

HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister edicts

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, issued edict (16) of 2021, appointing the following Directors at the National Bureau for Revenue (NBR):

Adel Yousef Al Gallaf, Director of the Tax Information Directorate.

Amel Abdulredha Makhloq, Director of the Risk Analysis Directorate.

Mahmoud Foued Habib Khalifa, Director of the Operation and Auditing Directorate.

Isra Mahdi Abdullah, Director of the Tax Policies Directorate.

Sara Mohammed Al Kuwari, Director of the Planning and Development Directorate.

The Minister of Finance and National Economy shall implement the edict, which takes immediate effect upon publication in the Official Gazette.

His Royal Highness issued edict (14) of 2021, appointing Mahmoud Ahmed Ali Muqbel as the Director of Communication and Awareness at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.



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The Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism shall implement the edict, which takes effect upon publication in the Official Gazette.

HRH Prince Salman issued edict (15) of 2021, appointing Manal Ali Yousif Al-Doy as Director of Human and Financial Resources, and Shooq Al-Sayed Ismail Al-Alawi as Director of Handicrafts, at Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA).

BACA President shall implement the provisions of this edict, which takes immediate effect upon publication in the Official Gazette.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister also issued edict (13) of 2021, appointing two directors at the Ministry of Housing.

HM King restructures Health Ministry

● His Majesty appoints new officials

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday issued Royal Decree 26/2021, restructuring the Ministry of Health, as follows:

The Health Minister shall oversee the Directorate of Communication.

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health shall oversee the Assistant Undersecretary for Public Health, who is responsible for the Directorate of Public Health; Directorate of Health Promotion; Assistant Undersecretary for Psychiatry and Special Care for the Elderly; and Directorate of Human Resources

Royal Decree 67/2017 on



HM the King

restructuring the Ministry of Health was abrogated.

The Minister of Health shall implement the provisions of this decree, which takes immediate effect and will be published in the Official Gazette.

HM the King yesterday issued Royal Decree 27/2021, appointing Redha Mohammed Hassan Al Adraj as Assistant Undersecretary for Housing Projects at the Ministry of Housing.

The Housing Minister shall implement the provisions of this

decree, which takes immediate effect and will be published in the Official Gazette.

His Majesty issued Royal Decree 28/2021, appointing Eman Ahmed Al Dossari as Undersecretary at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.

The Royal Decree also stipulates the appointment Khalid Fahad Al Alawi as Assistant Undersecretary for Industrial Development, and Nibras Mohammed Ali Talib as Assistant Undersecretary for Commercial Registration and Companies at the same ministry.

Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister shall implement the provisions of this decree, which takes immediate effect and will be published in the Official Gazette.

His Majesty issued Royal Decree 29/2021, appointing Fatima Jaffar Mansoor Al-Sairafi as Deputy Chief Executive Officer

of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA)

The Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister shall implement the provisions of this decree, which takes immediate effect and will be published in the Official Gazette.

HM the King issued Royal Decree 30/2021, appointing two deputy chief executive officers at the National Bureau for Revenue (NBR).

Under the decree, Yussif Adel Mattar was appointed as Deputy Chief Executive for Policies and Planning, and Noor Hafedh Ibrahim as Deputy Chief Executive Officer for Tax Operations at the National Bureau for Revenue.

Finance and National Economy Minister shall implement the provisions of this decree which takes immediate effect, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

Six-month support joy!

Tamkeen to extend assistance to businesses, tour guides affected by pandemic

● Business Continuity Support Program launched following HM King directive

● Initiative part of economic stimulus packages announced by government

● Within framework of supporting sustainability of development process

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Another much-needed lifeline for the national economy and the private sector that has been adversely affected by the current coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

As part of the government's economic stimulus packages, Tamkeen yesterday announced that it will extend financial support to the tourism industry for another six months.

Institutions operating in exhibitions, conferences and gyms within the Business Continuity Support Program will be covered by the COVID-19 rescue plan.

The six-month assistance will also include tour guides in the tourism and hospitality sector registered with the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.

The support is due to the suspension of their activities in implementation of the precautionary measures.

The labour fund's financial support to small and micro companies is in line with the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad



The mandate is in implementation of the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, at the Executive Committee meeting on February 25.

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The extension is within the framework of supporting the

sustainability of the development process to assist the institutions affected by the pandemic, especially those whose scope of work is still affected by it.

Tamkeen launched the Business Continuity Support Program following the directive of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to unite the national efforts to combat the repercussions of COVID-19 on economic levels. The programme is part of the economic stimulus packages announced by the government.

Eligible micro and small enterprises (up to 50 employees) must have an active CR/valid license, be based and operating in Bahrain and with their employees registered under SIO/LMRA.

They must not be owned more than 50% by the government and not have active LMRA offenses or active violations with Tamkeen/LMRA.

GCC always committed to protecting and promoting child's rights



Ambassador Bucheeri speaks during the remote session

● 'Gulf Children's Day' is observed on January 15 every year to reaffirm the GCC countries' unwavering principle of further strengthening the protection of this important segment of society

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GCC countries are committed to protecting and promoting child's rights at all levels, in line with the international legislation and conventions.

This was emphasised by Kingdom of Bahrain's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office and other international organisations in Geneva, Ambassador Dr Yusuf Abdulkarim Bucheeri.

The Ambassador delivered a statement on behalf of the GCC countries, in the context of the annual meeting on the rights of the child within the 46th session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, which was held remotely on Monday.

He pointed out that based on

considering child protection as one of the unwavering principles agreed upon by all the GCC countries, the GCC Secretariat General has recently, with the support of their member states, allocated a special day to the children of the Gulf to be observed on January 15 every year.

"Gulf Children's Day" represents an opportunity to reaffirm the continuation of GCC countries towards further strengthening the protection of this important segment of society, he said.

Dr Bucheeri added various events, programmes and educational campaigns are organised with the aim of spreading awareness on the importance of childcare.

He also pointed out the unprecedented challenges facing children nowadays in view of the growing threats posed by COVID-19, which create various issues that put children's rights at risk.

The Ambassador called for concerted efforts to take measures to reduce the suffering of children who are disproportionately affected by these circumstances, given that what children go through during this stage may leave severe and lasting effects.



Gyms in Bahrain are among hardest hit by the pandemic

Bahrain strongly condemns Houthi attack on Jazan region

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Bahrain has strongly condemned and denounced the missile attack by the Houthi militia on the Jazan region, southwestern Saudi Arabia, which

injured several civilians and caused damage.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wished a speedy and full recovery to the victims of the cowardly terrorist act that targets the lives of innocent ci-

vilians.

The Ministry reiterated Bahrain's firm position that strongly supports Saudi Arabia and backs all the measures it takes to preserve its security, stability and solidarity.

Kingdom congratulates Bulgaria leader

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable of congratulations to the President of Bulgaria Rumen Radev on his country's Liberation Day.