



Throat and nasal swab on rapid test
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The Ministry of Health yesterday updated its COVID-19 rapid test protocol by including swabs for both throat and nose.

If an individual gets tested for the virus, he/she must report the result via 'BeAware' application, said a statement issued by the ministry yesterday.

"Individuals undergoing tests should not eat or drink 30 minutes before the procedure to yield reliable results," the statement added.

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Inspection campaign going at full swing

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED

8308417

ACTIVE CASES

15121

DEATHS

1397

DISCHARGED

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NEW CASES

2289

CRITICAL

2

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Security concerns

GCC ambassadors and US envoy 'alarmed' over dangers of Iran nuclear programme

Tehran continues efforts to destabilise regional security through support of terrorist militias

London

Gulf ambassadors met with US envoy to Iran Robert Malley yesterday where they reiterated security concerns regarding the Iranian nuclear programme.

Ambassadors of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states and permanent representatives to international organisations in Vienna met Malley on the sidelines of international negotiations to revive a 2015 Iran nuclear deal, which resumed last week in the Austrian capital.

During the meeting, which was hosted by Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Vienna, Malley and GCC ambassadors reviewed the latest developments in the talks.

"We called attention to our concern regarding Iran's continuous efforts toward destabilisation of regional security through its support of terrorist militias," Ambassador Prince Abdullah bin Khalid bin Sultan said in a tweet following the meeting.



A worker walks inside a uranium conversion facility outside the city of Isfahan in Iran



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The 2015 deal — agreed by Iran, the US, China, Russia, Britain, France and Germany — offered Tehran sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its nuclear programme.

But then-US president Donald

Iran loses vote at UN over unpaid dues

United Nations

Eight countries that include Iran, Venezuela and Sudan have lost their right to vote at the United Nations because of unpaid dues.

A total of 11 countries are behind in their payments, Secretary General Antonio Guterres said in a letter to the General Assembly.

Under the UN charter, a member country's right to vote is suspended when its arrears equal or exceed the amount of dues it should have paid over the preceding two years.

If the outstanding debt is deemed to be "due to conditions beyond the control of the member," the assembly may let that country continue to vote.

Trump unilaterally withdrew the US in 2018 and reimposed biting sanctions, prompting Tehran to begin rolling back on its commitments.

Real-life 'soap opera'

Bahraini woman seeks divorce from 'unromantic' husband

TDT/Manama

Turkish soap operas are an increasing influential source of entertainment across the Kingdom. But, what if this influence exceeds all limits?

A Bahraini woman has approached the court seeking divorce from her husband and the bizarre reason seems to be her husband's inability to emulate the looks and behaviour patterns of male leads in Turkish soap operas.

According to lawyer Taqi Hussein, the woman's obsession and fondness towards Turkish soap



Turkish soap operas are quite popular in the Kingdom



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"She started seeing him as 'unromantic' as he could not match the Turkish actors neither in looks nor in body language, though he was a husband who absolutely fulfilled his duty," Hussein said.

Last week, when it rained, the woman stepped into the rain and asked her hubby to follow her and plant a kiss in her face. He rejected the 'romantic request', prompting her to approach the court.

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