

Bahrain international eGovt forum on way

Manama
The 9th edition of Bahrain International eGovernment Forum 2018 will be held on 7th & 8th October by the Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA).

The event will be held under the patronage of Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, the Deputy

Prime Minister Chairman of the Supreme Committee for Information and Communication Technology.

iGA Chief Executive Mohamed Ali AlQaed said more than 400 participants are expected to take part in the forum which will discuss papers on the latest ICT developments.

Specialized papers on

cloud computing, ePayment initiatives, Smart City Technologies, Information Security, eTransformation amongst many others will be discussed on the occasion.

The forum will also focus on the current trends in Block Chain, Data Analysis and future trends to benefit while implementing development policies in the country.



Mohamed Ali AlQaed



Shaikh Mohammed

Industry Ministry gets ISO 9001:2015

The Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism has obtained the Quality Management System Certificate ISO 9001:2015.



Sets high standards
The award honours Ministry's commitment to ensure that its services are provided with high standards according to international practices.



The Undersecretary of Commerce Affairs Nader Al Moayyed received CEO of Bureau Veritas Company, the company that granted Quality Management System Certificate ISO: 2015.

This achievement stems from the continuous desire to work according to global methodologies and systems. The Ministry was awarded the first certificate in 2002 and the Ministry is keen to pass the external audit on an annual basis,"

Nader Al Moayyed



Bahrainis dominate finance sector jobs



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Bahrainis are dominating job market in the Kingdom's finance sector, thanks to the successful localization drive, a latest report has said.

The report 'Annual Manpower survey 2017' by the Central Bank of Bahrain also finds that Bahraini women enjoy 32.2 per cent of the total Bahraini managerial positions in the sector, which is an increase from 31.0pc at end-2016.

The survey also covered the number of board members of the banks and financial institutions. The Bahraini women held 8.7pc of total Bahraini board members

at end-2017 up from 6.4pc at end-2016.

As a whole, Bahraini workforce, according to the survey, represents 65.6pc of the total workforce in the financial sector, in which women's share remains unchanged at 38.3pc.

The sector employed 9,248 Bahrainis in 2017, which is an increase of 93 jobs compared to the prior year period.

The total number of jobs in the financial sector in 2017 is 14,093, compared to 14,015 at the end of 2016, an increase of 78 jobs.

In the banking sector, the total number of employees reached

7,447 at end-2017 from 7,402 at end-2016, an increase of 45 jobs.

In the non-banking financial sector, the number of jobs rose 0.6pc to reach 6,194 at end-2017 compared to 6,156 jobs at end-2016.

Insurance firms, moneychangers, financing companies, investment business firms, and other non-bank financial institutions are classified as a non-banking financial sector.

The number of employees in the supporting institutions, however, decreased from 457 employees at the end of 2016 to 452 employees at the end of 2017.

Russia begins blocking messaging app Telegram

Moscow

Russia's communications watchdog has begun enforcing a nationwide ban for the popular messaging app Telegram.

The Federal Communications Agency said Monday that Russian providers have been instructed to begin blocking Telegram

after a court last week sided with authorities that had demanded that the app be blocked in Russia until it hands over the keys to its data encryption.

Telegram, which was developed by Russian entrepreneur Pavel Durov, argues that Russia's FSB intelligence service is violating consumer rights,

while authorities say the app has been used by violent extremists.

Telegram was briefly unavailable to users early Monday afternoon but was back online later in the day. Durov said last week the latest version would have "built-in" features that would be able to circumvent the ban.