

Royal leadership hailed on Bahrain GP success

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received heartfelt congratulations on the success of the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2020, which was held over the weekend at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC).

HM the King received a cable of congratulations from Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal who



HM the King

expressed pride in Bahrain's hosting of this major international sporting event since 2004 which showcases the Kingdom as an international destination



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister

for sports and tourism.

Speaker Zainal noted the global confidence in Bahrain's national capabilities and profes-

sional management to host the Formula One amid the coronavirus pandemic.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister also received deepfelt congratulations from Cabinet Affairs Ministry Undersecretary and Vice-President of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa.

HH Shaikh Isa said that the major event marked a new chapter of achievements for the kingdom under the leadership of HM the King and the support of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

HM King greeted on Bahraini Women's Day

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received cables of congratulations from Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh and Speaker of the Council of Representatives Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal on Bahraini Women's Day.

Al Saleh described the annual celebration as a national occasion to express pride in the determination and will of Bahraini women in supporting the kingdom's march of growth and prosperity.

The Shura Council Chairman recalled the success and achievements of the Supreme

Council for Women (SCW), under the leadership of HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the King.

He said the accomplishments reflect the advancement of Bahraini women and their excellence in various fields. He wished HM the King abundant health and happiness to continue supporting Bahraini women.

For her part, Speaker Zainal stressed that the royal efforts aim to enhance Bahraini women's status, strengthen their role and preserve their dignity in society, being effective partners in ensuring a better future for the nation.

Shura Chairman congratulates HRH Princess Sabeeka

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Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh sent a cable of congratulations to Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Supreme Council for Women (SCW) president, on the Bahraini Women's Day.

Al Saleh praised Bahraini women's strides, commending the efforts and follow-up of



HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa

HRH Princess Sabeeka to support women's status and protect their rights and dignity and highlight their great achievements.

He said that Bahraini women have become a role model for their dedicated work, assuming responsibilities and playing their role in promoting national development.

The Shura Chairman said that Bahrain women assume high-level leadership positions, reflecting Bahrain's drive and

vision to engage women, support equal opportunities, in line with the democratic process led by HM the King.

He paid tribute to HRH Princess Sabeeka for dedicating the 2020 edition to honour women diplomats and showcase their contributions to Bahraini diplomacy.

He commended the SCW-led efforts to enhance women's status and ensure their steady progress, wishing HRH Princess Sabeeka health and happiness.

Legislative body receives general budget details

● Finance Minister hands documents over to Speaker Zainal

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Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa yesterday handed over to the legislative authority the detailed data of the state's general budget for the fiscal years 2021-2022.

This came as the Minister met House of Representatives Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal and Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, in the presence of Shura and Parliament Affairs Minister Ghanim bin Fadhel Al Buainin and Ministry of Finance and National Economy Undersecretary for Financial Affairs Yusef Abdullah Humood.

The meeting was also attended by Representatives Council First Deputy Speaker Abdulnabi Salman Nasser, Second Deputy Speaker Ali Ahmed Zayed, Head



Finance Minister with House of Representatives Speaker Zainal and other senior officials

of the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee Mahmoud Makki Al Bahrani and Deputy Head of the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee Ali Mohammed Ishaqi.

The Minister said that the welfare of the citizens was the top priority in drafting the state's general budget.

He assured that the budget will be used properly for the progress and development of the country, and in maintaining social support for citizens and

improving the efficiency of government services.

Shaikh Salman pointed out that the government is committed to implement a balanced fiscal program, taking into account stimulating economic recovery during the next phase, and continuing to create more job opportunities for citizens.

For her part, Speaker Zainal underlined keenness on joint work and active cooperation with the government in discussing the state's general budget for

the fiscal years 2021-2022.

She stressed interest in serving the nation and citizens while taking into consideration citizens most in need and the exceptional circumstances caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

The Speaker voiced confidence in achieving the joint national vision between the executive and legislative branches when discussing the general budget 2021-2022, according to the legal and constitutional frameworks.

Kingdom 'role model' on youth empowerment



His Highness Shaikh Nasser

● 4,064 initiatives and projects from more than 100 countries have been presented for King Hamad Award

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The Kingdom of Bahrain has become a role model to be emulated in empowering the youth to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, stressed that the kingdom also assumed its international responsibilities in this field through the launch of the "King Hamad Award

for Youth Empowerment to achieve the SDGs".

He noted that it is the first international award that urges the international community to provide the youth with an opportunity to present their ideas and projects that contribute to achieving UN goals.

Shaikh Nasser pointed out that the third edition of the "King Hamad Award for Youth Empowerment to achieve the SDGs" has achieved remarkable success, as reflected in the massive participation by various segments, noting that as many as 4,064 initiatives and projects from more than 100 countries have been presented.

Shaikh Nasser affirmed that the number of nominated projects and initiatives in this edition exceeds that of the previous one, which proves the good reputation of the award at the international level.

He indicated that the international community considers it as the best platform to present ideas and programmes that contribute to achieving the United Nations' goals.

Shaikh Nasser stressed that the Kingdom's continuing the award and linking its objectives with the support for the SDGs' sectors affirm Bahrain's commitment and responsibilities towards achieving UN goals.

Well-known journalist Sana Saqr dies

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Journalist Sana Youssef Saqr died yesterday after a long battle with cancer. She was 47.

The Bahraini Journalists Association mourned Sana, a mother of four, who was receiving treatment at King Hamad Hospital when she passed away.

Sana was one of the most distinguished Bahraini media figures.

She first joined the Ministry of Information Affairs in January 1998 and worked for Bahrain News Agency (BNA) and Radio Bahrain, where she showed high commitment and a great passion for her media work.

She graduated with a master's degree in media and public relations from Al-Ahlia



Sana Saqr

University after conducting a thesis title: "Role of the local media in supporting citizenship under HM the King's reform project".

The ministry extended deepest condolences to the deceased's family and media community, praying to Allah the Almighty to rest her soul in vast paradise and give her family solace and fortitude.

UAE Foreign Affairs Minister receives Bahraini Ambassador



The UAE's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan received at the Ministry's general court Bahrain Ambassador Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa. His Highness Shaikh Abdullah affirmed the deep-rooted brotherly relations between the UAE and Bahrain, reflecting his aspirations to bolster joint cooperation at all levels. Ambassador Shaikh Khalid underlined the Kingdom's keenness to enhance joint coordination and cooperation.