

Decorated Interior Ministry official mourned

MANAMA: Interior Ministry assistant under-secretary for legal affairs Major General Mohammed Rashid Salim Buhamoud has died after a battle with a disease.

Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa mourned his death, extending heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family and praying to Allah Almighty to rest his soul in eternal peace.

He paid homage to the deceased

and saluted his prolific achievements and exemplary devotion to serving the homeland. He also wished his family and relatives solace and fortitude.

Major General Buhamoud started working at the ministry in 1981, holding various positions over 40 years, including the General Directorate of Guards, the now-scrapped General Directorate of Public Prosecution, before joining the Director-

ate of Legal Affairs.

Ranked Lieutenant at the Interior Ministry in 1983, he was promoted to the rank of Major General in 2015.

He was conferred many medals, particularly the Bahrain Order – First Class, the Medal of Long Service (25 years), the Shaikh Isa Order – First Class, in addition to the Security Badge – First Class Excellent Service and the Medal of Honour.



■ FLASHBACK: His Majesty King Hamad honours Maj Gen Buhamoud

Vaccine offer

BEIJING: A city in eastern China has started offering a coronavirus vaccine to the general public – although it has not yet completed clinical trials.

Hundreds of people have been queuing outside a hospital in Yiwu, where nurses are administering the injections for a fee of around \$60

Hundreds of thousands of people have been given experimental vaccines in late-stage trials as part of an emergency inoculation programme launched in July.

It was not clear if Jiaxing city's pricing includes subsidies.

Sinovac's vaccine is in late stage trials in Brazil, Indonesia and Turkey, and the company has said that an interim analysis of Phase 3 trial data could come as early as November.