



My Opinion

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Yesterday Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa honoured public and private sector organisations that have empowered women in their sectors.

We salute Her Royal Highness for the award for women empowerment that mainly aims at placing capable and qualified women in jobs through which they contribute towards the overall growth of their beloved country.

And we salute the government organisations and private sector for successfully achieving their targets and empowering women.

This award reflects the dedication of the highest authority in empowering women towards showing appreciation and gratitude for Bahraini women who have especially in the last two decades accepted many challenges and got involved in work places that we one day only saw men serve in. But this is the case always. The highest authorities empower women.. and many organisations in both the public and private sectors execute and implement these policies but unfortunately there remain to be organisations in the public sector itself that fail to empower women and still consider women second class ..not citizens..but also human beings and deprive women of climbing the ladder and occupying the seats and the management levels men have always occupied.

This has always been the case..His Majesty the King appoints women as ministers and members of the Shura Council and the public fail to vote for women and just a few reach the parliament..It is certainly impossible to question voters choices since this is what democracy is all about. Majority wins. But what we as a state should do is question the organisations that do not empower women..organisations that actually demoralise capable and qualified women. These are organisations that report to the government and should be held accountable for depriving women of their rights.

Many surveys and statistics provided by such organisations do give numbers that say something about women's involvement in the workforce but numbers do not necessarily reflect the bitter truth and reality. Your Royal Highness.. special gratitude goes to you for believing in us. The supreme Council for Women..special thanks to all the efforts you exert into spreading awareness on the role of women in our society and empowering them through the committees that are formed to involve more women in leading position. But what we as Bahraini women also need is a committee that is strictly dedicated to monitoring how high managements in some government organisations deprive women of rights which you as the highest authority has granted us. These organisations need to understand the constitutional rights of women and abide to what our leadership has granted us.

The formula is simple..we have proven success in all the positions we were assigned to but some officials appointed in high positions have proven failure.

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Deputy King honours IMMAF Champions

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Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday congratulated the winners of 2017 IMMAF World Championships, hailing the role played by the sports sector in "boosting Bahrain's international standing."

Prince Salman was receiving His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity and Youth Affairs, President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, at Riffa Palace.

The meeting followed the conclusion of the 2017 IMMAF World Championships of Amateur MMA which was hosted at the Khalifa Sports City last week. The Bahrain team came second overall, winning two Gold and three Bronze medals at the 2017 IMMAF World Championships

During the meeting, His Highness Shaikh Nasser



Shaikh Nasser introduced Bahraini winners to the Deputy King

introduced the Bahraini winners of the 2017 IMMAF World Championships and the 2017 IFBB World Junior and Master Championships. The 2017 IMMAF World Championships saw a broad range of competitions and attracted over 254 athletes from 51 different countries

Deputy King welcomed the achievements of the winners and highlighted that this is a unique opportunity to share with the world Bahrain's significant achievements in sports and youth development.

Prince Salman extended his congratulations to the winners, while emphasising the role of His Highness Shaikh Nasser and His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport (SCYS), President of the West Asian Athletics Association and the President of the Bahrain Athletics Association (BAA), in forming partnerships with international sports organisations.

Shaikh Nasser highlighted His Royal Highness the

Crown Prince's unwavering support to youth and sports development. His Highness went on to recognise the instrumental role of Shaikh Khalid in the organisation of the 2017 IMMAF World Championships and noted the impressive performance of the Bahrain Weightlifting Federation (BWF) in the 2017 IFBB World Junior and Master Championships.

His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa also attended the meeting.



Deputy King, His Royal Highness, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday held his weekly Majlis at Riffa Palace. Members of the Royal family, senior government officials, members of the Shura Council and Council of Representatives, members of municipal councils, religious and community leaders, journalists, and diplomats attended the Majlis. The Majlis visitors extended their appreciation and gratitude to His Royal Highness for hosting the Majlis, and emphasised the important role His Royal Highness plays in advancing sustainable development.