

New tech vital for oil industry: Minister

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Technology will help improve operational efficiency and improve financial returns," the Minister said adding: "There is a need to find ways to improve the operational efficiency with innovative technologies and solutions."

In this regard, the Minister said the Kingdom has achieved more than 50 per cent completion in the construction and modernisation project for the replacement and upgrading of the oil pipeline between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

The pipeline, Minister said, is being buried in the south of Bahrain, and the project is moving according to the plan and budget.

Meanwhile, an exhibition, held on the sidelines of the conference, witnessed the participation of a number of national and international oil companies including Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco),

Sabic, Kuwait National Petroleum Company, Abu Dhabi Oil Refining Company, Manufacturing Company of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), and many international companies and consultancies in the field of oil refining.

Apart from the minister, Dr. Dawood Nassif, Board Director, Bapco, Dr. Jeff Brown, President, FGE, Mirko Rubeis, Partner and Managing Director, The Boston Consulting Group, Chris Birdsall, Vice President, ExxonMobil Catalyst and Licensing, Fahad M Al-Dawood, Vice President, OTC Project, SABIC and Frédéric Desprésaux, Vice President, Head of Large Industries Business Line, Air Liquide were some of the speakers. Roundtable sessions on cyber-security, process safety, and Promoting dialogue between industry and academia were held.

Workers in limbo over unpaid salaries

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Several employees of a company in Zinj are struggling to make ends meet, as they haven't been paid salary for months.

Unpaid bills, especially electricity, have made the situation further worse as the employees are also now forced to work in extremely difficult conditions.

"The company in Zinj has been operating without electricity for days now," a person, who wishes not to be named, told *DT News*.

The incident, according to the person familiar with the matter, is also the second in the recent past, where the company has failed to make timely payments.

"Moreover the employees haven't received their salary for almost three months now," the source said.

DT News approached the management for their comments on the issue. So far, we haven't received any communication from them.

In a similar incident, earlier this month, it was revealed by the General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions (GFBTU) that four major companies in the Kingdom have failed to pay their employees for months.

At that time, GFBTU Assistant Secretary for international relations told *DT News* over 100 employees were struggling without salary for the past 10 months.



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