

Security threats reviewed

Interior Minister stresses strong bilateral ties as he receives US delegation

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General Shaikh Rashid holds talk with the delegation led by Mr Wechsler.

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Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa yesterday received a delegation from the US-based Atlantic Council chaired by Director for Middle East Programmes and Director of the Rafik Hariri Centre for the Middle East at the council, William Wechsler.

The minister welcomed the delegation, hailing the role of the council in conducting studies and analysis in homeland security and foreign policies to exchange expertise in the protection of international security and peace.

The council is a think tank in

the field of international affairs. It provides a forum for international political, business, and intellectual leaders.

The minister highlighted the importance of the visit to exchange views about efforts to reinforce international counter-terrorism cooperation and achieving regional security and stability.

He underscored that his last visit to the US in April was positive as part of the strong relations between the two countries and the common interest to develop them.

He asserted that His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa had reinforced democracy in

Bahrain in a way that support efforts to face challenges and strengthen good citizenship, loyalty and nationalism.

He said that Bahrain would move forward towards a bright and secure future for all members of society as part of ongoing efforts to reinforce reform and justice.

He reviewed security challenges and terrorism in the region, along with mechanisms to deal with them, highlighting the Iranian interference in the internal affairs of countries, including Bahrain through financing terrorist cells and supplying them with weapons and explosives, sheltering terrorists and train

them at the Iranian Revolutionary Guards camps.

He hailed security co-operation and co-ordination between Bahrain and the US, including the coast guard co-operation.

He mentioned the steps taken by the Interior Ministry to modernise its security authorities and reinforce security co-operation in training, counterterrorism, promoting cybersecurity and fighting cross-border crimes.

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New premises of Good Word Society inaugurated

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A new building housing the Good Word Society and the Muharraaq Elderly Care Home has opened its doors as Bahrain Basketball Association (BBA) Chairman and Good Word Society Honorary President, Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa inaugurated the headquarters yesterday.

Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel Humaidan attended the inauguration ceremony, in addition to a number of other officials and dignitaries.

Shaikh Isa cut the ribbon and

toured the new premises and stressed its importance in serving social, charity and voluntary work.

He paid tribute to Aisha Ahmed Almoayyed Mebarrah and Farooq Almoayyed for their dedicated support to charity and voluntary works in the society.

He congratulated the affiliates of the Good Word Society on the opening of the new premises.

Mr Humaidan also paid tribute to Bahraini families, including Almoayyeds, for their keenness on promoting community partnership.



Shaikh Isa cuts the ribbon in the presence of Mr Humaidan, Mr Almoayyed and other dignitaries.

Yoga for peace



Hundreds took part in a yoga event held at Khalifa Sports City Stadium, marking the International Day of Yoga, on Friday. The event was organised by the Indian Embassy along with the Ministry of Youth and Sport. Indian Ambassador Alok Kumar Sinha addressed the participants, highlighting the significance of yoga in leading a healthy, peaceful and stable life. Senior government officials, dignitaries and prominent expatriate community members attended the event.



Separately, Mr Sinha attended a yoga event hosted by the Bahrain Chapter of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. S Sridhar, representing the organisation, also spoke on the occasion.