

HH Shaikh Khalid opens 'burqa' artwork exhibition

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First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, has inaugurated the "burqa" exhibition.

HH Shaikh Khalid, also president of the Public Sports Authority and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), was delegated by Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, HH Shaikh

Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, to attend the event.

The exhibition by Shaikha Hala bint Mohammed Al Khalifa is a mixture of the past and the present, the "burqa" (leather hood) to cover the eyes of falcons, and the facemask imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is hosted by the Shaikh Salman bin Ahmed Al Fateh Fort in Riffa, and will run until Thursday.

HH Shaikh Khalid expressed his pride in the creative artwork by Shaikha Hala that highlights the Kingdom's falconry heritage.



HH Shaikh Khalid with Shaikha Hala

Artistic and cultural movement

HH Shaikh Khalid praised the expansion of the artistic and cultural movement in Bahrain during the reign of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and praised the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

HH Shaikh Khalid commended the artists who contributed to supporting the Bahraini artistic and cultural movement and wished Shaikha Hala further success.



A cleaning services worker is at risk of contracting COVID-19

Rising COVID-19 cases affect cleaning services

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The rise in COVID-19 cases has adversely affected the functioning of many cleaning services companies in the Kingdom.

Sources said all major cleaning companies have been forced to temporarily close many sites owing to COVID-19 cases among

the staff. Speaking to The Daily Tribune, a manager with a cleaning company, who doesn't want to be named, said: "Once a staff tests positive for COVID-19 all contacts would have to go for self-isolation. And this is making it very difficult to allocate staff to different sites."

He said there is heavy demand for cleaning services across the Kingdom, but "on the contrary, sending staff to sites have be-

come difficult".

Cleaning companies generally offer commercial and residential cleaning along with disinfecting and sanitising services.

"Our services are highly required at this point of time to tackle COVID-19 spread. Sanitising indoor areas have been proved to be of highest effectiveness in curbing the infection."

Cleaning companies have played a vital role in the King-

dom's battle against the virus as disinfection operations were carried across the Kingdom during the beginning of the pandemic season.

Many advanced methods along with new measures were adopted by the cleaning companies to contain the virus.

The Kingdom saw 1,694 new cases yesterday while the total number of active cases stood at 11,061.

Bolstering Bahrain and Jordan relations

Council of Representatives and Jordan's House of Representatives sign memorandum of understanding to strengthen parliamentary cooperation



Speaker Zainal and Chairman Al Saleh with Jordan's Parliament Speaker Al Daghmi



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The Council of Representatives and Jordan's House of Representatives have signed a memorandum of understanding to bolster parliamentary cooperation.

The MoU, signed in the presence of Speakers Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Jordan's Parliament, Abdul Karim Al Daghmi, stipulates working together to enhance, strengthen and develop cooperation through parliamentary tools across various fields.

The two parties will also work on exchanging delegations to benefit from their parliamentary experiences and activities.

Under the MoU, the two sides will exchange views on issues on the agendas of the regional and international parliamentary organisations attended by representatives of the two coun-

cils in order to reach a common vision on these issues. The two sides will also form joint working groups.

Historical ties

Speaker Zainal emphasised the depth of the strong and distinguished historical relations between Bahrain and Jordan that have contributed to achieving advanced levels of integrated coordination in all political, security, development and parliamentary fields.

She commended the consolidation of the relations of the two brotherly countries based on the keenness of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein.

The talks covered developing parliamentary relations and joint work mechanisms, activating agreements and memoranda of understanding, and exchanging views on regional and international issues and topics of

shared interest.

The two Speakers stressed that parliamentary cooperation has become more important to face common challenges, saying there is greater need for wider coordination of visions and positions, convergence of views, and holding more meetings through visits and all available means of communication.

Al Daghmi stressed the depth of the relations between Bahrain and Jordan and expressed pride in the coordination of visions on various regional and international issues.

He emphasised Jordan's firm position in supporting the security and stability of Bahrain, and the decisions it takes to protect its national unity and sovereignty.

He also praised the solidarity of Bahrain's leadership, government and people with Jordan and support for the measures it takes to protect its achievements from any attempt to un-

dermine them.

Bilateral efforts

Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh also received yesterday the Jordanian House of Representatives Speaker and his accompanying delegation.

The Chairman affirmed the deep Bahraini-Jordanian relations and the development in both countries. He praised the bilateral efforts in the health, education, economy, trade, security, tourism, culture, and other important sectors.

Al Saleh stressed the close parliamentary relations and the constant keenness to enhance them in a way that forms a unified stance regarding issues discussed among regional and international parliaments.

He said that the Jordanian delegation's visit opened an important dimension to exchange parliamentary expertise and review bilateral achievements at all levels.

Defense Minister receives newly appointed Australian military attache



Defense Affairs Minister Lieutenant-General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi received the newly-appointed Riyadh-based Australian Military Attache to Bahrain Colonel Bradley John Vizard. The minister welcomed the military attache and wished him every success in carrying out his duties. The meeting discussed military cooperation.

Special Envoy for Climate receives lawmaker



Special Envoy for Climate Affairs and Chief Executive Officer of the Supreme Council for Environment (SCE) Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Dinah received the Representatives Council's Public Utilities and Environment Committee member Hamad Ahmed Al Kooheji. The meeting discussed ways to strengthen cooperation between the SCE and the Council. Bin Dinah praised the executive and legislative branches' partnership in promoting the development and democracy process and serving the country and citizens under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. He hailed the lawmaker's keenness to enhance bilateral efforts to meet the Kingdom's sustainable development goals.