

Lane closures



Sh. Khalifa Bin Salman Highway

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Two lanes on Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Highway will remain closed until Sunday at 5 am for improvements works. The closure began on Thursday at 11 pm. Works Ministry said it would keep open two other lanes for southbound traffic to Rifla and Hamad Town between Alqadam interchange and Saar interchange.

Sh. Zayed Highway

Separately, the ministry also announced the closure of a lane on Sh. Zayed Highway for westbound traffic. One lane will remain open. The closure, effective yesterday, from 11 pm continues until Sunday 5 am.

King Hamad Highway

Works are also ongoing on King Hamad Highway near Aluminium Bahrain (Alba).

A left turn will be denied for vehicles at junction 96 avenue for traffic going to Bapco until Saturday at 6 am. For southbound traffic, there will be only single lane opens near Alba gate until tomorrow at 6 am.

BDF commander inspects "RBNS Al-Zubara"

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BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday inspected Bahrain's newest addition to its fleet "RBNS Al-Zubara". Bahraini officials received "RBNS Al-Zubara" from BAE systems at a handover ceremony held in August at the HMNB Portsmouth Naval Base.



Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa receiving a memento

Defense Affairs Minister Lieutenant-General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, and Chief-of-Staff Lieutenant-General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, were present. The commander-in-chief conveyed the greetings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Com-

mander and Prime Minister. Shaikh Khalifa reviewed the ship's capabilities to work in adverse condition, ability to land various helicopters and advanced functionalities. The commander-in-chief affirmed that RBNS is one of the main pillars of the nation's strength thanks to the directives and vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.



Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa discussing ways to enhance bilateral ties with the UAE Ambassador Shaikh Sultan bin Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The minister congratulated him on the 49th National Day of his country, wishing the Emirati leadership and people further progress and prosperity. Discussions also focused on issues of common interest.

Utility bills payment will continue, says Minister

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Bahrain's Electricity Ministry will continue to pay the utility bills of citizens' first houses as announced earlier, confirmed Electricity Minister.



Wael bin Nasser Al-Mubarak

Wael bin Nasser Al-Mubarak, the Electricity and Water Affairs Minister, was answering a question raised by the MP Mamdouh Al-Sabeh during the weekly council of the Capital Municipality.

In his explanation, the ministers said the discussion for achieving financial balance is all about striking a balance between revenues and expenditures.

"It does not mean stopping government support," assured

the Minister. The Electricity and Water Affairs in July this year announced that it would pay the electricity and water bills of all Bahraini subscribers for their primary houses for three months, beginning July. The decision is conditioned on the requirement that the electricity bills do not exceed that of the same period last year.

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National Guard Staff Director Major General Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Saud Al Khalifa during a meeting with Major General Zahid Mahmood, Director General of Foreign Military Cooperation of the Pakistani Army and Chairman of the Bahraini-Pakistan Committee. The Guard Staff Director conveyed National Guard President General HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa's greetings, lauding the advanced ties between the National Guard and the Pakistani Armed Forces. Discussions also focused on issues of mutual interest.

Winners of King Hamad Prize for Agricultural Development honoured



Winners with Dr Nabeel Mohammed Abu Al Fateh during an honouring ceremony

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The winners of the King Hamad Prize for Agricultural Development were honoured by Dr Nabeel Mohammed Abu Al Fateh, the Agriculture and Marine Resources Undersecretary.

Dar Al-Nabas Farming Company Abdullah Al-Fahal won the award for the best agricultural production project category for their modern produc-

tion and operation methods. Hussain Jaafar and Muhammad Mohsen took the Best Bahraini Farmer Award for their cumulative knowledge and professionalism in maintaining palm trees, production quality and innovation in agricultural practices.

The award focuses on creating a competitive environment for agricultural projects' owners, farmers and researchers to advance the sector.

The undersecretary congratulated the winners and praised their efforts in developing the agricultural sector and its sustainability in the Kingdom.