

HRH Prince Salman issues edicts

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday issued Edict 37 of 2021, transferring two Ambassadors extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Under the edict, the Head of Bahrain's Diplomatic Mission to China, Dr Anwar Yusuf Abdulla Alabdulla, and the Head of Bahrain's Diplomatic Mission to



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France, Dr Muhammad Abdul Ghaffar, were transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Foreign Affairs Minister shall implement the provisions of this edict, which takes immediate effect, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

His Royal Highness also yesterday issued Edict 38 of 2021, appointing a director at the Ministry of Interior, as follows:

Article 1:

Major Fahd bin Abdulaziz Al Binali is appointed Director at the Ministry of Interior.

Article 2:

The Minister of Interior shall place the director mentioned in Article 1 of this decision, in one of the vacant departments of the Ministry of Interior, according to the duties, responsibilities and necessary requirements, and considering his qualifications and experience.

Article 3:

The Minister of Interior shall implement the provisions of this Edict, which comes into effect immediately, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

Set for Green Alert Level

The following activities are for vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals

- Retail shops
- Shopping malls
- Providing the option to attend education and training institutions
- Holding private events in homes
- Gyms, sport halls and swimming pools
- Restaurants and cafes
- Organising events and conferences in external spaces
- Playgrounds and entertainment centers
- Barber shops, salons and spas
- Entering standalone government centers
- Public attendance of sporting events in outdoor areas

Limited to:

- Cinemas
- Organising indoor events and conferences
- Attendance of indoor sporting events

Additional icons: Vaccinated green shield holders, Those recovered from COVID-19, Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a vaccinated or a recovered person.

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The Kingdom of Bahrain will adopt the Green Alert Level starting on Friday, 16 July.

The National Medical Taskforce for Combatting the Coronavirus (COVID-19) made the announcement yesterday

following a review of the average coronavirus (COVID-19) positivity rates and approval by the Government Executive Committee.

The Kingdom will adopt the Orange Alert Level during the Arafah and Eid Al Adha holidays, starting from 19 to 22 July.

Shura call to strengthen Bahrain-UK cooperation

It is important to exchange legislative expertise and experiences: Fakhro

- Open up new areas of bilateral action
- Discuss ways to enhance relations
- Virtual parliamentary meeting held

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Bahrain and the United Kingdom need to continue efforts to strengthen cooperation and joint action in light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Shura Council First Deputy Chairman Jamal Mohammed Fakhro said this can be done through exchanging legislative expertise and experiences, opening up new areas of bilateral action, and discussing ways to enhance the deep-rooted bilateral relations.

Fakhro made the statements during a virtual parliamentary meeting held by the Shura Council's Secretariat-General, in cooperation with the UK-based Global Partners Governance, under the theme "Bahrain and the World - Reflection on the Economic and Political Scene after the Spread of COVID-19".

Several Shura Council mem-



The online discussion in progress

bers, Member of the UK House of Lords and Advisor to Global Partners Governance, Lord Jeremy Purvis of Tweed and diplomats from Bahrain's Foreign Affairs Ministry participated in the online forum, moderated by former Deputy Minister at the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office and former Member of the House of Commons, Alistair Burt.

Fakhro conveyed the greetings to the Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh to the participants, as well as his wishes for success to their meeting, the first of its kind to be held by Shura Council in cooperation with Global Partners Governance.

He stressed the importance of

Bahrain's Shura Council and the UK parliament further, highlighting Bahrain's appreciation of its long-standing relations with Great Britain.

He highlighted Bahrain's successful efforts to confront the pandemic at the health, economic and social levels, citing the sharp drop in the number of daily infections.

Lord Jeremy expressed pride in holding the virtual Bahrain-UK parliamentary meeting, noting that it reflects the advanced level of bilateral relations, and Bahrain's keenness to develop its national legislation through enriching it with other experiences.

He underlined the key role played by parliaments in countries' response to COVID-19 challenges, through identifying the needs of many fields related to public services, economy and legislation.

Burt praised the Shura Council's initiative to hold the remote meeting to pave the way for exchanging opinions and legislative experiences that serve countries during this period, voicing pride in Shura Council members' opinions and proposals that contribute to enhancing parliamentary action between the two kingdoms, as well as strengthen their direct communication and coordination vis-a-vis issues of mutual interest.



The virtual dialogue focused on political, economic and legislative fields, especially in light of the repercussions of the pandemic on the economy, and the need to regain trust and build flexibility in facing future challenges.

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HM King's Advisor for Diplomatic Affairs receives US Charge d'Affairs, Turkish Ambassador



His Majesty the King's Advisor for Diplomatic Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa received US Charge d'Affairs Ethan Goldrich. The Advisor affirmed Bahrain's pride in the distinguished relations and strategic alliance with the US, and the great development in the cooperation, which reflects the common desire to open wider areas for joint work and to serve the interests of the two friendly countries and peoples, wishing Goldrich every success. The charge d'affairs expressed praising Bahrain's progress at various levels, wishing the Kingdom further prosperity. Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed also received yesterday Turkish Ambassador to Bahrain Esin Cakil. The Ambassador stressed her country's keenness to develop aspects of cooperation with the Kingdom at all levels.

Bahraini-South Korean cooperation discussed



Minister of Works, Municipality Affairs and Urban Planning, Eng. Essam bin Abdullah Khalaf, met virtually with South Korean Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Hae Kwan Chung. The meeting was attended by Undersecretary of Agriculture and Marine Wealth Dr Nabil Mohammed Abul Fatah and Assistant Undersecretary for the Sewerage Sector Eng. Ibrahim Al Hawaj. The Works Minister and the South Korean Ambassador discussed boosting cooperation between the two friendly countries and issues pertaining to the infrastructure projects carried out in Bahrain and South Korea.

Bahrain adds 16 more countries to Red List

- Travel regulations updated for passengers
- Move to prevent spread of coronavirus
- 22: Total number of countries in Red List

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Bahrain has expanded the number of countries included in the Red List to 22, adding 16 more, in a bid to contain the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

This comes as the Civil Avi-

ation Affairs updated travel regulations in line with directives issued by the Government Executive Committee after a review of the latest recommendations of the National Medical Taskforce for Combatting the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The countries newly included in the Red List are Mozambique, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Mongolia, Namibia, Mexico, Tunisia, Iran, South Africa, Indonesia, Iraq, Philippines, Panama, Malaysia, Uganda and the Dominican Republic.

The existing countries in the Red List are India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Vietnam.

Passengers arriving from

Red List countries, including passengers who have transited through any of those countries at any point in the preceding 14 days, are prohibited from entry unless they are citizens or residents of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Passengers eligible for entry must present a negative PCR certificate, with a QR code, administered within 48 hours of their departure, undergo further testing upon arrival, and on their 10th day of mandatory quarantine. Payment for testing may be made on arrival or through the 'BeAware Bahrain' application.

For travellers' convenience, designated quarantine centres

licensed by the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) are available.

Passengers with an address in Bahrain, registered in their name or the name of an immediate family member, may complete their 10-day mandatory quarantine at that residence. Passengers aged six and below are exempt from these requirements.

All other travel procedures for arrivals from non-Red List countries remain in place.

Red list countries are modified based on an assessment made by the national medical taskforce and is periodically reviewed in line with international developments.