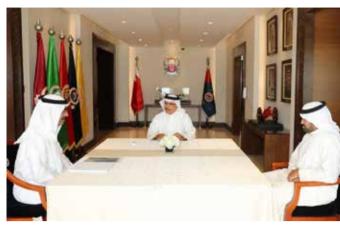
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## Southern Governorate programmes discussed



The meeting in progress

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Minister of Interior Gen- of society, as well as enhance eral Shaikh Rashid bin activate social partnership Abdulla Al Khalifa yesterday through modern technologies, received Southern Governor within the framework of en-His Highness Shaikh Khalifa hancing precautionary measbin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa. ures to combat the coronavirus

presented a report on the progress of work, service projects pressed his thanks and appreand programmes that are being ciation for the efforts of HH implemented in the Southern the Southern Governor and all Governorate, in coordination those in the governorate workwith concerned authorities, ingto enhance communication in follow-up to the directives with citizens and identify their of the Interior Minister to needs, in order to improve the work on the needs of citizens services provided.

and strengthen communication channels with all groups HH the Southern Governor (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Interior Minister ex-

### Government projects tackled in ICT meeting



A screen shot of the online meeting

## Bahrain, Sudan relations hailed

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His Majesty the King's Dip-lomatic Affairs Advisor Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa received yesterday Sudan Ambassador Ibrahim Mohammed Al Hassan.

The Sudanese diplomat expressed appreciation of the positions of Bahrain, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and its steady keenness on strengthening cooperation between the two countries.

Ambassador Al Hassan wished the Kingdom further progress and prosperity.

Shaikh Khalid stressed the

ed relations between Bahrain cooperation across all areas. and Sudan, and expressed his



Shaikh Khalid with Ambassador Al Hassan

He reiterated Bahrain's sup- the efforts and measures that and prosperity.

importance of the deep-root- satisfaction with their bilateral port to Sudan's security and sta- fulfill the aspirations of the Subility, and its solidarity with all danese people for development

## **Deputy PM issues edict on LMRA fees exemptions**

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eputy Prime Minister and Ministerial Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs and Fiscal Balance chairman Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa issued yesterday an edict exempting businesses adversely affected by the repercussions of the coronavirus (COVID-19) from paying some fees imposed by the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA).

The edict is in line with the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to mobilise national efforts to confront the impacts of the pandemic at the local level, and to protect the health and safety of the citizens and residents, along The Deputy Premier with the continuity of the Kingdom's programmes to enhance bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown them by 50 per cent for three development.



Royal Highness Prince Salman all monthly fees related to Prince, Deputy Supreme Com- months, starting from July. It is also in line with the deci- mander and First Deputy Prime

His Royal Highness the Prime posed by LMRA on the issu- all business owners who are sector institutions, telecom-

pandemic impact up to now will be exempted from the issuance or renewal of the work permits fees for the first year of the validity of their permits.

They are also exempted from paying their monthly fees for three months, starting from July.

The sectors covered by the edict include travel and aviation, hospitality and restaurants, personal services (salons, gyms and entertainment halls), transportation and communications, rehabilitation and training (including kindergarten), retail (not including food), administrative services (public relations, media, and event organisation), in addition to local newspapers and magazines.

Other sectors that have been affected by the impacts of COVID-19 may benefit from HRH the Crown Prince's the provisions of the edict, sions of the government, led by Minister, to slash some fees im- decision also stipulates that with the exception of financial Minister Prince Khalifa bin Sal- ance and renewal of all kinds involved in the businesses that munications, scientific, techman Al Khalifa, and that of His of one-year work permits, and have been most affected by the nical and professional activi-

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ernment entities worth an through the introduction of a estimated BD4million were virtual assistant system on the among the topics discussed national portal bahrain.bh. yesterday in the 36th Information and Communication dressed the Ministry of Ed-Technology Governance ucation's requests for public Committee (ICTGC) meeting, schools to support the techchaired by Information and nical requirements for remote eGovernment Authority (iGA) learning. Chief Executive Mohammed Ali Al Qaed.

tinued cooperation and co- for individuals and healthcare ordination between govern- establishments at the National mental entities, which have Health Regulatory Authority, allowed for the deployment and the supply of necessary of advanced technologies and programmes and devices to a systems that have helped improve the quality of perfor- ties to ensure the continuity mance.

Among the most important strategic purchase requests to hold monthly meetings rediscussed during the virtual motely via Microsoft Teams, meeting is the national sys- as such modern platforms tem to digitize and automate have efficiently supported correspondence between gov- the continuity of business ernment organisations.

ciency between entities.

The meeting covered improvements to eGovernment Project developments and channels aimed at raising purchase requests of gov- beneficiary satisfaction levels

The members also ad-

The committee further discussed the introduction of a Al Qaed praising the con- professional licensing system number of government entiof providing services.

The committee continues in the government sector, at The project is expected the same time reducing costs, to reduce printing costs and saving time, and facilitating raise communications effi- the sharing of documents between agencies.



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determined by an edict by the schools. Deputy Premier and Ministerial Committee for Financial issue a list of exempted comand Economic Affairs and Fis- mercial activities in accordcal Balance chairman, will be ance with the classifications exempted from those fees for they have adopted. three months, also beginning from July.

uty Premier stipulates that bility of the labour market business owners whose busi- for Bahrain's small and menesses have been stopped com- dium-sized enterprises, in pletely or partially due to the particular.

Thief arrested after stealing

prescriptions, stamps from hospital

impacts of COVID-19, as will be ties, university education and

The edict requested LMRA to

The edict aims to maintain sustainable growth, in The edict issued by the Dep-general, and achieve the sta-

## Export ban issued for certain face masks

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inister of Industry, per Al Ayam. Commerce and Tourism Zayed R Al Zayani issued yes- severe punishment will be givterday a decision banning the en to anyone who violates the export of certain types of med- provisions of this decision. ical face masks for a period of three months.

The decision stated that it is banning the export of all forbidden to export N95 and types of medical masks for FFP3 face masks without prior three months.

permission from the Industry Ministry, reports our sister pa-

According to the decision, Last April, the Industry Minister issued a decree

last night.

Criminal Investigation and suspect.

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After receiving information on the incident, an inn individual has been ar- vestigation was carried out, Arested for stealing pre- which resulted in the idenscriptions and stamps from tification and arrest of the a local hospital, the Min- individual, the director istry of Interior announced general said.

He added that the stolen The General Directorate of items were seized.

Necessary legal measures Forensic Science's director are being taken for the referral general reported the appre- of the the case to the Public hension of the 30-year-old Prosecution, the director general noted.