

Lane closure on Wali ALAhd Highway to affect Riffa route



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The Ministry of Works has announced the closure of the fast and middle lanes on Wali ALAhd Highway for maintenance works.

The closure affects the eastbound traffic to Riffa, while one lane will remain open for vehicles at the junction with Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Hospital and Road 2819 (Wadi Alsail Junction).

The lane closure started at 11 pm yesterday and will last until Sunday, with the maintenance works expected to be ongoing during this period.

Long-term parking in public lots: Authorities vows action

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A viral video clip showing cars occupying public parking lots for long period caught the attention of authorities here.

The General Traffic Department has confirmed that they are currently monitoring the situation and will take action soon. The video, which was circulated on social media, showed several cars occupying public parking lots in a residential neighbourhood for extended periods.

Traffic officials have stated that they will take the necessary measures to ensure that all residents in the area have equal access to parking spaces.

Judicial cooperation between Bahrain and Singapore

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Bahrain and Singapore held discussions yesterday on enhancing cooperation in the field of arbitration to provide a favourable legal environment for resolving international commercial disputes.

The meeting was attended by Deputy President of the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) and President of the Court of Cassation Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Nawaf bin Mohammed Al-Maawda, and a delegation from Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) led by its CEO, Gloria Lim. Both sides expressed their commitment to furthering their collaboration, noting that Bahrain's specialised arbitration supervisory court handles cases in English if the language used in the arbitration proceedings is English and the award value is BD 500,000 or more.

Al Izdihar Primary Girls' School



Yesterday, Al Izdihar Primary Girls' School in Hamad Town was inaugurated by Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa. The school, which cost BD4.550 million and was funded by the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), includes thirty-three classrooms that can accommodate up to 1155 students and other amenities. The opening ceremony was attended by Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, the Minister of Education, Thamer Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, the Kuwaiti Ambassador, officials from the Ministry of Education, and representatives from the KFAED Technical Bureau.

National Security Advisor



National Security Advisor, Royal Guard Commander, Major General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday stressed the strategic partnership between Bahrain and the USA. His Highness was speaking during a visit to the USA where he met with a group of Congressmen at the Capitol Building in Washington. He affirmed keenness of Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the vision of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to boost bilateral cooperation and coordination mainly in the military and defence field.

Bahrain Defence Force



Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday inspected a BDF unit and learned about the latest development and training programmes. Shaikh Khalifa stressed the importance of keeping pace with the latest development to face threats and challenges.

Kims Health Dialysis Centre



The Kims Health Dialysis Centre opened yesterday in Umm Al Hasam, under the patronage of Supreme Council for Health (SCH) President Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa. Health Ministry Undersecretary Dr Waleed Khalifa Al Manea inaugurated the medical facility. The centre on the second floor of KimsHealth Medical Centre consists of 10 dialysis units, 3 private rooms with 2 rooms with isolation facilities, and a comprehensive nephrology programme for patients. The centre is under the supervision of American Board-certified nephrologists, who work together under the umbrella of the Arab Kidney Care Group.



Bahraini and UAE officials at the ITB Berlin expo

Bahrain, UAE discuss tourism cooperation at ITB Berlin

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A ministerial-level meeting between Bahrain and UAE mulled ways of enhancing cooperation between the two countries in the tourism and hospitality industry.

The meeting at the International Tourism Exhibition "ITB Berlin" was between Bahraini Tourism Minister, Fatima bint Jaffer Al Sairafi and UAE Minister of Economy, Abdullah bin Touq Al Marri.

Al Sairafi expressed her pride in the strong relations between Bahrain and the UAE and their progress in the tourism sector. The two ministers exchanged experiences, especially in the field of business

and leisure tourism, and discussed ways to promote the two countries locally, regionally, and globally as a unified tourist destination.

Al Sairafi praised the progress made by the UAE in the tourism industry and its increasing contribution to the country's GDP, as well as the growth and prosperity achieved by this sector in both countries. She also emphasised the ministry's keenness to widen cooperation with the various authorities responsible for tourism in the UAE.

ITB Berlin exhibition brings together key players from the tourism industry to showcase the latest developments and trends in the field.



The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al-Zayani, accepted the credentials of Anne Gallandoan Lewis, who has been appointed as the new Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the Kingdom of Bahrain. During the meeting, the Minister praised the longstanding relationship between Bahrain and the Philippines and expressed his hopes for the Ambassador's success in her diplomatic endeavours. Ms. Lewis also reiterated her country's interest in strengthening friendships and broadening their scope. The Chief of Protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Salah Mohamed Shehab, was also present at the meeting.

US delegates hail public-private housing initiative



The meeting held at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development

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Members of the United States House of Representatives and Senate praised Bahrain's successful partnership with the private sector in providing housing for its citizens.

During a meeting held at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, the delegates also mulled ways to exchange expertise in successfully completing housing projects.

The delegation was briefed on Bahrain's latest urban development and housing achievements, highlighting the efforts led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Separately, Foreign Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani held talks with the US Congress, headed by Kate Bonner. During the meeting, the two sides reviewed historical strategic relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United States of America.