

Bahrain has made great strides: PM

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Prime Minister His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday said that the Kingdom of Bahrain under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has made unprecedented achievements.

“Our ambitions are big and without limits for our nation and people and we do the impossible to achieve them and to smooth out any obstacles and challenges along the way, and our cooperation with the Legislative Authority is exemplary, thanks to our collective visions and shared goals”, HRH the Premier said.

HRH the Prime Minister’s remarks came while receiving the Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh and Speaker Ahmed bin Ibrahim Al Mulla, following the issuance of the royal order adjourning the third session of the fourth legislative term,



HRH Prime Minister Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa with Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh and Speaker Ahmed bin Ibrahim Al Mulla

yesterday.

“We have together succeeded in organizing our circumstances politically, economically and socially and we have succeeded in dealing with issues regionally and internationally as a result of our close cooperation,” HRH the Premier added.

His Royal Highness expressed sincere gratitude and appreciation of the efforts exerted by Shura Council members and Members of Parliament (MPs) in carrying out their legislative and

monitoring responsibilities that serve the interest of Bahrain and its people.

“The policy consecrated by HM the King in upholding the principles of development, modernization and consolidation of the fundamental pillars of the State of the Law and Institutions have yielded the fruits of consolidating the cooperation between the executive and legislative branches in every manner that will serve Bahrain and its development in all fields,” HRH the Premier said.

“The close cooperation between the executive and legislative bodies will remain the firm principle of our government, our key goal being the revival of the nation and satisfaction of citizen’s ambitions and maintaining their livelihood gains,” HRH the Premier said.

HRH the Premier praised the efforts of the MPs and Shura Council members throughout the third session of the fourth legislative term during which numerous significant laws and legislations have been

issued, including the unified family law, and other laws and legislations that contributed with more regulation of social, economic and political life aspects for facilitation of citizens’ living and charted the features of the prosperous future we aspire for the nation and its citizens. HRH the Premier expressed his aspiration that the upcoming legislative session will witness more efforts to complete the achievements in the interest of the nation and to fulfill citizens’ ambitions, reiterating

the government’s keenness on continuation of the policy of cooperation and consultation with the Legislature.

The Speaker and the Chairman of the Shura Council expressed their gratitude and appreciation of HRH the Prime Minister for his diligence regarding everything that supports the cooperation and partnership between the executive and legislative branches.

They affirmed that the government under the premiership of His Royal Highness has worked to achieve this cooperation and transformed it into substantial reality felt by all citizens.

The numerous directives of His Royal Highness instructing the ministers and officials to cooperate with the Legislature have had tremendous impact in accomplishing numerous dossiers in the interest of the nation and its citizens, they stressed.

Crown Prince meets Head of the Court of Cassation

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister met Chancellor Abdulla bin Hassan Al Buainian, Head of the Court of Cassation and Deputy President of the Supreme Judicial Council, at Gudaiybia Palace, yesterday.

The meeting between His Royal Highness and Chancellor Abdulla bin Hassan Al Buainian took place following a number of new appointments to the Court of Cassation and the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission (LLOC).

The appointees, who also attended the meeting, included Chancellor Ma’asuma Abdulrasul Isa, Puisne Judge at the Court of Cassation, Chancellor Nawaf Abdulla Hamza, President of the LLOC and Chancellor Mohammed Ahmed Mujbel, Deputy President of the LLOC. During the meeting, HRH the Crown Prince



HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa with Chancellor Abdulla bin Hassan Al Buainian at Gudaiybia Palace, yesterday

highlighted that the Kingdom of Bahrain continues to develop its legal and judicial system under His Majesty King Hamad’s leadership, which is enshrined by the National Action Charter and safeguards the rule of law and justice for all.

His Royal Highness noted that the Kingdom has prioritised the institutional development of the judicial system by launching a number of initiatives aimed at improving standards and judicial procedures.

His Royal Highness further noted that security, justice and the economy are important pillars of advanced societies and are

integral foundations that support Bahrain’s international standing and reputation across different fields.

His Royal Highness congratulated the new officials on their appointments, wishing them success in their future endeavours.

The Crown Prince also praised the efforts of the Supreme Judicial Council to implement the Judiciary Strategy 2020, which has contributed to raising the efficiency and performance of the Bahraini judiciary, as well as the Supreme Judicial Council’s, and the LLOC’s, role in modernising and strengthening the institutional structure of the judicial system.

Bahrain participates in non-proliferation meeting

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Bahrain and the United States have held their first bilateral meeting on Non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

The two sides discussed practical challenges and dangers posed by Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) proliferation to world security and peace and exchanged expertise regarding relevant international agreements and aspects of future cooperation in the field between the two friendly countries. The Bahraini delegation, headed by Ministry of the Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Abdullah Abdullatif Abdullah, comprised members of the National Committee on Prohibition of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Brigadier

Samir Al Zayani from the Bahrain Defence Force, Dr Jassim Al Mezha from the Ministry of Health, First Lieutenant Qassim Salah from the Ministry of Interior and Khalid Al Jahmi from the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism..

The US delegation was headed by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Arabian Gulf Affairs in the Near East Bureau at the U.S. Department of State, Timothy Lenderking and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Non-Nuclear and Counter-Proliferation (ISN/NNCP) Ann K. Ganzer, and included representatives from the US Departments of State, Department of Justice, Department of Defence, Department of Energy, Department of Commerce and Department of the Treasury.

Iran aided terror attacks in Bahrain

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“**Iran** views the Assad regime in Syria as a crucial ally and Syria and Iraq as crucial routes to supply weapons to Hezbollah, Iran’s primary terrorist partner. Iran has facilitated and coerced, through financial or residency enticements, primarily fighters from Afghanistan and Pakistan to participate in the Assad regime’s brutal crackdown in Syria,” the

report said. “Iranian-supported militias in Iraq have committed serious human rights abuses against civilians and Iranian forces have directly backed militia operations in Syria with armoured vehicles, artillery, and drones,” the report said. The Iranian government maintains a robust cyber terrorism programme and has sponsored cyber attacks against foreign government and private sector entities, the report said.