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### Kingdom greets France President on National Day

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to France President Emmanuel Macron on his country's National Day.

HM the King and HRH Prince Salman wished the French President wellness and happiness and the French people further progress and prosperity.

HM King Hamad lauded the deep-rooted and good relations between the two friendly countries and peoples and praised their steady development.

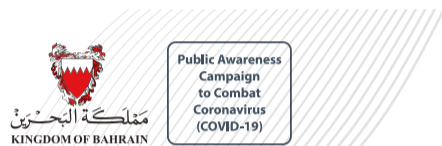
HRH Prince Salman highlighted the strength of relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and France.

His Royal Highness sent a similar cable to France Prime Minister Jean Castex.

### HRH Prince Salman briefed on travel developments



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chaired the 390th Coordination Committee meeting, which was held remotely yesterday. HRH Prince Salman was briefed on the latest developments in travel procedures through Bahrain International Airport. They also discussed the latest developments in dealing with the COVID-19 and related procedures.



Last update - 9:00 pm  
13 July 2021

## Individuals vaccinated

(First dose)

1 0 9 0 1 0 9

(Second dose)

1 0 2 5 1 1 2

(Booster dose)

9 3 5 1 9

### Bahrain adds 16 more countries to Red List



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#### BAHRAIN COVID-19

ACTIVE CASES

1009

DEATHS

1378

DISCHARGED

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NEW CASES

76

CRITICAL

30

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# Human rights strides

Shura committee gives thumbs up to 'very encouraging' UK report

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Bahrain has made important achievements and advanced efforts in various areas to safeguard human rights.

The Shura Council's Human Rights Committee, chaired by Ahmed Mahdi Al Haddad, noted that the international community appreciates the concrete steps taken by the Kingdom in this field.

This comes as the committee welcomed the 2020 Human Rights and Democracy Report issued recently by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

The report praised Bahrain's measures to investigate allegations of human rights violations, and indicated the credibility, transparency and impartiality of the oversight bodies in charge of investigations into allegations of ill-treatment.

It also highlighted the progress made by the Bahrain government, represented by the Interior Ministry, to ensure care for detainees and convicts, as well as meet their needs and ensure their safety and rights within the reformation and rehabilitation institution.



Shura Council's Human Rights Committee members

The Shura committee asserted that the report's confirmation of the significant reduction in the size of the prison population, both by 169 royal pardons, and by increased use of alternative sentencing legislation, leading to the release of 4,200 convicts, is best response to attempts to undermine the kingdom's human rights protection achievements.

The panel also hailed the report's highlighting of Bahrain's initiative to draft an integrated National Human Rights Action Plan, which is the first of its kind at the level of the Gulf Cooperation Council. It is expected to be discussed at the UN Human Rights Council at the end of 2023, stressing the Shura Council's unwavering interest in developing legislation related to human rights, and keenness to contribute to the National Human Rights Action Plan. The Shura committee said that the UK 2020 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Report included the British

government's support for Bahrain, as a friend, in its efforts in the field of combating trafficking in persons.

It is supported by Bahrain's success to maintain the Tier-1 status in the annual report of the US Department of State for combating people trafficking for the fourth straight year.

Regarding the Government of Bahrain's efforts to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic without affecting the rights of society, the Shura committee expressed satisfaction for the UK report which highlighted the measures taken by Bahrain to protect the rights of vulnerable people and safeguard wider society during the pandemic.

In this regard, the committee praised the report's highlighting of the kingdom's interest in the inmates of the reformation and rehabilitation institutions, in addition to its economic and health measures for the benefit of the citizens and residents alike, particularly with the Bahraini government's introduction of a visa amnesty from March to December 2020, resulting in the "normalisation of the status" for over 30,000 workers who might otherwise have lost their jobs.

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#### Arafah and Eid Al Adha holidays

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Minister, yesterday issued a circular regarding the Arafah and Eid Al Adha holidays.

According to the circular, the Kingdom's ministries and public institutions will be closed on the day of Arafah, and during Eid Al Adha, corresponding to 19-22 July, respectively.

#### Bahrain condoles with Iraq over hospital fire

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Bahrain expressed its utmost condolences to the government and people of Iraq over the victims of the fire incident that broke out in Al Hussein Teaching Hospital in Nasiriyah.

The incident caused the death and injury of a number of COVID-19 infected patients at the hospital.

The Foreign Affairs Ministry wished all the injured a speedy recovery.