

# Manama 'healthiest city' in Middle East

Top World Health Organisation award given to Bahrain capital for advanced health services and balanced quality of life for citizens and residents

● A fruitful outcome of investment in health infrastructure and urban development

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The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared Manama a "Health City 2021", the first capital city in the Middle East to have received such an honour, adding a new international achievement to the Kingdom's rich record of accomplishments.

The declaration was made during a virtual ceremony held by the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean.

Health Minister Faeqa bint Said Al Saleh, Capital Governor Shaikh Hesham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Dr Ahmed Al Mandhari, and a number of Bahraini officials participated in the online ceremony.

Minister Al Saleh lauded the constant support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to



Minister Al Saleh with Governor Shaikh Hesham

the health sector, and the sound directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to intensify efforts that achieve the best for the citizens and residents.

She said that it has led to naming Manama as the Health City 2021, adding to Bahrain's achievements in the health and environmental fields, in addition to social and urban development.

Al Saleh congratulated Capital Governor Shaikh Hesham on the exploit which contributes to achieving most sustainable development goals and consolidating the Kingdom's international status.

The Minister pointed out that Manama's advanced health services and programmes have contributed to its adoption as the "Health City 2021".

The Capital Governor dedicated the international achieve-



A new international achievement for Bahrain

ment to HM King Hamad and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, noting that it is the fruitful outcome of Bahrain's investment in health infrastructure and urban development and keenness to improve the quality of life at all levels.

The Governor paid tribute to Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa for his close follow-up and directives to consolidate the "health city" concept, contribute to im-

proving the quality of life and focus on distinction in serving the citizens and residents.

He expressed thanks and appreciation to the Health Minister, the World Health Organisation, Regional Technical Officer for Community-Based Initiatives and Healthy Settings, Dr Samar Al Faqih, and the Health Cities' Committee at the Capital Governorate, for their contributions to Manama's achievement. Dr Al Mandhari said that Ma-

nama is the second capital in the region to receive the title, and the second city in Bahrain, after Umm Al Hassam.

He lauded the interactive health, cultural, social, economic, environmental and community partnership programmes launched by the Capital Governorate.

Dr Al Mandhari also asserted that Bahrain's experience in combating the COVID-19 pandemic is among the most successful at the international level.



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## Foreign Minister attends Arab meetings in Doha

● Top regional and international issues discussed

Doha

Foreign Minister Minister Dr Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani participated yesterday in the consultative meeting of Arab Foreign Ministers, which was held in Doha.

Chaired by Qatar Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, the session was attended Arab League Secretary-General Ahmed Aboul Gheit.

The Ministers discussed a number of issues related to the process of joint Arab action, the challenges facing the Arab world, the political and security situations in a number of Arab countries, and means to



Minister Al Zayani at the meeting

enhance cooperation and joint coordination towards regional and international issues and topics.

Dr Al Zayani also participated in the meeting of Arab League Council in its extraordinary session which focused on issue of Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), at the request of Egypt and Sudan.

The ministers approved a resolution submitted by Egypt, which affirmed that the water

security of Egypt and Sudan is an integral part of Arab national security, and rejected any action or measure that would prejudice their rights in the Nile waters.

The resolution also stressed the importance of reaching a fair, balanced and legally binding agreement on the Renaissance Dam that achieves the common interests of the three countries and preserves the water rights of of Egypt and Sudan.

The resolution expressed concern about the stalled negotiations due to the positions adopted by Ethiopia, and its announced intention to continue filling the reservoir of the Renaissance Dam during the upcoming flood season in the summer of 2021.

It considered the move as a unilateral measure that violates the rules of international law, which may cause harm to the water interests of Egypt and Sudan, especially the water facilities in Sudan, the most important of which is the Roseires Dam.

The resolution called on Ethiopia to refrain from taking any unilateral measures that harm the water interests of Egypt and Sudan, including refraining from filling the Renaissance Dam reservoir without reaching an agreement on the rules for filling and operating the dam.

## Bahrain strongly condemns terrorist attack in Somalia

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Bahrain strongly condemned the terrorist attack that targeted an army camp in Mogadishu, Somalia, leaving dozens dead and injured.

The Foreign Ministry extended sincere condolences to the families of the victims, the Somali government and

people, wishing the wounded quick recovery.

It affirmed Bahrain's solidarity with the Somali government in its efforts to eliminate terrorist organisations.

It reiterated its unequivocal rejection of all forms of extremism and terrorism, urging concerted efforts to combat terrorism and dry up its sources of funding.

## NSSA participates in global space science conference

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The National Space Science Agency (NSSA) participated in the first international forum on "Space Science: Importance, Challenges, and New Opportunities in the Space Industry and the Islamic World", hosted in Rabat by the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) in partnership with the American Space Foundation.

The forum was held with the participation of more than 34 elite experts in space sciences and related industries, a number of astronauts, representatives of space agencies and ministries of science and technology in a number of member countries of the organisation, and researchers and entrepreneurs from the Islamic world and beyond.

It discussed several topics, such as awareness of space ecosystems, the importance of space technology for humanity, space commerce and job opportunities available in the space industry, and ways to qualify and develop the future workforce for innovation in the space field.



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NSSA CEO Dr Mohamed Ebrahim Al Aseeri said that there is undoubtedly pride in the Bahraini experience in the space technology field and the efforts made to achieve development goals.

He noted that the Kingdom has made great strides in the right direction since it has achieved many goals that are the focus of this forum in the past few years.

## BDF Commander-in-Chief receives Romanian military attache



Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, received Romanian Military Attache Colonel Dorel Sandu. Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa praised the existing relations between the two friendly countries, which are constantly witnessing development and progress in various fields, especially in the field of military cooperation.

## Speaker reviews cooperation with Belgian Chamber of Representatives head



Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal virtually met President of the Belgian Chamber of Representatives, Eliane Tillieux. The meeting reviewed a number of topics of common interest. The Speaker praised the deep Bahraini-Belgian relations, and the keenness of the Kingdom to develop cooperation in various fields, in light of the comprehensive development process of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. Zainal affirmed the council's keenness to exchange meetings with the Belgian Chamber of Representatives at the level of members and the General Secretariat.