



French President Emmanuel Macron presented pictures showing historic trade relations between Bahrain and France to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday. His Majesty along with the accompanying delegation also held talks with Macron and senior French ministers and government officials on extending co-operation in many areas.



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received members of the royal family and officials yesterday and reviewed with them topics related to Bahrain. HRH the Premier stressed that Bahrainis were deeply patriotic and stood firmly and steadfastly with their leaders. People in rejecting any interference in the internal homeland should give lessons to those who wish to influence national unity and social fabric that their attempts are marked to end in failure before they begin. Such positions are deep-rooted in history and have been bright landmarks that reflected the outstanding nature of Bahrainis, HRH the Premier added. The impressive popular rejection of any form of interference in the domestic affairs of the Kingdom is a great lesson that attempts to impact Bahrain's national unity and social fabric would be doomed, HRH the Premier said.



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received Shura Council members and stressed that co-operation should drive the parliamentary-government partnership that serves national interests. Convergent views should be the prevailing feature of the complementary relationship between the executive and legislative branches, he said, stressing that when the various issues are subject to the national interest without exaggeration, agreement will ensue. The process of national action at the current stage needs mutual support in order to preserve the achievements of the country and its people. "The spirit of co-operation between the executive and legislative branches is important and necessary and we must build upon it in order to achieve the development and progress we aspire to achieve," HRH the Premier said.



On behalf of Deputy King His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Educational Charitable Trust, yesterday attended the 2019 Crown Prince Volleyball Cup's final between Al Muharraq Club and Al Ahli Club, at Isa Sports City. During the awarding ceremony, HH Shaikh Isa highlighted HM the King and HRH the Crown Prince's support to the Kingdom's sports sector, which has boosted Bahrain's competitiveness on the regional and global stages. HH Shaikh Isa also highlighted the wide-ranging efforts of HM the King's Representative for Charity Works and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa; and the First Deputy of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and Chairman of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, in advancing Bahrain's sports sector. Al Ahli Club won the match.

Property development projects discussed

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Manama

Survey and Land Registration Bureau (SLRB) President Shaikh Salman bin Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa received Bahrain Property De-

velopment Association (BaPDA) Chairman Aref Ahmed Hijris and other members.

He hailed the vital role of Bahrain Property Development Association (BaPDA) and members in promoting the real estate sector and contributing to speeding-up projects.

He underlined positive outlook of the property sector in Bahrain despite current global economic situation, stressing the importance of recent laws and regulations to spur more growth in the future and achieve the aspirations of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

He revealed that the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) is mulling plans to launch a data bank, which would serve inves-

tors and property developers.

He commended the role of the private sector in revitalising the national economy and taking part in the programmes of the Government, chaired by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, to develop non-oil economy.

He paid tribute to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier for his follow-up of the real estate sector.

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Labour and Social Development Minister, Jameel Humaidan, has lauded His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa's directives to double the assistance allowance for social insurance beneficiaries, and people with disabilities during the holy month of Ramadan.

The directives, given by HRH Premier while chairing this week's regular weekly Cabinet session, aim to alleviate the living burdens on low-income Bahraini families, as part of the government's constant keenness to ensure social insurance and decent living for the citizens.

The minister said that HRH



Mr Humaidan

Premier's kind gesture affirms his constant interest in improving the citizens' standards of living and direct follow-up on their daily conditions.

Mr Humaidan added that, in line with the Premier's directives, the doubled allowances will be credited to all the beneficiaries' bank accounts on May 15, noting that an amount of BD 3,203 will be granted to about 16,949 eligible social insurance beneficiaries.

Meanwhile, about 11,666 citizens with disabilities will receive BD 200 instead of BD 100.

The minister extended deepest thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HRH the Prime Minister and the Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, for their unwavering interest in ensuring decent living for all the citizens, especially low-income ones.