

Crown Prince: Bahrainis are cornerstone of development



HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa with the successful candidates for the third intake of the First Deputy Prime Minister (FDPM)'s Fellowship Programme at Gudaibiya Palace

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Bahrainis are the cornerstone of the nation's sustainable development, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, said His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister yesterday.

Prince Salman said this while receiving the successful candidates for the third intake of the First Deputy Prime Minister (FDPM)'s Fellowship Programme at Gudaibiya Palace.

His Royal Highness stressed that continuing to invest in Bahraini citizens is a strategic goal underpinned by the Kingdom's national

programmes.

Welcoming the new fellows and highlighting the success of previous candidates, the Crown Prince praised the significant level of skill and expertise they had developed and subsequently brought back to their workplaces.

In this regard, His Royal Highness emphasised the

importance of supporting the Kingdom's youth, who sit at the heart of Bahrain's prosperity and future.

His Royal Highness expressed his hope that the fellows would capitalise on the many opportunities facilitated by the programme, and use their expertise to help achieve their personal goals and

ambitions

His Royal Highness went on to extend his appreciation to the Fellowship's administrators and staff for their ongoing efforts.

The Crown Prince underlined the importance of supporting programmes and initiatives that further bolster youth skills across government.

The fellows extended their appreciation and gratitude to His Royal Highness for the opportunity to meet him, and for his commitment to developing the national workforce through his support towards training schemes and programmes. The fellows also thanked the Office of the First Deputy Prime Minister for their support.

Qatar won't be allowed to become a 'Trojan Horse'

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Qatar will not be allowed to become a "Trojan Horse" for the Iranian regime to interfere in the region, Foreign Affairs Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa has warned.

Speaking during an interview with Egyptian channel DMC Wednesday, Shaikh Khalid said he hopes "Qatar won't serve as an entrance for Iran in region".

"We have no problems with the Qataris," he said during the interview adding: "We have a problem with the Qatari passport being granted to terrorists, including Al Muqrin who entered Saudi Arabia."

Al Muqrin reportedly entered Saudi Arabia using a Qatari



Shaikh Khalid

passport and executed a number of terror attacks, resulting in the loss of many lives.

Speaking about the actions taken against Qatar recently, the minister, however, said that they weren't the

first taken against Qatar.

"Ambassadors have been withdrawn before, which was later resolved through the signing of the Riyadh Agreement," the minister pointed out. The agreement,

according to Shaikh Khalid, provided Qatar "a chance to correct its path", which, however, didn't happen.

"Doha didn't commit to it and we don't have any time to waste," said Shaikh Khalid adding: "Shaikh Tameem himself signed the agreement which required to stop harming Egypt."

Shaikh Khalid also strongly criticised Qatar's strategy in utilising Al Jazeera to destabilise countries in the region, betraying Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen by providing Houthi Militias with coordinates to kill Emirati soldiers as well as supporting and promoting "Iranian subversive projects".

The minister praised the efforts exerted by the Kuwaiti Emir Shaikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah in resolving the crisis.

Road works underway

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Works are underway to improve the traffic signal located at the Northern entrance to Isa Town, said the Works Ministry in a statement.

Road users are urged to plan ahead and adhere to the new traffic diversions and traffic regulations.

The move, in coordination with the Traffic General Directorate, follows the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, to reduce traffic congestion across the Kingdom.

Works to increase the capacity of the Salmabad Interchange and reduce waiting times include reducing signal phases to three from five.

The Ministry of Works submitted a series of urgent projects, of which 11 were approved by the Executive Committee, as part of a wider masterplan to ensure the Kingdom's strategic road network is able to accommodate increased urban expansion. The process is due to be completed by 2022.

Alternate routes

► Traffic coming from Salmabad towards Manama should head West along Salmabad Avenue towards the roundabout nearby the University of AMA, and then turn right towards Manama

► Traffic coming from Amman Avenue heading to Riffa along Sheikh Salman Highway should use other routes within Isa Town.

► Alternatively, keep driving towards the Salmabad external road and take the left turn along Salmabad External Road or opt for the right turn towards Shaikh Salman Highway to the North and take the U-turn at the Interchange of Shaikh Salman Highway and Shaikh Isa bin Salman Highway.

► Traffic coming from the South on Shaikh Salman Highway towards Salmabad External road should use alternative route, which is to keep driving towards Shaikh Salman Highway and Sehla Avenue Interchange in order to make a U-turn

186 drivers arrested for running illegal taxi services

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The General Directorate of Traffic has nabbed 186 drivers in the past four months for running illegal taxi services.

The drivers were caught for using their private cars as unlicensed cabs in the Kingdom.

"Legal actions will be taken against them," said Deputy General Director of Traffic Lieutenant Colonel

Mohammed Ali Daraj.

If convicted, drivers could face fines, jail terms and deportation in the case of non-Bahraini drivers.

The arrests were made during the period from February 22 to June 30. The cases have been referred to the Public Prosecution for further action.

"They could be awarded jail terms and fines and the non-Bahrainis among them will face

deportation," the Lt. Col. said.

Daraj also affirmed that the department will continue to remain vigilant against such violations that "jeopardise the livelihood of the registered Bahraini taxi drivers".

Urging public not to deal with illegal taxi drivers, he said that campaigns to curb this phenomenon will be organised in cooperation with security directorates and authorities concerned soon.



A file photo showing illegal taxi drivers seen waiting for customers in Manama (1) (1)