

# Premier hails Kuwait relations

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**Prime Minister** HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has affirmed that the fraternal Bahraini-Kuwaiti relations have reached an advanced level as the two brotherly countries share joys, and are proud of each other's landmark achievements.

"The Kingdom will never forget Kuwait's standing with it under various circumstances, under the leadership of the Amir, HH Shaikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah," HRH Premier said.

The Premier made the statements while receiving, at the Gudaibiya Palace yesterday, the Kuwaiti Ambassador to Bahrain, Shaikh Azzam Mubarak Al-Sabah, who handed over to him an invitation to attend the



Prince Khalifa receives an invitation to attend the 56th National Day celebrations of Kuwait from Shaikh Azzam Mubarak Al-Sabah, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Bahrain, Shaikh Azzam Mubarak Al-Sabah, who handed over to him an invitation to attend the 56th Anniversary of Kuwait's National Day, and the 26th Anniversary of the Liberation Day.

# Countries must unite against cross-border crimes, says Minister

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**Minister of Interior** Lt General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa called for an international coordination among countries to fight cross-border crimes, as he participated in the International Defence Exhibition and Conference "IDEX 2017" in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

"With the development and spreading of cross-border crimes, there is urgent need for international coordination to fight them, as such tasks cannot be carried out by one country, especially if the crime has foreign sources. This requires further international

cooperation through legislations and alliances to internationally fight crimes and criminals," he said.

The conference was inaugurated by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, and Emir of Dubai in the presence of Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces. Defence Ministers, Army leaders, specialists and experts from 57 countries, in addition to 1235 local and international defense industry companies also attended.

Shaikh Rashid also participated in "Coalition", the first meeting of the Interior Ministers of member countries of the International Security Work Group on an invitation from Lt-General Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior.

During the meeting, a brief on the experience of the Kingdom in dealing with the use of social media in spreading and adopting measures against terrorism was also presented.

It was also decided to launch the 'Coalition' as an international work group that cooperates to achieve security of societies through exchange of expertise.

The Coalition's General Secretariat will be based in UAE and will be responsible of drafting the operational module of the coalition.

The coalition will also work to support cooperation between member countries through exchange of expertise, experiences and successful practices, especially in fighting cross-border organised crimes and preventative measures. The group also extended support fighting all forms of extremisms and addressing challenges faced by security forces in monitoring borders.



Lt General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa speaking at the conference yesterday

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Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Chairman Khalid Almoayed with Vice-Head of the Council and board member Jawad Al Hawaj and members of the Bahraini side of the Bahraini-Russian Joint Business Council. The BCCI received the Chairman of the Russian side of the Joint Business Council and Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (RCCI) Vladimir Dmitriev at Bait Al Tijjar yesterday. BCCI is hosting a Russian business delegation in Al Majlis Hall today

## 'Productive Families' award on March 2

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**The Labour** and Social Development Ministry will organise a ceremony at the Sharifa Al-Awadhi Children and Youth Club in Riffa on March 2 to announce the winners of HRH Princess Sabeeka's Award for Productive Families. The event will be held

under the patronage of Wife of His Majesty the King & Supreme Council for Women Chairwoman H R H Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa.

A total of 180 participants from Bahrain will vie for the award, in addition to 12 other contenders from the GCC and Arab countries. The Arab

countries will also take part in an exhibition held on the sidelines of the ceremony.

Minister of Labour & Social Development Jameel Humaidan underscored the importance of the award which aims at encouraging and motivating low-income families to secure an extra source of income.