

Bahraini families key to safeguarding national values

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The Interior Minister, His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, has reaffirmed the vital role of Bahraini families and traditional community values in preserving national identity. General Shaikh Rashid made the remark during a visit to West Riffa, where he met with citizens as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen societal partnership and civic engagement.

The visit, attended by His Highness the Southern Governor and senior officials from the Ministry of Interior, comes under the framework of the Bahrainouna national plan, which aims to promote belonging to the nation and reinforce values



H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa with Southern Governorate and senior officials from the Ministry of Interior

of nationalism.

General Shaikh Rashid conveyed the greetings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He praised the people of Riffa for their loyalty, unity, and steadfast support for national initiatives that uphold Bahrain's heritage and social harmony.

Highlighting the enduring role of traditional majlis gatherings, the Minister emphasised their

importance in instilling values of respect, dialogue, and cohesion among future generations.

He described the majlis as a cornerstone of Bahraini cultural life that continues to promote strong community bonds and national solidarity. "The preservation of

our national identity is a shared responsibility," the Minister said, "and Bahraini families are central to this effort through their continued commitment to our values, customs, and social traditions."

General Shaikh Rashid commended Riffa residents for their

contributions to public security and their appreciation of national values. He listened to citizens express pride in their heritage, loyalty to the leadership, and appreciation for the government's efforts to preserve Bahrain's unique social fabric.

Sky traffic soars

Bahrain Airport handles 4.46 million travellers in six months

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Passenger numbers at Bahrain International Airport reached 4,462,365 in the first six months of 2025, according to newly released figures from the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications.

The total includes arrivals, departures, and transit passengers.

Of the total, 2,223,641 travellers arrived in Bahrain, while 2,254,924 departed.



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Transit point

A further 15,800 used the airport as a transit point between flights.

Monthly data shows passenger traffic peaking in January at 812,284.

Numbers dropped to 594,824 in March, before climbing again to 808,695 in April and settling at 780,731 in June.

Traffic

Transit traffic declined sharply after the first quarter. January recorded 4,243 transit passengers, followed by 4,285 in Feb-



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February and 4,264 in March.

April saw a marked fall to 853, with May and June posting 681 and 1,474 respectively.

Flight movements during the same period stood at 48,747 arrivals and departures combined.

Overflying aircraft totalled 262,839. Monthly overflight figures ranged from 40,436 in June to 48,101 in February.

Cargo

The airport also handled 192,073 tonnes of cargo and mail in the first half of the year.

This included inbound, outbound, and transiting loads.

In March alone, 14,668 shipments arrived and 9,605 left the country, with 11,371 passing through.

Outgoing shipments

The lowest number of outgoing shipments was recorded in June at 7,518.

Civil Aviation Affairs oversees Bahrain's airspace and flight operations.

Its duties include enforcing safety rules, issuing licences, managing weather services, and carrying out air accident investigations.

Bahrain-US ties



National Security Advisor and Commander of the Royal Guard, His Highness Lieutenant-General Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, received US Ambassador to Bahrain, His Excellency Steven Craig Bundy, on the occasion of the conclusion of his diplomatic mission. The meeting was also attended by Deputy National Security Advisor, H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa. HH Shaikh Nasser affirmed the depth of the historic ties and the longstanding strategic partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the US, built on decades of close cooperation to advance shared goals and mutual interests. He commended Ambassador Bundy's efforts in strengthening bilateral relations throughout his tenure. The meeting also included discussions on a number of topics of mutual interest.

Youth empowerment remains 'national development priority'

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Empowering Bahraini youth and strengthening their role across various fields of national work remains the Kingdom of Bahrain's core development priority.

This was emphasised by His Excellency Dr. Ramzan bin Abdullah Al-Nuaimi, Minister of Information, as he took part in a dialogue session with participants of the third edition of the "Betting on the Future" program, organised by the Bahrain Institute for Political Development.

Royal vision

This vision, he said, aligns with the aspirations of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, both of whom strongly support youth participation in shaping the nation's present and future and ensuring the sustainability of its development achievements.

During the session, Dr. Al-Nuaimi emphasised the vital role of young national talents in advancing Bahrain's media landscape.

He noted that youth are instrumental in aligning the media sector with the Kingdom's ambitions while keeping pace with rapid technological and professional developments.

Dr. Al-Nuaimi reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to



"The innovation and excellence demonstrated by Bahraini youth across multiple fields are a source of national pride."

- H.E. DR. RAMZAN BIN ABDULLAH AL-NUAIMI, MINISTER OF INFORMATION

engaging youth as active partners in nation-building.

Initiatives

He outlined several initiatives launched by the Ministry aimed at attracting emerging media talent, enhancing their professional and creative capabilities, and equipping them to navigate evolving digital landscapes.

These efforts, he said, are essential in producing high-quality, modern content that reflects Bahrain's national identity and authentic values.

Eco-friendly infrastructure

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An international tender has been launched for the development and implementation of the Hidd Independent Water Production Plant, with a planned capacity of 60 million imperial gallons per day (MIGD) of potable water.

The project will be executed through a strategic partnership with the private sector under a Build-Own-Operate (BOO) model.

This was announced by His Excellency Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed, President of the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA).

He said that EWA has completed the pre-qualification process for devel-

Model for coexistence and harmony



His Excellency Nibras Taleb, CEO of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) and Chairman of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons, received Yousef Mohammad Bozboun, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Society for Tolerance and Coexistence of Religions (Ta'ayush), along with members of the Association's board. The delegation presented the CEO with a copy of the book "In the Presence of the King of Peace," which documents the efforts of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in promoting the values of tolerance, dialogue, and peaceful coexistence among religions. Taleb emphasised that, under the leadership of His Majesty the King and the guidance of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Bahrain has established itself as a pioneering model for coexistence and harmony.