

# HM the King praises book on Kingdom's achievements

● **"This is Bahrain" reflects development in various areas**

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received Information Minister Ali bin Mohammed Al Romaihi who presented a book entitled "This is Bahrain", a comparative study prepared by the ministry's News Department.

HM King Hamad expressed appreciation of the book and praised the important information that reflects Bahrain's development in various areas.

HM the King commended the efforts made by the authors that constitutes a reference chronicling the national endeavours to achieve growth and prosperity for the Kingdom and its citizens.

HM King Hamad lauded the ministry's role in promoting the media and communication sector, wishing its personnel further success.

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a reflection of HM the King's ideas in documenting national achievements, and expressed his thanks and gratitude to His Majesty for his constant support and continuous guidance to develop the performance of

the Ministry of Information in a way that enhances the Kingdom's comprehensive national development.

The minister pointed out that the book is the result of more than one year of research, analysis and comparison between Bahrain and several countries based on international sources.

Al Romaihi praised the efforts of the News Department in preparing the book that documents Bahrain's outstanding achievements cited by several international important development indexes.

# 'Roadmap' for Bahrain growth and prosperity

HM King's royal directives hailed by Shura Chairman and Representatives Council Speaker

● **Laying down solid foundations for advanced legislative work part of royal reform**

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Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh said His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has laid down solid foundations for advanced legislative work in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

He praised the royal reform approach which laid the bases of democracy and modern state, and commended the unflinching royal support to the legislative branch which enabled it to perform its national role in passing legislation and modernising laws in tune with the kingdom's growth.

Following a meeting yesterday with HM the King during which HM was presented with the report of the committee in charge of replying to the royal address at the opening of the third session of the fifth legislative term, the Shura Council Chairman described the royal addresses as roadmaps for Bahrain's growth and prosperity.

He commended the comprehensive royal vision and valuable directives to promote the



Shura Chairman Al Saleh



Speaker Zainal

development march and boost the kingdom's growth and prosperity.

The Shura Council head praised the royal directives as a beacon for the legislative branch to achieve the royal aspirations, promote the national legislation system and preserve achievements. He stressed that citizens are the real asset of the nation and the pivot of sustainable development.

Al Saleh expressed utmost pride in meeting HM the King and listening to his directives stressing that the royal directives are an incentive to multiply efforts and build on previous legislative achievements brought about over 19 years.

He also affirmed continuous cooperation between the legislative branch and the government led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al

Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Shura Council chairman commended keen interest of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister in bolstering cooperation between the executive and legislative branches. He praised his continued directives to the ministers and officials to promote constructive dialogue and cooperation to reach a consensus on national issues.

Pillar of development: Speaker Zainal

Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal commended the royal directives, describing them as the pillar of sustainable and comprehensive development in the Kingdom.

She praised the royal support to the legislative branch and keenness on continued reform and advancement to serve the

nation and citizens and upgrade the legislative and monitoring system.

Speaking following a meeting yesterday with HM King Hamad, the Speaker stressed that the royal addresses represent a roadmap for more work and achievements.

She lauded the forward-looking royal vision which brought Bahrain many pioneering accomplishments and enhanced its status at all levels.

Zainal also praised continuous cooperation between the legislative branch and the government and affirmed the Representatives Council's keen interest in serving the nation and citizens and boosting cooperation with all institutions.



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## Bahrain Metro project's first phase presented to investors

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The \$2 billion Bahrain Metro project was introduced for the first time yesterday to international investors and developers during a virtual workshop organised by the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

The introductory workshop showcasing the first phase of the mega urban rail transit network project was chaired by Transportation and Telecommunications Minister Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed. Senior officials including Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa took part in the online event entitled "Bahrain Metro Market Consultation."

It introduced the project and presented the most important findings of previous studies including technical, financial

and legal aspects, in preparation for launching a global tender and bidding process for the qualification of developers.

The project will be implemented in partnership with the private sector.

It will cover a total area of 109 kilometres with four transit lines to be developed in phases.

Phase one will be made up of two lines with an estimated length of 28.6 kilometres. These will include 20 stations with two interchanges and will link Bahrain International Airport as well as major residential areas, commercial areas and school districts.

The project will surely improve the quality of life of citizens by providing a fast, comfortable, reliable and sustainable transportation system in the Kingdom.

## Finance Minister receives Bahrain's Ambassador to Russia



Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa received Bahrain's Ambassador to Russia Ahmed Abdulrahman Al Saati. The Minister commended the embassy's efforts and its role in consolidating joint cooperation and bolstering bilateral relations between Bahrain and Russia. He stressed the importance of expanding partnership across all fields, particularly the financial and economic sectors, which would benefit the two friendly countries and peoples. The Ambassador expressed thanks and appreciation to the Minister, lauding the Ministry's efforts in bolstering economic ties between Bahrain and all other countries.

## Foreign Minister receives British Ambassador



Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani yesterday received the UK Ambassador Roderick Drummond at the Ministry's headquarters. The meeting was also attended by Bahrain's Ambassador to the UK Shaikh Fawaz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa and Director of the European Affairs and European Union Directorate at the Ministry, Shaikha Aysha bint Ahmed Al Khalifa. The two sides discussed the historic friendship between Bahrain and the UK, the course of bilateral cooperation and ways to develop it in all areas in a way that benefits the two friendly countries and people. They also discussed a number of regional and international issues of common concern.

## Bahrain and India discuss ways to boost cooperation



Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received India Ambassador Piyush Srivastava. The meeting discussed the course of friendly relations between Bahrain and India, and ways to promote cooperation to meet common aspirations. They also reviewed topics of shared interest, primarily ways to bolster cooperation and coordination to face the repercussions of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.