

FACILITATE LIVELIHOOD OF CITIZENS: HRH PREMIER

Prime Minister receives officials, Shura Councillors and MPs

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The government will continue to cooperate with the legislature to provide citizens with dignified livelihood, quality services and regulations to help facilitate their livelihood, said Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa said.

The Premier was speaking in a meeting with former Speaker Khalifa Al Dhahrani, senior officials, members of the Council of Representatives (MPs) and Shura Councillors at the Gudaibiya Palace here yesterday.

The Premier urged for holding more similar meetings to reach common solutions and understandings to fulfil the ambitions of all citizens.

The meeting also explored current local, regional and international developments. Discussions were also held on the cooperation between the legislative and executive bodies on the revision of laws, legislations and regulations to hold those who commit terrorist acts.

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MPs and Shura Councillors expressed their gratitude and appreciation to Prince Khalifa for his continuous support to legislative work. They lauded his keenness on burgeoning cooperation between the legislative and executive bodies. "It contributed lots of accomplishments for the nation and citizens since the beginning of parliamentary work in the Kingdom of Bahrain which continues to-date on the same path and tone," they noted.

They also hailed the constant keenness of the Premier on Gulf unity that arouses from his insightful vision vis-à-vis current and future circumstances.

3700 Bahrainis to perform Hajj this year

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A total of three thousand seven hundred Muslims from Bahrain have registered to perform Hajj this year, confirmed Head of Bahrain Hajj Mission Shaikh Adnan bin Abdullah Al Qattan while speaking to the DT News yesterday.

He said that the process of registration has been completed and the pilgrims are expected to start their journeys to Mecca from September 9. "All the pilgrims must go for vaccination before going for Hajj," he said, "they should not take it as something imposed on them - it is only for their protection."

Exact date of Hajj cannot be fixed in advance as it depends on the Islamic lunar calendar based on the sighting of the moon. Anyhow it is expected to fall between 21 to 26 September.

He added that he himself would perform Hajj this year. Shaikh Adnan advised the pilgrims to perform the obligation of Hajj with full devotion spending their time in



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the remembrance of Allah Almighty. He asked them to do good deeds and stay away from all sorts of political conversations during Hajj. "Follow the rules of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia," he said.

It is worth noting that Saudi Arabia had reduced Hajj quotas because of the construction work at the Grand Mosque in Mecca, the

holiest site in Islam. The number of visas for foreign Muslims has been halved and the local quota cut by 20 per cent during construction work in order to avoid any inconvenience.

According to a report published in Saudi Gazette, 95pc of the expansion work is complete and the

construction work is over it will be able to accommodate 2.2 million pilgrims at a time while doubling the capacity at the Mataf from 48,000 to 105,000 per hour.

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Saudi Arabia is spending almost \$20 billion on the expansion of the Grand Mosque. Once the

adult and sane Muslim who is physically and financially capable of undertaking the journey to Mecca and can afford the sustenance of his family in his absence. Hajj gathering is considered the largest annual gathering of people worldwide.

Shura Council announces allegiance to leadership

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The Shura Council yesterday rallied behind the wise leadership in confronting blatant Iranian interference and subversive designs to destabilise Bahrain, undermine its security and fuel sectarian strife between its people.

Shura Council Chairman Ali Saleh Al Saleh, members as well as the General Secretary and staff submitted a National Document to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. The council reiterated unwavering allegiance to the wise leadership and firm belonging to the Kingdom of Bahrain, slamming Iranian interference and subversive designs.

The document rejects any attempt to encroach on the fundamentals and pillars of the reform project, the democratic march and national unity. The council stressed its national responsibility to support all that serves the interest of the homeland, maintains its security and stability and protects the unity of its people.