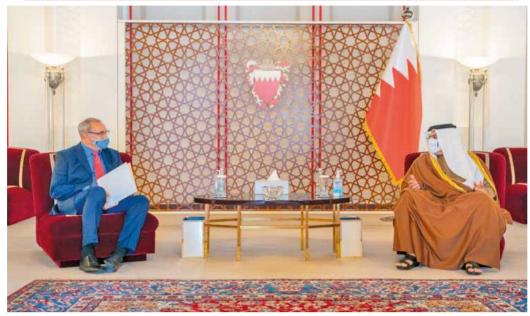
They said that "the electric current is available to areas under the authority of the Free Patriotic Movement, while it is totally absent from areas that are considered an incubator environment for the movement's opponents."



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### HRH Prince Salman receives new Israel Ambassador



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received the newly appointed Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Eitan Na'eh, at Riffa Palace. HRH Prince Salman extended his congratulations to Ambassador Na'eh on his appointment and wished him success in performing his duties which will contribute to strengthening cooperation and achieving regional and global peace, development, and stability. During the meeting, issues of common interest, as well as regional and international developments, were discussed. Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa also attended the meeting.

## New 'deltacron' COVID-19 strain detected in Cyprus

Nicosia

new strain of COVID-19 Athat is a combination of the delta and omicron variants, dubbed "deltacron," has been discovered in Cyprus.

Leondios Kostrikis, professor of biological sciences at the University of Cyprus and head of the Laboratory of Biotechnology and Molecular Virology described his findings in an interview with Sigma TV.

"There are currently omicron and delta co-infections strain might be. and we found this strain that is a combination of these two,"

The new discovery was mutates and spreads. named "deltacron" after



Around 25 cases of the new strain have been discovered, he said, but it is too early to say how damaging the "deltacron"

Researchers around the world are discovering new strains as the COVID-19 virus

A study by French scientists omicron-like genetic sig- from the IHU Mediterranee natures were found in the Infection published a study in delta genomes, Kostrikis December outlining the discovery of a new "IHU" variant.

# 'Severe consequences'

US sends stern warning to Iran if it carries out attacks against Americans

Washington to work with allies and partners to 'retaliate'

US nationals include any 52 people sanctioned by Tehran

## Washington

sanctions on a day earlier.

spond to any attacks carried out around the world." by Iran," the White House said

in a statement, quoting National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan.

Iran on Saturday imposed sanctions on dozens more Americans, many of them from the US military, over the 2020 killing of Gen. Qassem Soleimani in a drone strike.

Sullivan said the US will protect and defend its citizens, including those currently serving the country and those who formerly served.

The US said yesterday that He added that the Iranian Iran will face "severe regime imposed the sanctions consequences" if it at- while its "proxy militias contacks any Americans, including tinue to attack American troops the 52 people Tehran imposed in the Middle East, and as Ira- US National Security Adviser Sullivan nian officials threaten to carry



and partners to deter and re- United States and elsewhere arm of the elite Revolutionary Trump. Guards, was killed in Iraq in a Those added to Iran's sanc- holding indirect talks in Vienna Soleimani, the commander of drone strike on Jan. 3, 2020, or-tions list included US General on salvaging a 2015 nuclear deal.

"We will work with our allies out terror operations inside the Iran's Quds Force, the overseas dered by then President Donald adviser Robert O'Brien.

The US will protect and defend its citizens, including those currently serving the country and those who formerly served

JAKE SULLIVAN, US NATIONAL SECURI-

Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and former White House national security

Iran and the US are currently

UN confidential report

## Iran 'smuggling weapons' to Yemen and elsewhere

The United Ivacions rethousands of weapons re-The United Nations found cently seized in the Arabian Sea likely came from a single port in Iran, evidence Tehran is exporting arms to Yemen and elsewhere, The Wall Street Journal

Yemen has been wracked by civil war since 2014, pitting Iranbacked Houthi militia against the internationally recognised government.

The UN imposed an arms embargo on the Houthis in 2015.



The Iranian ship where thousands of weapons were seized

Citing a confidential report board navigational instruments. by a UN Security Council panel the Journal said. of experts on Yemen, the Journal wrote that boats and land tion minister denied Iran was transport were used to smuggle smuggling weapons into Yemen, weapons made in Russia, China according to the Journal, and and Iran into Yemen.

launchers, machine guns and country. sniper rifles, which had been seized by the US Navy in recent war will have directly or indimonths. Boats used to trans- rectly killed 377,000 people by port the weapons had left from the end of the year. the southeastern Iranian port of Jask, the UN report found, population of around 30 milboat crew and data from the on- sistance.

The militia's deputy informa-Tehran said the weapons were The arms included rocket not sold or transported to the

The UN estimates Yemen's

More than 80 percent of the based on interviews with the lion require humanitarian as-