

Bahrain begin Asian Games campaign

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Earthquake hits central Italy

AFP | Rome

A 4.8-magnitude earthquake struck central Italy north of Florence yesterday morning, sending residents into the streets but causing no immediate damage, authorities said. Schools were closed in some areas as a precaution and trains were delayed pending checks on the railway lines.

Italy's National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology (INGV) measured the quake at 4.8 on the Richter scale, with its epicentre near Marradi, a town of about 3,000 residents in the province of Florence within the Apennine mountain range.

HM King praises RBAF personnel's patriotism

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, commended the patriotic efforts exerted by the brave Royal Bahraini Air Force (RBAF) personnel to protect the nation.

HM the King praised their sincere determination, round-the-clock combat readiness and distinguished skills to carry out their sacred duties of defending the nation, its accomplishments and the security of its citizens, alongside their valiant brethren from the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF).

His Majesty was speaking as he paid a visit yesterday to the Royal Bahraini Air Force (RBAF).



HM the King visits the Royal Bahraini Air Force

He congratulated all RBAF affiliates on receiving "F-16 Block 70" fighter jets, which are the among the latest and most effective military aircraft, as part of the plans to advance all BDF branches.

HM King Hamad commanded the ongoing military cooperation with brotherly and friendly countries to contribute to safeguarding regional security and global peace, as well as protecting navigation and the flow of



energy supplies, in addition to regional and global trade.

HM the King, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces greeted a number of RBAF pilots who were gracing by taking souvenir photos with HM.

HM the King requested RBAF pilots to convey his greetings and appreciation to all RBAF officers, non-commissioned officers and servicemen, wishing all of them continued success.

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US F-35 stealth jet disappears from skies

AFP | Washington

The US military scrambled yesterday to locate a stealth jet that went missing after the pilot ejected - with the failure to track the aircraft drawing amazement and ridicule in equal measure.

When the F-35 disappeared over South Carolina on Sunday, Joint Base Charleston (JBC) issued a plaintive call on social media asking for anyone who had information to call in.

The JBC said that "based on the jet's last-known position" the search was centered around two large lakes north of Charleston, suggesting it may have crashed.

Proposed law to ban 'offensive' clothing in China

AFP | Beijing

Clothing that "hurts the feelings" of the nation could soon be outlawed in China, according to recent draft revisions to legislation, with their vagueness sparking concern over the broad scope for interpretation and enforcement.

The proposed law states that both speech and clothing deemed "harmful to the spirit of the Chinese people" or that "hurts the feelings" of the nation will result in fines or even jail time.

Bahrain and US ties reach new heights

Cabinet hails HRH Prince Salman's successful official visit to the US

Kingdom vows to support countries in need as part of royal directives

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The Cabinet yesterday commended His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's official visit to the US and the strengthening of Bahrain-US strategic relations.

This came as the Cabinet reviewed a report on HRH Prince Salman's successful visit to the US, highlighting its importance and the meetings that he had with US senior officials.

It affirmed that the longstanding Bahrain-US strategic relations will be further strengthened following the signing of the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement, which will enhance



HRH Prince Salman chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

the two countries' cooperation across a range of areas, from defence and security to emerging technology, trade, and investment.

During yesterday's weekly meeting at Gudaibiya Palace, chaired by HRH Prince Salman, the Cabinet highlighted the

Kingdom's longstanding commitment to supporting countries in need, guided by the vision and directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

It acknowledged the recent directives to provide humanitarian aid to several regions in the eastern region of Libya,

expressing condolences to the nation for the victims of the devastating floods. The Cabinet also reviewed measures taken to assist those affected by the earthquake in Morocco.

The Cabinet expressed its sincere condolences to Libya for the victims of the floods, and wished a speedy recovery for those injured, and for the safe return of those who are missing.

Praise for Saudi efforts

The Cabinet welcomed the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's efforts, in coordination with the Sultanate of Oman, to invite a delegation from Sana'a to Riyadh to hold discussions in an effort to reach a compromise and permanent ceasefire in the Republic of Yemen and a sustainable political solution acceptable to all Yemeni parties.

The meeting also aims to strengthen and expand the humanitarian truce and discuss reaching a sustainable political

solution acceptable to all Yemeni parties under the sponsorship of the United Nations.

The Cabinet reaffirmed the position of the Bahrain in support of the Saudi initiative announced in March 2021.

The Cabinet congratulated the King, government, and people of Saudi Arabia on their National Day. The Cabinet commended the achievements made by Saudi Arabia under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and the support of His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia.

In recognition of the International Day of Peace, the Cabinet affirmed Bahrain's commitment to promoting peace to achieve the shared goals of enhancing security and stability and establishing coexistence at the regional and global levels.

