

BDF Commander

Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa inspecting one of the BDF units. The commander in chief received a briefing on the military preparations and the stages of work progress. Shaikh Khalifa valued the efforts of BDF men in protecting the country.

Joint exercise

Lieutenant-General Tariq bin Hassan Al-Hassan, the Head of Public Security at the Public Security Officers Club, inaugurated the activities of the joint security leadership exercise, in the presence of Major General Dr Shaikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, the Assistant Head of Public Security For Operations and Training Affairs, with the participation of various departments of the Ministry of Interior, and Bahrain Defence Force employees. The exercise focused on ensuring the general readiness of all concerned parties.

Not a ban or warning, but for a healthy lifestyle: MoH issues clarification on cheese products circular

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In a clarification issued on Wednesday, the Health Ministry said a circular issued by Health Promotion Department regarding a "cheese product" was not a ban or warning against its consumption, but a guideline for pursuing healthy lifestyles.

The guidelines, MoH statements said, include health information and facts from recognised sources for moderating and balancing eating habits.

It aims at enhancing physical activity and reducing foods and drinks that pose health risks when consumed in higher quantities or in a way harmful to health.

The products, the ministry said, available in the markets of the Kingdom follow relevant certification procedures approved by the GCC nations.

"Such products also come with a health card for consumers to know the ingredients used."

The components included in cheese or "cheese-like" products can be identified by reading the list of ingredients on the packet to ensure health benefits.

The statement said that the ministry puts the health of individuals on top priority and seeks to help them change unhealthy behaviours through awareness programmes.

AIPU meeting

Speaker of the Council of Representatives and Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the parliamentary delegation, Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal, yesterday addressed the 32nd conference of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (AIPU) held under the theme "Arab Solidarity". The Speaker stressed commitment to Bahrain's firm approach based on cooperation and solidarity, Palestine cause and the urgent need for Arab parliaments to deepen the one-team spirit. She called on to stand united in the face of the Houthi terrorist practices aimed at disturbing Arab security and urged Arab lawmakers to denounce Iran's blatant interference in internal affairs.

Indian Ambassador

Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, received yesterday at the Ministry's headquarters, Piyush Shrivastav, the Ambassador of India to Bahrain. Discussions focused on historical ties that unites Bahrain and India and boosting ties to broader horizons, enhancing opportunities for bilateral cooperation and issues of common interest. Ambassador Fatima Abdullah Al Dhaen, the Head of the Afro-Asian Affairs Sector at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was present.

No dispute over the mechanism of dialogue with Qatar: Foreign Minister

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Dr Abdul Latif bin Rashid Al Zayani, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, yesterday denied Bahrain having any dispute with Qatar over the mechanism of dialogue to settle unresolved issues.

Bahrain, the minister said, is committed to the declaration of the 41st Gulf Cooperation Council summit in Al-Ula, Saudi Arabia.

During his meeting with the editors-in-chief of local newspapers yesterday, the ministry clarified that the delay in restoring ties with Qatar is due to a lack of agreement on mechanisms for resolving the dispute.

"But, there is no dispute over bilateral dialogue mechanism," the minister stressed.



The minister explained that the Kingdom invited the Qatari side three times but elicited zero response.

Bahrain, he said, suggested holding the bilateral meeting of the technical committee at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council in Riyadh.

The Cooperation Council had informed Doha about Bahrain's request, but they are yet to respond to this proposal.

iGA CE chairs inaugural meeting of 'Taqyeem 3'

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Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) Chief Executive, Mohammed Ali Al Qaed, yesterday chaired the inaugural meeting of the Taqyeem Committee, following a decision to restructure it.

The committee will continue to be chaired by Al Qaed, with members Dr Raed Shams, Yousif Mohammed Al Binkhalil, Dr Hamad Ebrahim Abdulla, Osama Saleh Hashem Al Alawi, Shaikh Muath bin Duaij Al Khalifa, Dr Mohammed Abdulla Baqer, Nada Abdulmajeed Al Qassab, Hussain Ali Al Shehab, Fadheela Ebrahim Mohammed Al Akram, and Ahmed Abd El Hay Al Awadhi.

Al Qaed thanked the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, for issuing the decision to restructure the committee.



The committee discussed the nomination of the Bahrain Institute of Public Administration Director-General, Dr Raed Mohammed bin Shams, as Deputy Chairman and Ahmed Al Awadhi as Rapporteur, and the third cycle of the 'government service centre evaluation programme' up for implementation through April 2022.

They also reviewed the results of field visits set to continue until the middle of this month to 88 customer service centres belonging to 18 government entities.

The 'mystery shopper' programme will also continue and will award the best centres. Discussions also focused on restructuring the central team, which consists of representatives of government entities that do not provide direct services to the public.

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Jaffari Endowments auctions seven residential complexes; attracts 75 bids

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The Chairman of the Jaffari Endowments Council, Youssef bin Saleh Al-Saleh, announced receiving 75 bids for seven housing complexes in the Northern Governorate yesterday.

The public auction, Al Saleh said, was broadcast live on the administration's digital channels in the presence of members of the Jaffari Endowments Council and Muhammad Jaafar Al-Husseini, the Director of the Jaffari Endowments Department.

Al Saleh said the Jaffari Endowments is moving forward with offering real estate for leasing and investment through auctions.

"With these steps, we seek to enhance governance, transparency and equal opportuni-



ties for investors and tenants and strengthen their ties with official authorities," said Al Saleh.

He stressed, "We are working actively to develop coordination and cooperation with economic authorities and the business sector."

Muhammad Al-Hussaini, Director of the Jaffari Endow-

ments Department, said they yesterday opened 75 bids received for auctioning seven residential complexes in the Northern governorate.

The Investment Management and Endowment Real Estate Department will study the opened bids to make recommendations to the council for approval.

Charity fest

The 23rd edition a charity festival opened doors in the presence of Sheikha Marwa bint Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Bahrain Mother and Child Society president, Sheikha Hind Bint Salman Al Khalifa, Sheikha Thajba bint Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, wife of Sheikh Salman bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Survey and Real Estate Registration Authority, yesterday at Harbour Row - Horizon. Several Bahraini institutions, shops and business owners are participating in the expo. Sheikha Hind said the market reflects the productive capabilities of Bahraini women and their ability to contribute to the economic development of the Kingdom.

Fatima Al Kooheji named Chairperson of AIPU Woman and Child Committee

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The Shura Council member, Dr Fatima Abduljabbar Al Kooheji, has been elected Chairperson of the Woman and Child Committee of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (AIPU).

The election took place during the participation of the Bahraini parliamentary delegation, led by Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal, in the 32nd conference of AIPU being held in Cairo under the theme "Arab Solidarity".

During the Woman and Child Committee meeting, Dr Al Kooheji underlined the importance of activating the role of women in Arab societies, pointing out the need to boost their participation in international gatherings.