

HM King receives HRH Prince Edward, Duke of Edinburgh

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Duke of Edinburgh. His Majesty welcomed HRH Prince Edward, who conveyed the greetings of His Majesty King Charles III of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Head of the Commonwealth.

HM King Hamad relayed his greetings to HM King Charles III, wishing him abundant health and happiness.

HM King Hamad praised the long-standing Bahrain-UK relations and cooperation in various sectors.

He commended the efforts of HM King Charles III in developing bilateral relations between the two countries.

The Duke of Edinburgh offered his condolences to HM King Hamad over the fallen servicemen.

HRH hailed HM the King's efforts in further developing relations between Bahrain and the UK. Meanwhile, the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation, which has over 160,000 volunteers globally, hosted a prestigious event at the British School of Bahrain (BSB) Campus, in Hamala.

The school was honoured to welcome His Royal Highness Prince Edward, The Duke of Edinburgh, for this special occasion, and together with high level dignitaries, they celebrated the positive impact of the Award within the Kingdom over the past, present and future.

Bahrain committed to bolstering Saudi ties

● Praise for Saudi-Bahraini Coordination Council

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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, expressed their pride in the deep-rooted relations between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, and their historical development milestones.

They stressed Bahrain's keenness to continue enriching these bilateral relations to achieve the common aspirations of the two countries.

HM the King and HRH Prince Salman were speaking as they received yesterday the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Highness Prince Faisal bin Abdullah Al Saud, at Riffa Palace.

His Majesty praised the sincere efforts made by the Saudi-Bahraini Coordination Council, headed by HRH Prince Salman and Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz.

HM King Hamad also praised the pioneering role of Saudi Arabia under its leadership in serving GCC, Arab and Islamic issues.



HM the King and HRH Prince Salman receive the Saudi Foreign Minister

The Saudi Foreign Minister expressed his gratitude to HM the King for the generous hospitality, and his pride in His Majesty's efforts to consolidate the Bahraini-Saudi bonds.

Greetings

HRH Prince Faisal conveyed the greetings of King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and their sincere wishes of further progress and advancement to Bahrain.

His Majesty the King thanked the Saudi Foreign Minister and relayed his greetings to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and Saudi Crown Prince, and his appreciation for their noble sentiments in offering condolences over the loss of the fallen servicemen.

Longstanding relations

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted the longstanding relations between the two Kingdoms, which have been strengthened thanks to the efforts of His Majesty King Hamad and King Salman.

HRH Prince Salman noted Bahrain's commitment to strengthening relations to further joint development and prosperity.

He also commended the ongoing efforts made by HRH Prince



Mohammed in furthering the Bahrain-Saudi Arabia partnership.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister greeted the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and HRH Prince Mohammed, wishing Saudi Arabia and its people continued progress and prosperity.

Condolences

His Royal Highness thanked the Saudi leadership for their condolences regarding the Kingdom's fallen servicemen, who honourably took part in the Saudi-led Arab Coalition Forces at the southern border of Saudi Arabia.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted Saudi Arabia's influential role

in championing the causes of GCC, Arab and Islamic nations.

He then hosted a luncheon in honour of HH Prince Faisal bin Farhan's visit to the Kingdom.

For his part, HH Prince Faisal bin Farhan extended his gratitude for the opportunity to meet with His Royal Highness, commending HRH's role in strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation across various fields.

The Deputy Prime Minister, HE Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior, HE General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, HE Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, and the Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, also attended the meeting.

Vow to enhance Bahrain-UK partnership

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Bahrain is committed to furthering the Bahrain-UK partnership, which continues to expand joint development to benefit both countries and their people.

This was emphasised by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as he met with His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward, at Gudaibiya Palace.

He welcomed The Duke of Edinburgh and the accompanying delegation to the Kingdom of Bahrain.



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets with the Duke of Edinburgh

HRH Prince Salman highlighted the depth of Bahrain-UK ties, which are based on a longstanding history of cooperation and coordination, in line with the Kingdom's comprehensive de-

velopment, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Regional and international issues of common interest were also discussed.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and the Minister of Education, HE Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, also attended the meeting.

Teenage girl killer jailed for life in 'Sanad murder' case

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A 35-year-old man accused of murdering a teenage girl has been spared execution and instead received a life sentence in prison.

In the penultimate hearing before the verdict was announced, the defendant made a desperate plea to the court, stating that he killed her because she had blackmailed him with photos and videos, demanding money in exchange for those clips.

His lawyer passionately appealed for understanding of the circumstances around the murder, emphasising the alleged blackmail that influenced the accused's actions. However, the public attorney strongly urged the court to impose capital punishment.

Throughout the trial, the prosecution built a solid case against the accused, presenting his detailed confession as a central pillar of evidence. Testimony from the investigating officer further confirmed the accused's involvement in the premeditated murder and other related crimes.

The forensic doctor's report, based on thorough investigations, aligned perfectly with the accused's statements.

Shockingly, the defendant burst into tears while stand-



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ing in the dock during the first hearing of the trial, saying, "I killed her because she was blackmailing me with photos and clips, and she was demanding money for those clips."

He added, "I unintentionally killed her after hitting her on the neck, causing her to faint. She bled from her mouth and nose. Then I strangled her and kept her in my car for a whole day."

The defendant, narrating the details of his crime while crying, mentioned that the next day he placed a piece of iron around the victim's neck to ensure her death. He continued, "I headed to the coast of Sanad with the victim's body and placed it under a tree before leaving the area."

The defendant was arrested after the girl's decomposed body was found hidden. Police officers launched intensive investigations, which led to the arrest of the defendant.



Saudi Foreign Minister arrives

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Highness Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah Al Saud, arrived in Bahrain yesterday. The minister was received upon arrival by Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Dr. Mohammad Ali Behzad, Undersecretary for Consular, and Administrative Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Saleh bin Falah Al Otaibi, Deputy Saudi Ambassador to Bahrain.