

Celebrating Light-1 satellite's success

HM King Hamad, HRH Prince Salman and HH Shaikh Nasser receive congratulations on historic Light-1 launch

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received more messages of congratulations royal family members, ministers, and senior government as well as private sector key officials following the successful launch of the first joint Bahraini-Emirati satellite Light-1 on Tuesday.

They also expressed their pride on His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor, Commander of the Royal Guard, and Secretary General of the Supreme Defence Council, and his achievements in various scientific fields to raise the Kingdom's status at all levels.

The joint nanosatellite Light-1 successfully arrived at the International Space Station (ISS). It was carried aboard a Falcon 9 rocket which launched the SpaceX CRS-24 commercial resupply mission from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, US, at 1:06pm Tuesday, in Bahrain (2:06 UAE time).

The nanosatellite was built and designed in collaboration between the UAE Space Agency and Bahrain's National Space Science Agency (NSSA). The pro-



HM the King



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister



Making Bahrain proud

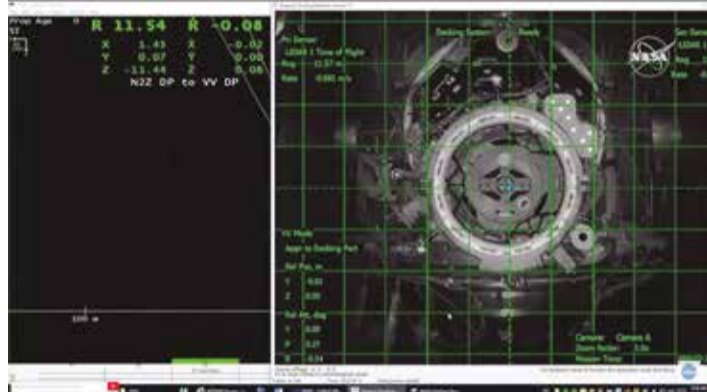


HH Shaikh Nasser



Naming the satellite after HM the King's "First Light" book reflects the great ambitions of His Majesty and reflects the royal vision for a prosperous future for different generations.

ject was executed at Khalifa University and New York University Abu Dhabi.



The Light-1 satellite successfully arrives at the International Space Station

After reaching its orbit around Earth, Light-1 will monitor and study terrestrial gamma ray flashes from thunderstorms and cumulus clouds. It will be the first study of its kind in the region.

Congratulatory messages

came from: Deputy Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Justice, Islamic

Affairs and Endowments Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, Education Minister Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi, Transportation and Telecommunications Minister Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed

National Space Science Agency (NSSA) CEO Dr. Mohammad Ibrahim Al Aseeri, HM the King's Advisor for Diplomatic Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Deputy Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Shaikh Duajj bin Salman bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council of Health (SCH), Lieutenant General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa

His Highness Shaikh Hamad bin Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa, Royal Court Affairs

Minister, His Highness Shaikh Ali bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, HRH Crown Prince's Court Chief Shaikh Salman bin Ahmed bin Salman Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Cabinet Affairs Minister HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa

Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) President Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, National Financial and Administrative Audit Office (NAO) President Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Chief Executive of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Survey and Land Registration Bureau (SLRB)'s President Shaikh Salman bin Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Attorney General, Dr Ali bin Fadhel Al Buainin.

HM King deputises BDF Chief to attend officers graduation ceremony



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander, has deputised the Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, to attend the graduation ceremony of the 23rd session of candidate university officers, held yesterday at the Isa Military College, in the presence of Defence Affairs Minister, Lieutenant-General

Abdulla bin Hassan Al Nuaimi. Some holy Quran verses were recited, and then the graduates staged a military parade. A briefing on the session was given, and the results were announced.

After that, the Defence Affairs Minister presented awards to top achievers. The graduates took the official oath and received their graduation certificates.

The minister conveyed the congratulations of the BDF Chief to the graduates, as well as his

praise of their success in meeting all the requirements of the training during the session.

The minister congratulated the graduates on the tremendous efforts they had exerted throughout the session in order to acquire military sciences.

Lieutenant-General Al Nuaimi expressed delight at the graduation of the 23rd batch of candidate officers, wishing them every success in performing their patriotic duties and tasks, along with their brethren

from various BDF branches, so that the BDF continues defending the kingdom, under the leadership of HM the King.

Chief-of-Staff, Lieutenant-General Dheyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, Defence Affairs Ministry's Undersecretary, Major-General Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Assistant Chief-of-Staff for Human Resources, Major-General Shaikh Ali bin Rashid Al Khalifa, and senior BDF officers attended the graduation ceremony.



The graduation ceremony in progress

Memo signed to boost Bahrain and Egypt parliamentary cooperation



A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed yesterday by Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal and Egypt's House of Representatives Speaker Dr Hanafy Ali El-Gebali. The memo, signed at the Egyptian House of Representatives headquarters in Cairo, aims to boost parliamentary cooperation and fraternal ties between the two brotherly countries.

Italian President receives Bahraini Ambassador to Rome



Italian President Sergio Mattarella received the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Italy, Dr Nasser Mohammed Al Balushi, at the Presidential Palace in Rome, during a reception hosted for the ambassadors and heads of diplomatic missions accredited in Rome. During the meeting, Mattarella welcomed the Bahraini ambassador, praising relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries in various fields. He also stressed the Italy's keenness to further advance these relations for the benefit of the two friendly countries and peoples.