

PICTURE OF THE DAY



A young girl sits with giant pumpkins during the 42nd annual Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off Contest in the World Pumpkin Capital of Half Moon Bay, California yesterday. The Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off is offering a special \$30,000 mega-prize for the world record breaking pumpkin at the prestigious Half Moon Bay event.

# King thanks Prince Khalifa, Crown Prince

Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable of thanks to Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa in reply to their congratulatory cables on the occasion of His Majesty's opening the bicameral National Assembly's fourth legislative term.



King Hamad lauded the keenness of Prince Khalifa and Prince Salman on continuity of national development in the country, in which loyal citizens contribute in performing their national duty and supporting the right cause and sovereignty.



The Premier during his meeting with the Crown Prince

## Premier receives Prince Salman

Manama

Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday received Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa at the Gudaibiya Palace.

The two leaders discussed the government's future strategies at the domestic and external levels in light of the road map put forward by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in his keynote address while opening the second session of the Fourth Legislative Term.

They stressed that King Hamad's appreciation of the government's action will always remain a source of inspiration and will motivate the government to exert more efforts in order to enhance the Kingdom's progress.

## Cabinet lauds King's address

Manama

The Cabinet yesterday lauded the address delivered by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa at the opening of the second session of the Fourth Legislative Term of the National Assembly.

Chairing the regular Cabinet weekly session, at the Gudaibiya Palace, attended by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, HRH Premier stressed that the directives and issues embedded in the royal address will top the government's priorities, being a strategic vision about the future at the local and international levels.

The Cabinet discussed amendments to the executive bill of the Municipalities Law, especially Article 42 pertaining to budget spending orders, and Article 72 regarding the fees on land reclamation.

The Cabinet reviewed the recommendations submitted by the Deputy Premier and Chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Financial Affairs and Rationalising Expenditure in this regard, and referred them to the Ministerial Committee for Legal Affairs.

The Cabinet discussed five proposals submitted by the Parliament. They included the allocation of government land for housing projects in Muharraq, housing units for divorcees and widows, the establishment of specialised dentistry centres, a youth centre at the Capital Governorate's tenth constituency and a secondary school for girls that serves the towns and villages located along the Budaiya Highway.

The Cabinet referred to the Parliament the government's replies to the five proposals, as recommended by the Ministerial Committee for Legal Affairs.

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