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His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa chairs the 470th Government Executive Committee meeting. The implementation of the Economic Recovery Plan's 2022-2026 tourism sector strategy, and the 2022-2026 industry sector strategy's indicators were reviewed.

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HRH Prince Salman approves national telecoms plan

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday issued Edict (102) of 2023, approving the Sixth National Telecommunications Plan, based on a proposal by the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, following consultation with the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) and the approval of the Cabinet.

The edict stipulates the following:

Article (I): The Sixth National Telecommunications Plan accompanying this edict shall be adopted and shall be enforced for three years.

Article (II): The edict and the accompanying plan shall be published in the Official Gazette.

The Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications shall supervise their implementation, which comes into effect the day after the date of its issuance.

Two held over online blackmail

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The Anti-Cyber Crimes Directorate of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security has arrested a man and a woman, aged 30 and 33, for blackmailing individuals by threatening them to post private videos on social media.

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'Save innocent lives'

Minimizing civilian casualties in Gaza must be a priority, says US Special Envoy

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Every effort should be taken to minimize deaths and injuries of civilians in Gaza, David Satterfield, the US Special Envoy for Humanitarian Issues in the Middle East, said yesterday.

The special envoy was responding to a question from The Daily Tribune on the action to be taken to end the humanitarian issue of over 4,200 children losing their lives in Gaza since October 7th, which is more than the number of deaths of children in conflicts worldwide in a year since 2019.

Mr. Satterfield said, "One innocent life lost is far too many. Thousands lost is simply unacceptable. As I answered to a previous questioner, we are doing all that we can to counsel, to work with, to provide assistance and advice of many different forms to Israel, to its military, to try to minimize the level of civilian casualties. Secretary Blinken very eloquently spoke of the kick in the gut, the gut-wrenching image of children killed and wounded. It speaks to all of us in an indelible fashion.

"This is a difficult campaign. Hamas has structured it to be a campaign that produces civilian casualties. But still every possible effort must be taken to minimize the damage, minimize



Palestinians rush an injured man to a waiting ambulance following an Israeli strike on Rafah city, in the southern Gaza Strip, yesterday. (AFP)



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the deaths and injuries, to all innocent civilians."

Speaking at a digital press conference organized by the Dubai Regional Hub of the US Department of State, the Special

Envoy said the US' position is that the future of Gazans is in Gaza itself. "We believe strongly - I'll reiterate the point again - the future of Gazans lies in Gaza, not displacement to other

Bahrain supports humanitarian truce

Paris

Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, supports efforts to adopt an immediate humanitarian truce that leads to the cessation of hostilities, the protection of Palestinian and Israeli civilians, and facilitating the delivery of medical aid, food, water, fuel and electricity to the residents of the Gaza Strip, in accordance with International Humanitarian Law.

HE Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Political Affairs Undersecretary at the Foreign Affairs Ministry, made the statements while representing the Kingdom at the

International Humanitarian Conference for the Civilian Population in Gaza, held at the Presidential Élysée Palace in Paris.

In his speech, Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed expressed his appreciation to President Emmanuel Macron of France for organising this conference within the framework of his initiatives calling for peace and the mobilisation of international humanitarian efforts, whether financial or in kind, to provide relief aid to the Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip to alleviate their suffering caused by the catastrophic humanitarian conditions they are going through.

countries. And I think that has to remain a fundamental point," Mr. Satterfield stated.

The US does not, as a matter of fundamental principle, support or wish to see displacement of Gaza's population and those now in the south must have every ability to return to the north when it is safe to do so, the Special Envoy said.

Future of Gazans

Talking about the future of Gazans, Mr. Satterfield said, "The issue of the future, the

day after - the President, the Secretary of State, the spokespersons for the NSC and for State Department have, I think, been very clear. We see a future in Gaza which is determined by Palestinians. We see absolutely a need to have a common address of West Bank and Gaza, no separation between the two.

Two-state solution

"We believe that a two-state solution is the only ultimate guarantor of a peaceful future for Israel, as well as for the Palestinians.

BD50 monthly salary increase

Higher wages for Bahraini private sector employees

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The government of Bahrain has announced an increase of BD50 in the monthly salaries of Bahraini citizens in the private sector. The increase is part of the revamped National Employment Programme under Tamkeen, the national employment agency.

Labour Minister HE Jameel Humaidan made the announcement during a press conference

at the Bahrain Chamber's Bait Al Tijjar headquarter yesterday.

The launch comes as part of the Royal Directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to continue creating quality opportunities for Bahraini citizens and the Cabinet's approval, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and following the directives of His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, of the

Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) to launch the new programmes, the largest since Tamkeen inception, that will support 50,000 Bahrainis annually.

At the press conference, Tamkeen announced the details of the new programmes which aim to

increase employment opportunities for Bahrainis and support career development for the national workforce within the private sector.

The Labour Minister, Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan, stressed Bahrain's commitment to ongoing comprehensive development, in addition to investing all capabilities to support the ambitions of Bahraini

citizens and identify new avenues for their employment across the various economic sectors.

The Minister emphasised the importance of the collaboration between the Ministry of Labour and Tamkeen in the upskilling and development of the national workforce.

The Chief Executive of Tamkeen, Maha Abdul Hameed Mofeez, affirmed Tamkeen commitment to implement this program.

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