

Focus on peace, security

HM King attends Joint Gulf Shield-1 military drill conclusion

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Considered one of the largest in the world, the Joint Gulf Shield-1 military drill was held yesterday in the Eastern province of Saudi Arabia with the participation of 25 countries.

Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) represented the Kingdom in the drill held in



the presence of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa and Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud.

The exercise was aimed at improving military readiness, modernise joint mechanisms and enhance coordination and cooperation to maintain regional security and confront all challenges and threats.

Taking pride in Bahrain's participation, His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa stressed the Kingdom's resolve to achieve security and peace in the region and the world.

"Bahrain always stood united with brothers and friends, assuming military and noble humanitarian duties," said HM the King who attended the ceremony at the invitation of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques.

His Majesty said that the

continuous BDF participation in the Operation Restore Hope, under the Saudi-led Arab Alliance, aims to support justice and peace and provide humanitarian relief aid to the Yemeni brethren.

Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) took part in the Saudi-led military exercise in Eastern province, among twenty-five countries.

Before the start of the ceremony, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques received leaders and senior representatives of the brotherly and friendly countries taking part in the drill, in the presence of Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Defence Minister His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud.

The Saudi Chief of General Staff Lieutenant General Fayyadh bin Hamid Al-Rwaili

delivered a speech, paying tribute to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques for patronizing the final ceremony. He said that the Gulf Shield Exercise 1, which represents an extension of previous joint exercises such as the North Thunder Exercise, aims at consolidating security and enhancing the professional competence and combat readiness of the forces taking part in the drill.

HM the King attended a lunch banquet hosted by the Saudi leader in honour of the Arab leaders attending the conclusion of the Joint Gulf Shield-1 military drill. He then bade farewell to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and thanked him on the kind invitation, wishing the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its brotherly people further progress and prosperity.

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Bahrain Polytechnic yesterday started accepting applications for the academic year 2018-19.

Applications this year will be accepted only through online process. Last day of accepting application will be 4th June 2018.

"The applicant would just need to fill the online application form through the Polytechnic website (<http://www.polytechnic.bh>), pay the application fee (BD 20 non-refundable) online by debit or credit card," said Ahmed Malalla, Bahrain Polytechnic's Director of Registry

Applicants are also required to submit the following documents: an original and copy of passport and smart card, one passport size photo, high school transcript,



Ahmed Malalla

evidence of good conduct (not more than one-year-old), medical examination certificate from the governmental health centre.

"The Registry Directorate will then verify the documents, go through the selection process, and send emails to the applicants with the date for the entry tests," said Malalla.

Applicants are required

to apply to more than one educational institution to ensure the potential applicant does not miss the opportunity for higher education.

"Applicants who meet the minimum high school GPA requirements of at least 70% (to be provided with the graduation certificate), and pass the entry test scheduled to begin on 23rd April 2018 are not guaranteed to be selected, as it depends on the programme requirements and the number of vacant seats in that year," he added.

Bahrain Polytechnic offers the following academic programmes: Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of International Logistics Management, Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology, Bachelor of Engineering Technology, Bachelors of Web Media, Bachelor of Visual Design.