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Bahrain has condemned the truck bombing in the city of Kirkuk in Iraq, which killed several people. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed condolences to the victims' families and wished the injured a speedy recovery.



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The fifth edition of HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa Award for Bahraini Women Empowerment was held at the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) yesterday.

The ceremony was organised under the patronage of HM the King's Wife and SCW Chairperson HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, in the presence of ministers and senior officials of the public and private sectors.

HRH Princess Sabeeka honoured the top three winners in the public sector category. The first three places went to Health Ministry, Economic Development Board (EDB) and Youth and Sports Affairs Ministry, respectively.

As for the private sector establishments, the first three winners were Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK), Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) and Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco).

HRH Princess Sabeeka affirmed that the award, which was launched in 2004 as per a Royal Decree, is one of the key means the SCW is following to serve the vision of HM the King to empower and develop Bahraini women, and consider her a main contributor to the flourishing of the nation. "In its fifth consecutive version, this award has been able to establish qualitative standards that enhance the presence of women in the public and private sectors' institutions, especially after the establishments that participated in the award have realised the usefulness of implementing these standards and the positive impact it had on its performance and productivity," HRH Princess Sabeeka said.

HRH Princess Sabeeka lauded the efforts paid by the committees in charge of the award in enhancing it throughout the previous five editions.

Receiving the awards from HRH Princess Sabeeka were Health Minister Faeqa Al Saleh, Transportation and Telecommunications Minister and EDB CEO Kamal Ahmed and Youth, Sports Affairs Minister Hisham Al Jowder, BBK CEO Reyadh Sater, BAC CEO Mohammed Al Binfalah and Bapco GM Exploration and Petroleum Engineering Ghassan Al Muhanna.

SCW General Secretary Dr. Hala Al Ansari asserted in a speech during the ceremony that the patronage of HRH Princess Sabeeka has contributed in making the award a successful national initiative since day one. (Continued on Page 2)



Health Minister Faeqa Al Saleh receiving the Award for the Health Ministry for Women Empowerment from HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa at a function held at Supreme Council for Women yesterday



