

HH Shaikh Nasser hails efforts of “Feena Khair” committee

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His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday praised the efforts of the coordination committee of “Feena Khair” campaign in charge of distributing the aid.

The Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, National Security Advisor and Board of Trustees Chairman of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) directed the committee to ensure that it reaches the needy.

This came during the committee's second meeting held under the chairmanship of RHF Secre-

tary-General Dr Mustafa Al Sayed, the committee chairman.

He said the meeting shed light on visions and proposals which include assisting needy and productive families, contributing to sterilisation and disinfection of villages and cities, providing computers for school students, supporting the needy and helping people with special needs.

The committee also underscored the importance of boosting social awareness of coronavirus pandemic by distributing multi-language stickers, particularly among expatriate workers who have a high rate of infection among them.



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa during an inspection visit to one of the units, yesterday. The commander-in-chief reviewed the unit's administrative and combat readiness, as well as its military preparations and work progress. Shaikh Khalifa expressed his deep appreciation and pride in the competency and professionalism of the BDF members in carrying out their duties.

Bahrain ambassador to Tokyo assures students full assistance

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Bahrain's Ambassador to Japan, Ahmed Mohammed Al-Dosari, affirmed the embassy's readiness to help Bahraini students in Japanese universities.

This came as the ambassador gave on Wednesday evening, a virtual lecture for a group of Bahraini students studying abroad.

The event was organised by the

Bahrain Institute for Political Development (BIPD) in cooperation with the Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa Academy for Diplomatic Studies under the title “Ambassadors of the Nation” as part of a series of lectures via the Internet.

The ambassador advised those wishing to return home to register through Wejhaty or contact the Kingdom's embassies abroad.

For peaceful co-existence

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● **Archbishop Niphon prayed to God the Almighty to remove the deadly pandemic**

● **Chairman of the Baha'i Social Society, said the health crisis has revived human communities' collective effort**

● **The representative of Buddhism in Thailand prayed for the good of humanity amid the current circumstances**

● **The representative of the Hindu community expressed hope that humanity will overcome the pandemic soon**

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They also valued highly the efforts exerted by the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence to directly interact with all global initiatives aimed at strengthening the unity and solidarity of the entire humanity.

Board of Trustees Chairman of the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence, Dr Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, said that the centre's participation in the 14th May Global Day of Prayer translates HM the King's directives and visions on adopting and responding to all international calls aimed at enhancing solidarity among all human beings.

Grand Mufti of the Republic of Chechnya, Shaikh Salakh



Indeed, this day gathers believers from all over the world of different religions and different origins, bringing a message of hope and solidarity in this difficult stage in which the world must strengthen human rapprochement to face the pandemic. The COVID-19 crisis knows no border and affects all countries. It reminds us that we must remain united and that the international challenges of the 21st century can only be addressed globally and multilaterally. This coexistence reflects the sense of diversity and openness that will help to overcome all challenges and promote prosperity in the Kingdom of Bahrain

JÉRÔME CAUCHARD, FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO BAHRAIN



Bahrain is once again demonstrating the importance it places on the consolidation of religious freedoms, regardless of ethnicity or religious background. Today will be a moment of reflection, hope, unity and collective responsibility to help the world recover from this pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us all that working together can promote a positive change, helping us overcome difficulties we may face and make the world a better place

RODERICK DRUMMOND, UK AMBASSADOR TO BAHRAIN

Mezhev, praised HM the King's kind invitation in the event devoted to prayer for the good of humanity.

The representative of the Antiochian Church in Moscow, Archbishop Niphon Seikaly, expressed honour in participating in the event at the invitation of HM King Hamad.

Archbishop Niphon prayed to God the Almighty to remove the deadly pandemic, grant the patients quick recovery and rest the souls of those who died in eternal peace.

The executive director of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS), Imam Muhammad Magid, and the representative of the Shiite community in Lebanon, Sayyid Ali Al-Amin, supplicated Allah the Almighty to protect humanity from the coronavirus.

Patriarch Mar Ignatius Avram II, in his prayer, wished coronavirus patients speedy recovery, praying to God the Almighty to protect humanity from epidemics, evil and poverty.

Chairman of the Baha'i Social Society, Badie Al-Baha'i,

said that the health crisis that has affected humanity in various fields in an unprecedented way has revived human communities' collective efforts, expressing confidence in the ability to overcome the pandemic thanks to the ongoing solidarity and cohesion among all.

The representative of the Hindu community, Yadunathji Maharaj, said that the whole world is suffering from the spread of the virus, expressing hope that humanity will overcome the pandemic soon.

Reverend Johnnie Moore indicated that Bahrain's participation in the global call for prayer for humanity is in line with its leading example of tolerance with other religions, based on a long history of communication, acceptance of the other and adoption of peace.

In a related context, Professor of History of Religions at the King Hamad Chair in Interfaith Dialogue and Peaceful Co-Existence at the Sapienza University, Italy, Alessandro Saggiore, highlighted the importance of prayer in reducing

human problems and sufferings, noting that the current crisis resulting from COVID-19 requires everyone to pray for the good of humanity.

The representative of Buddhism in Thailand prayed for the good of humanity amid the current circumstances, wishing people from all religions and sects every success in overcoming the pandemic.

Jewish Rabbi, David Rosen, from the United Kingdom, said: “We are very grateful for the honour given to us to participate in holding Jewish prayers on behalf of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the world in the face of the Coronavirus pandemic. We pray to God to treat our patients and protect all human lives and pure souls from this virus. Through our joint prayers around the world, we will learn to spread love and peace among all our people Humans”.

Rabbi David Rosen prayed to God to preserve Bahrain-King, government and people, wishing the kingdom and its tolerant society everlasting security, peace, stability and prosperity.

Smuggling of maids: Police arrests two

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The Directorate of Anti-human Trafficking and the Protection of Public Morals at the Ministry of Interior yesterday arrested two Asian nationals for smuggling maids into the Kingdom.

Police arrested the men a 33 and 42-year-old Asian nationals following an investigation into a video clip that went viral on social media.

In a statement, Interior ministry confirmed the incident and said: “33 and 42-year-old Asians, who were involved in smuggling of nine maids of African nationality, were arrested.” Necessary legal measures are taken, the statement said.

Salons warned against home services

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The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism has warned hairdressing salons in the Kingdom not to operate under any circumstance or to provide any of the services either at their shops or customers' homes.

The ministry also ordered to remove all old advertisements offering home services, which is currently banned by law.

Announcing the decision, the ministry said these advertisements are creating confusion among the general public, hence should be removed immediately.

The ministry earlier ordered to close all Women and Men salons in the Kingdom as a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Strict actions will be taken against all those flouting the



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laws and regulations, said The Control and Resources, Abdulaziz Al-Ashraf.

Derasat issues reports on coronavirus crisis

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Proximity to Iran acted as a major factor in the ‘quick and surprising’ spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in the Gulf region, according to a new report by Derasat.

The report by Dr Ashraf Mohammed Keshk also pins the blame on the high number of expatriate workers for the outbreak, which he finds as “surprising and rapid”.

The observations in the “Gulf countries’ management of coronavirus crisis” report is authored by The Director of Strategic and International Studies Programme at the Bahrain Centre for Strategic, International and Energy Studies.

Another report, also by Dr



Keshk, on international relations linked to the virus, focuses on a change in the international relations linked to the virus.

The report describes how the global system since the end of the Second World War has been based on the policies of victorious countries and incidents like that on September 11, 2001 influenced major power's policies.