

**HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister receives Russian Ambassador**



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received Russian Ambassador Igor Kremnev at Riffa Palace. His Royal Highness noted that growing bilateral ties have created new avenues for cooperation, particularly in relation to COVID-19 vaccination and mitigation efforts. The Ambassador expressed his appreciation for the support His Royal Highness has extended to enhancing bilateral relations.

# Boost for human rights system

**HM King hailed for ratifying Corrective Justice Law for Children and their Protection from Ill-Treatment**

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Speaker Al Asoomi

Arab Parliament Speaker Adel bin Abdulrahman Al Asoomi has lauded His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's ratification and issuance of Law 4/2021 on the promulgation of the Corrective Justice Law for Children and their Protection from Ill-Treatment, noting that the qualitative move adds to the kingdom's record of continuously upgrading the human rights system.

The Speaker asserted that the legislation will achieve restorative justice for children throughout the stages of criminal cases, including investigation, trial and verdict execution, adding that it will provide maximum protection for children and ensure that they are not

subject to any form of exploitation.

It will also provide all support children and ensure their reintegration into society, in accordance with international human rights standards, and the international treaties and agreements ratified by the kingdom, he said.

Al Asoomi appreciated the keenness of the kingdom's officials to conduct extensive consultations with those concerned with this law, whether at the national level or at the international level, through cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), which was one of the parties to these consul-

tations.

This reflects Bahrain's keenness to fulfill its international obligations and ensure that the law meets all the requirements of the international human rights law, which has been widely praised by the concerned international institutions, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and UNICEF, he added.

The Speaker called for spreading this experience across the Arab countries, through issuing similar laws to promote and protect the rights of Arab children, who represent the main pillars for Arab countries' development.

# Public Prosecution wins appeal in Future Bank case

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The Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecution announced that the High Criminal Court of Appeals ruled yesterday to rectify the appealed verdict concerning the sentences of confiscation, jail and fines in a money laundering case.

The defendants in the case are Future Bank and five of its officials, as well as several Iranian banks and the Central Bank of Iran.

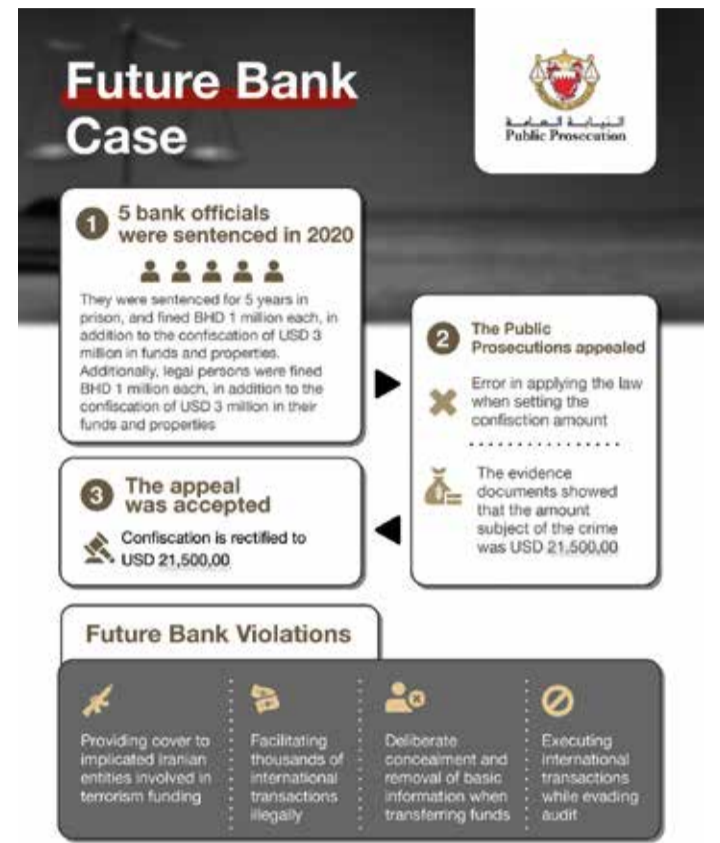
The court accepted the appeal lodged by the Public Prosecution, and amended the confiscation amount imposed against the defendants (natural and legal persons) to \$21,500,000 of their funds and properties, while upholding the remaining aspects of the appealed verdict.

On October 28, the High Criminal Court sentenced Future Bank officials to five years in prison and to BD1 million fine each, and ordered the confiscation of \$3 million in funds and property.

The court also fined the legal persons BD1 million each and ordered the confiscation of \$3 million in funds and property.

However, the public prosecution appealed the verdict due to an error in applying the law regarding setting the amount of confiscations at \$3 million.

Evidence documents showed that the amount subject of the crime was \$21,500,00, which the verdict should rule for its confiscation or the confiscation of its value in the funds and properties belonging to the defendants.



Following the appeal by the Public Prosecution, the court ruled for the correction of the confiscated amounts.

The Public Prosecution had announced earlier that its investigations have revealed a plot that enabled several Iranian entities, including those involved in terrorism funding, and/or subject to international sanctions, to execute international transactions while evading audit.

Investigations show that the Future Bank, that operated under the Bank Melli Iran and Bank Saderat Iran, facilitated thousands of international

transactions while providing cover to the implicated Iranian entities through the deliberate concealment and removal of basic information when transferring funds through the SWIFT network.

Investigations are still ongoing on the rest of the facts, which include a number of Iranian banks, mainly the Central Bank of Iran, exploiting Future Bank in executing international transactions in violation to the Law on Prohibition and Combating Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing, as well as banking laws and regulations.

# Bahrain making great progress in economic competitiveness

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Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa has highlighted the importance of development plans to enhance Bahrain's local and international competitiveness in the economic field.

The status of Bahrain under the leadership of His Majesty the King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa with the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Prime Minister and Chairman of the Economic Development Board (EDB), as an investment and financial hub has been consolidated over several decades, he said.

This status has been achieved



The Deputy Prime Minister with the EDB Advisor during a virtual meeting

thanks to the economic and financial policy based on sound and thoughtful foundations to provide a safe and encouraging environment for capital, which will lead the country towards Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 with confidence and steadiness, Shaikh Khalid added during a virtual meeting with EDB Advisor Iain Lindsay.

The Deputy Prime congrat-

ulated Lindsay on his appointment and wished him success in his mission to help achieve further success and meet the new goals set by the EDB.

Lindsay expressed gratitude to Shaikh Khalid and stressed eagerness to work according to the EDB visions and strategies and their development in a way that contributes to boosting the national economy.

**Foreign Minister receives Yemeni counterpart**



Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received yesterday Yemeni Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak. Minister Al Zayani praised fraternal relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Yemen, affirming the Kingdom's keenness to further develop bilateral ties for the benefit of both countries and people. He also expressed the Kingdom's solidarity with the Yemeni government, highlighting its support to restoring legitimacy and liberating the Yemeni territories from the Houthi militias, defending Yemen's sovereignty, and combating all foreign interference in Yemen.

**Assistant Foreign Minister receives Indian Ambassador**



Assistant Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Faisal bin Jabr Al Doseri received in his office at the ministry yesterday Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava. The Assistant Foreign Minister praised strong bilateral relations of friendship and cooperation, stressing their development in various areas. Ambassador Srivastava praised the care given to the Indian community in the Kingdom of Bahrain, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also affirmed his country's keenness to further develop relations with the Kingdom in the interest of both countries and people. The meeting also discussed a number of issues of mutual concern.