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## 11th Hour

### Half-marathon set for Friday

The 21.1-kilometre half-marathon will be held on Friday. The Bahrain Athletics Association (BAA) runners' committee will organise the race, during which up to 400 competitors will cross the distance from the Seef Mall to Khaleeji Commercial and back.

### Tweet of the Day



The UAE has ranked No. 2 worldwide for 'public trust in government' in Edelman's Trust Barometer, the seventh year we have ranked so highly. Our citizens' trust and their confidence in us is our greatest asset and biggest achievement.

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| Today's Weather |      |      |
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|                 | Max  | Min  |
|                 | 22°C | 14°C |



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Lawmakers condemn Qatari Hostility



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Workers in limbo over unpaid salaries



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Philippine volcano spews lava fountains

## New technology vital for oil industry: Minister



Minister of Oil, Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa during the opening of Middle East Refining Technology Conference

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### Manama

Investing in and adopting new technology is vital for the growth of oil industry, said Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa

bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Minister of Oil and Chairman of Noga holding, yesterday.

"Although oil prices have taken a tumble in recent years, leading to the subdued profitability of the oil sector, the industry must embrace new

technologies in order to keep up growth," the minister said.

He was speaking during the Middle East Refining Technology Conference (MERTC) which he inaugurated yesterday.

Now in its second edition,

the event, being organised by the World Refining Association in collaboration with the National Oil and Gas Authority, and with the support of Gulf Downstream Association (GDA) and a number of oil companies, is

being held at the Ritz Carlton Bahrain.

Addressing the conference, the minister stressed that innovation and adoption of technology are necessary for the growth of the oil sector. (Continued on Page 3)

# MPS pass proposal to STOP gasoline price hike

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Parliamentarians yesterday passed an urgent proposal to stop the recent hike in gasoline prices and referred it to the government for approval.

This came during yesterday's regular weekly meeting of the House of Representatives, chaired by Speaker Ahmed bin Ibrahim Al Mulla.

The legislators, citing the Royal directives in this regard, demanded the authorities to "stop executing the decision" until the MPs and the government reach a consensus on the issue.

The MPs thanked His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa for stressing the importance of consensus and instructing to postpone the hike for the joint executive-legislative committee to complete its work, and until the National Audit Office ensures that the process falls in line with the laws in force in the Kingdom.

As reported by DT News, earlier this month, Parliamentarians had rejected the sudden decision by the National Oil and Gas Authority (NOGA) to increase gasoline prices by almost 25 percent. Expressing concerns, the MPs also boycotted their weekly meeting on January 9, a day after the decision came into effect. The decision increased prices of Jayyid fuel (91-octane) from 125fils/litre to 140fils/litre and Mumtaz fuel (95-octane) from 160fils/litre to 200fils/litre.