



HRH the Crown Prince during the virtual meeting

HRH the Crown Prince holds talks with outgoing US Ambassador

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander, and First Deputy Prime Minister, met remotely yesterday with outgoing US Ambassador Justin H. Siberell.

HRH the Crown Prince expressed his appreciation for the role Ambassador Siberell has played in further strengthening bilateral ties between the Kingdom and the US during his tenure, and wished him success in his future endeavours. HRH the Crown Prince noted that advancing these longstanding and multifaceted bilateral

ties helped deliver mutually beneficial progress and prosperity. For his part, Ambassador Siberell expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to meet HRH the Crown Prince and for HRH's continued support towards the strengthening of Bahrain-US relations.

Tourist visas' extended validity agreed

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Bahrain and the US have reached an agreement to extend the validity of tourist visas granted to citizens of both countries from five to 10 years, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the US Embassy announced yesterday.

The agreement will be implemented at a future date, the statement said.

"This agreement is a reflection of the long and rich history of mutual cooperation, partner-

ship, and friendship between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the US," the statement added.

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BAHRAIN, US MILITARY COOPERATION DISCUSSED



Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received at the BDF General Commander yesterday General Kenneth F McKenzie Jr, commander of US Central Command, and his accompanying delegation. Defence Affairs Minister Lieutenant-General Abdulla bin Hassan Al Nuaimi and BDF Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Dhiyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi were also present. The officials lauded the depth of the long-standing relations between Bahrain and the US, as well as ways to enhance them. They also praised the steady progress of bilateral military cooperation. Above, the officials during their meeting.

HRH the Crown Prince issues edicts

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, issued yesterday Edict 10 of 2020, re-structuring the National World Trade Organisation (WTO) Committee, under the chairmanship of the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.

The edict also named the Industry Ministry's Commerce Affairs undersecretary as its deputy chairman, and the Industry Ministry's Domestic and Foreign Trade assistant undersecretary as its secretary general.

It also named as committee members the Industry Ministry's Industrial Development assistant undersecretary, the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications' Ports Affairs assistant undersecretary, the Ministry of Finance and National Economy's Financial Relations and Investment as-

istant undersecretary, the Industry Ministry's Foreign Trade Relations director, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Organisations director, the Ministry of Interior's Customs Planning and Policy Affairs director, the Ministry of Health's Public Health director, the Central Bank of Bahrain's Financial Stability director, the National Oil and Gas Authority's Planning and Development director, the National Bureau for Revenue's Foreign Tax Relations director, the Supreme Council for the Environment's National Ozone officer, the Export Bahrain CEO, the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry's first deputy chairman, and the Ministry of Information Affairs' marketing chief.

The edict stated that Edict 33/2013 on naming the members of the National WTO Committee was abrogated.

The edict also stated that all entities mentioned above in their respective capacities shall implement its provisions, which takes immediate effect upon publication in the Official

Gazette. Meanwhile, HRH the Crown Prince also issued yesterday Edict 11 of 2020, amending the classification of controlled narcotic or psychotropic substance schedules annexed to Law 15 of 2007 regarding Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

The edict adds new substances to the second group (psychotropic substances) of Table II, and to the third group (precursors) of Table I, annexed to Law 15 of 2007 regarding Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, as below.

The second group (psychotropic substances): F-APIN-ACA5, Ethylone, Ethylphenidate, MDMA-CHMICA, Methylopropamine (MPA), Methyleth Cathinone (4-MEC), Pentadron and XLR-11.

The third group (precursors): Anilino-N-Phenethylpiperidin 4 (ANPP), N-Penethyl-4-Pipenidone (NPP). The Ministers, each in their respective capacities, shall implement the provisions of the edict, which takes immediate effect upon publication in the Official Gazette.

AMH launches Telemedicine for reaching communities

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American Mission Hospital (AMH) announces its Telemedicine service for all who seek care.

Resilience is the ability to absorb the shock and disruption to what is normal. We are on the brink of a "new normal" that will "witness a dramatic restructuring of the economic and social order in which business and society have traditionally operated". As a healthcare organisation we are in the frontline of this storm and will continue to play an important role in shaping the post COVID recovery.

We are all rethinking how we deliver healthcare, based on lessons learned in these last few months with COVID-19 pandemic. Like many healthcare organisations, AMH turned to Telemedicine to extend care and meet community needs during this time of physical distancing. We realise that Telemedicine is the need of the hour especially when the world is facing un-

precedented challenges with the coronavirus pandemic.

The main features of Telemedicine is allowing the patient to connect with AMH and book virtual consultations with our Doctors. To allow patients to keep a complete digital record of their health on the application and to allow patients to upload any medical records they think are relevant and want to discuss with the doctor. Patients are able to obtain valid medical E-Prescriptions after their appointment is over, which they can use at AMH pharmacy to obtain medicines.

As the COVID-19 contributing higher fatalities among immunocompromised people like chronic diseases and comorbidities, it can be used to avoid virus exposure by the means of reducing hospital visits. In addition to, it can reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission among health care professionals those working tirelessly in the frontlines by keeping all the significant infected patients out

of hospital. Telemedicine can be used to triage more patients, screen and diagnose remotely. According to Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), it also supports cost effective care by keeping patients to unlikely visit to emergency department and face to face consultations.

Throughout our history AMH has overcome and adapted to the various challenges of pandemics and economic downturns. Favorable job attitudes have a strong relationship to organizational outcomes in bad economic times than they do in normal or good times. External threats also provide us with opportunities of being innovative in how we deliver care and we have come to appreciate what a valuable tool Telemedicine is for reaching communities.

Please stay healthy and safe as we collectively fight this pandemic alongside our public health officials and health workers who are directly involved in caring for sick COVID patients.