

Cables sent

HIS Majesty King Hamad yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to Indian President Pranab Mukherjee on his country's Independence Day. Similar cables were sent by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, to President Mukherjee, Vice-President Mohammed Hamid Ansari and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. His Majesty also sent cables of congratulations to South Korean President Park Geun-hye and Congolese President Denis Sassou Nguesso on the occasion of their countries' national days.

Condolences received

HIS Majesty King Hamad yesterday received a cable of condolences from Qatari Amir Shaikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani on the death of Shaikh Isa bin Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa. His Majesty also received similar cables from Qatari Deputy Amir Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al Thani and Prime Minister and Interior Minister Shaikh Abdulla bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani.

Premier congratulated

HRH the Premier yesterday received a cable of congratulations from Ministry of Works, Municipalities and Urban Planning Affairs Under-Secretary for Agriculture and Marine Wealth Shaikh Khalifa bin Isa Al Khalifa and Shaikh Rashid bin Ibrahim Al Muraikhi and his sons on obtaining the Information and Communication Technology in Sustainable Development Award from the International Telecommunication Union.

Progress reviewed

MINISTRY of Works, Municipalities and Urban Planning Affairs Under-Secretary Ahmed Al Khayyat visited Abu Shaheen, Daibal and Noon Avenues in Riffa to inspect progress on the project. He was accompanied by roads assistant under-secretary Huda Fakhro, roads projects and maintenance director Sayyed Bader Alawi, ministry engineers and the project contractor. Mr Al Khayyat urged the team in charge of the implementation to complete the paving works along Abu Shaheen and Daibal Avenues by the end of August before the start of the school year. Work in the project comprise repaving roads at a length of 6.7km, repaving the avenues with asphalt, constructing parking spaces in front of shops, providing paved passages for pedestrians and installing traffic signs. The BD698,717,307 project was awarded to National Excavation Establishment and work commenced in November 23 last year.

IT course launched

BAHRAIN Polytechnic, in co-operation with Think Smart Institute, launched an advanced course in network engineering which was attended by 15 IT students from various levels. At the end of the course, students will receive Microsoft Certified Solution Associate (MCSA) certificate that qualifies them for several jobs opportunities such as system administrator, system engineer, network analyst, technical consultant and others. This course aims at providing college students with a variety of professional certificates demanded by the local and regional labour markets, in addition to private lessons that are pre-requisites for global professional certification.

Drugs suspect remanded

A PAKISTANI man has been remanded in custody pending trial for attempting to smuggle drugs into Bahrain. He had reportedly drilled a hole in a plank of wood where he stuffed eight nylon bags of heroin. A customs officer at Bahrain International Airport searched him and found him in possession of the 2kg heroin stash. The Anti-Narcotics Directorate referred the case to Public Prosecution which accused him of attempting to smuggle illicit drugs with the intent to sell. He will appear in the High Criminal Court on October 5 to face trial, reports our sister paper *Akhbar Al Khaleej*.

Clamp urged on hoax bombs

REPORTS regarding allegations of decriminalisation of planting hoax bombs was denied yesterday. The Interior Ministry legal affairs director recommended that the act of planting a fake bomb be considered under the terrorism law, which carries a sentence of up to 15 years, instead of the more lenient penal code law, which carries a jail term and/or fine. The government has requested the cancellation of the more lenient penalty in the penal code. He reiterated that the state does not tolerate acts that target the security of Bahrain, especially those that attempt to create fear among the people.

AMH history museum plan revealed

A PLAN to set up a museum retracing the history of the iconic American Mission Hospital (AMH) was unveiled yesterday.

AMH chief executive and chief medical officer Dr George Cheriyan announced the scheme, whose idea was initiated by His Majesty King Hamad.

Dr Cheriyan hailed the Royal proposal which, he said, reflected His Majesty's keenness on conserving the long-standing history of the hospital and the pioneering role it played in providing health services to successive generations in Bahrain.

The planned museum will showcase a rare collection of American Mission Hospital (AMH) collectibles, documents and photos which highlighted the dedicated efforts in ensuring healthcare in Bahrain over more than a century.

Dr Cheriyan said that coordination with Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) is underway to approve the required technical standards for such projects.

In a statement to health website KalamSaha, he said that the planned museum would hopefully be housed at the old AMH building in Manama.

He paid tribute to His Majesty, hailing the continuous royal support for the hospital to assume its responsibility towards the community and provide high-quality healthcare.

"The American Mission Hospital is the only health establishment to take part in the three-day Island Classic, regularly held by the Royal Golf Club", Dr Cheriyan said, adding that all the proceeds of the annual charity tournament go towards supporting the hospital.



■ Dr Stanley G Mylrea writing patient chart notes in a hospital ward in 1907. Top, the hospital from the north gate in 1911.

Joint action is praised

A TOP diplomat has praised the joint efforts of Bahrain and Kuwait in combating terrorism.

Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Kuwaiti Ambassador Shaikh Azzam Mubarak Al Sabah, in a statement to the *Kuwait News Agency*, stressed that Kuwait and Bahrain have "amazed" the world in combating terrorism.

"Our peoples' unity, solidarity and rallying behind our leadership are the best protective shields against terrorism and extremism, and the most effective means to deter whoever that seeks to cause harm to our countries," he said.

He lauded the GCC citizens' patriotism, cohesion and keenness to join

ranks against anything that may put the security of their countries at risk.

Meanwhile, the Jaffari Endowments Directorate has strongly condemned Friday's Molotov attack against a security patrol while it was securing Al Ghadeer Mosque in Sanad.

Assaulting the security personnel is a heinous criminal act that contravenes Islamic precepts, human values and all laws as well as the Bahraini peoples' deep-rooted values of tolerance, fraternity, solidarity and gratitude, the directorate said in a statement.

It also called on all parties to openly condemn such heinous acts and do what is necessary to prevent their recurrence.

Two are arrested with narcotics worth BD60,000

TWO men were arrested for possession of 200gm of shabu worth BD60,000, the general director of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science announced yesterday.

He said a suspect was arrested red-handed while selling the drug and a part of the narcotics was confiscated after searching the house.

The arrest of the first suspect led to the identification of the second one, who was also caught red-handed while dealing.

The two were referred to the Public Prosecution after legal proceedings were taken.



■ The suspects with the seized drugs

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