

Social Housing Takes Centre Stage at Infrastructure Meeting

Committee praises foundation stone laying for 24 housing units

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Bahrain reaffirmed its focus on expanding social housing and strengthening urban development, as Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa chaired the 305th meeting of the Ministerial Committee for Development and Infrastructure Projects.

A key highlight of the meeting was the progress of housing initiatives aimed at providing more residential options for citizens. The committee praised the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning following the laying of the foundation stone for a project to construct 24 housing units in Salman City under the Government Land Development Rights Programme.

Officials stressed that partnerships between the public and private sectors remain essential for accelerating social housing projects and supporting the kingdom's wider housing strategy through innovative and diversified solutions.

The meeting also reviewed a number of infrastructure and urban development projects across Bahrain. The committee welcomed the opening of Sheikh Abdullah bin Salman bin Khalifa



Al Khalifa Road in Riffa, linking Al Muaskar Road with Al Hunainyah Road. Members commended the Ministry of Works and all participating authorities for successfully delivering the project to high standards.

In another development, the committee praised the opening

of Village Park in Block 551 in the Northern Governorate by the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture. The project forms part of ongoing efforts to increase green spaces and improve recreational facilities for residents across Bahrain.

During the meeting, the Deputy

Prime Minister instructed the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture to extend procedures for relocating scrap-related businesses from Al Mazra'a to the new site in Hafeera, Block 959, ensuring businesses have sufficient time to complete the transition without disrupting operations.

Sewerage project reaches 52% completion



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Ministry of Works conducted a site inspection of a major sewerage infrastructure project covering residential blocks 447, 431 and 435 in Al Qadam and Jibla Habshi, as part of ongoing efforts to upgrade public utilities across the Kingdom.

The visit was led by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Works, Engineer Shaikh Meshaal

Al-Khalifa, accompanied by Assistant Undersecretary for Sewerage Engineering, Engineer Fathi Abdullah Al Fara.

Officials said the visit forms part of regular field inspections of strategic infrastructure projects aimed at reviewing progress on the ground and ensuring work remains on schedule in line with approved timelines.

The delegation assessed the project's overall progress and reviewed ongoing construction ac-



tivities at multiple sites within the development area.

According to the Ministry, the project includes the construction of a pumping station as well as the development of main sewerage pipelines using open-cut excavation methods and trenching techniques.

It also involves installing secondary sewer lines and constructing inspection chambers designed to serve approximately 414 properties in the area. Officials confirmed that the project has reached 52% completion.

Bahrain Raises Iran Concerns During Meeting With Russian Envoy



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Foreign Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani met Russia's ambassador to Bahrain, Dr Alexey Skosyrev, in Manama to discuss bilateral relations and regional security developments.

The meeting, held at the Foreign Ministry headquarters, reviewed the growing cooperation and friendship between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Russian Federation across several sectors. Both sides also explored ways to further strengthen bilateral ties and expand cooperation in areas serving the shared interests of the two countries.

Regional developments were also discussed during the talks, including continuing Iranian attacks targeting the kingdom and other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states, as described by Bahrain.

The discussions additionally addressed the implications of Iran's closure of the Strait of Hormuz to maritime navigation, alongside ongoing efforts to reduce regional tensions and maintain security and stability across the Gulf.

The two sides also reviewed prospects for joint coordination and cooperation at the United Nations Security Council, where both Bahrain and Russia hold membership.

New Azerbaijani ambassador begins diplomatic mission



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Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received a copy of the credentials of Azerbaijan's newly appointed ambassador to the Kingdom.

The meeting took place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the capital, Manama.

The ambassador, Javdan bin Ridwan Huseynov, formally

presented his credentials as part of the standard diplomatic procedure before beginning his duties in Bahrain.

During the meeting, Dr. Al Zayani welcomed the incoming ambassador and wished him success in his new role. He reiterated Bahrain's commitment to strengthening bilateral relations with Azerbaijan and expanding cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

Strategic Communication Training



Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa Al Khalifa, Director General of the Institute of Public Administration (IPA), inaugurated the second cohort of the Executive Programme in Government Communication in Manama. Ahmed Khaled Al Araifi, CEO of the National Communication Centre (NCC), attended the opening ceremony. She said government communication is a strategic tool for supporting public policy, enhancing transparency, and showcasing national achievements. Both sides highlighted the importance of investing in national talent and adopting modern technologies, including artificial intelligence, to strengthen the effectiveness and impact of government messaging.

Diplomatic National Celebration



Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani attended the Italian Embassy's reception in Manama marking Italy's National Day. He conveyed greetings from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to Italy's leadership. He highlighted the strong Bahrain-Italy relations, built on mutual respect and cooperation, and reaffirmed shared commitments to peace, stability, and international law.

Healthcare Review



Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force, received Lieutenant General Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council of Health, in Manama. The Commander-in-Chief praised the SCH's efforts to advance healthcare services and develop medical institutions in line with national leadership directives to serve citizens and residents.