

## HH Shaikh Nasser Praises Chamber Efforts

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HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, met Nabeel Khalid Kanoo, Chairman of the Chamber's Board of Directors, in the presence of First Vice-Chairman Yousif Salahuddin and Second Vice-Chairman Nawaf Khalid Al Zayani.

During the meeting, HH Shaikh Nasser congratulated the Chairman and members of the Board on their election to the 31st session of the Chamber's Board of Directors.

He wished them success in continuing their national efforts and



HH Shaikh Nasser receives Nabeel Khalid Kanoo

achieving further progress that supports the national economy and strengthens Bahrain's standing across various sectors.

He also underlined the vital role of the private sector as a key partner in the kingdom's comprehensive development path.

## Radiation Safety Tightened

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Bahrain will introduce new licensing rules for radiation workers, safety officers, experts and related service providers under decisions issued by the Supreme Council for Environment and published in the Official Gazette.

Under the framework, anyone involved in radiation work exceeding 30 per cent of the annual dose limit must obtain a licence.

Professionals are classified into radiation workers, protection officers and qualified experts, each with specific



HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council for Environment

training and experience requirements.

Licences will be valid for three years and may be renewed, suspended or revoked in cases of non-compliance.

## Bahrain, China Review Ties



Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani with Chinese Ambassador, H.E. Ni Ruchi

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Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Bahrain, H.E. Ni Ruchi, at the ministry headquarters on Sunday.

The two sides reviewed the strong bilateral relations between Bahrain and China, highlighting their continued development and growth across various fields.

They also exchanged views on regional developments and the current situation, including the implications of closing the Strait of Hormuz to international navigation, alongside other issues of common concern.

The meeting was attended by Ambassador Mohammed Rashid Al Suwaidi, Acting Head of the Asia and Pacific Affairs Sector at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## EU delegation visit strengthens diplomatic engagement

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Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Foreign Minister, met a delegation from the European Parliament in Manama on Monday.

The delegation was led by Reinhold Lopatka, Member of the European Parliament, during their official visit to the kingdom.

Discussions focused on strengthening relations between Bahrain and the European Union, including expanding cooperation across various sectors—particularly parliamentary ties—to support regional and global security, stability, and development.

The two sides also reviewed regional developments, including the implications of Iran's closure



Dr. Al Zayani with the European Parliament delegation

of the Strait of Hormuz on international trade, energy supplies and the global economy, as well as other issues of mutual concern.

## National Unity Emphasised



The Chairman of Bahrain's Shura Council, Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, said on Monday that programmes and initiatives by the Bahrain Institute for Political Development contribute to strengthening national belonging and loyalty to the kingdom and its leadership. He was speaking during a meeting in which he received the institute's annual report for 2025 from its officials, according to a statement. Al Saleh praised the institute's role in promoting political awareness, training national cadres, and highlighting Bahrain's democratic development under HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

## Bapco Chief Praises HM the King's Remarks

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The chief executive of Bapco Energies, Mark Thomas, said that remarks by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa reflect "firm national constants" and reinforce unity and responsibility across Bahrain's society and institutions.

Thomas said the King's media remarks embody a "consistent leadership approach" based on strengthening national values, safeguarding security and stability, and promoting social cohesion and accountability.

He added that the messages carried "highly significant national themes," underscoring the priority of safeguarding Bahrain's security and stability, upholding the rule of law, and strengthening national unity.

According to him, these principles form a balanced frame-



Mark Thomas, Bapco Energies chief executive



Majesty the King and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He said the group remains focused on contributing to sustainable energy security for future generations while advancing the Kingdom's broader development ambitions.

Mr. Thomas added that the King's leadership continues to serve as a guiding inspiration for national work, strengthening confidence in the future and placing people and development at the centre of Bahrain's vision.

work that combines firmness with responsibility and supports confidence in the country's future.

The Bapco Energies CEO praised the King's "deep wisdom and forward-looking vision," which he said laid the foundations of Bahrain's comprehensive development journey.

Mr. Thomas reaffirmed the company's commitment to supporting Bahrain's development goals under the leadership of His

## New Director Appointments

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has issued two edicts appointing directors at the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) and the Civil Service Bureau.

Under Edict (16) of 2026,

Shaikh Khalifa bin Duaij bin Khalifa Al Khalifa was appointed Director of the Real Estate Operations Directorate at RERA, succeeding Mehnaz Ghuloom Mohammed Abulqasim.

Under Edict (15) of 2026, Haitham Ali Khalil Nass was appointed Director of the Policies and Regulations Affairs Directorate at the Civil Service

Bureau. Authorities also announced several other director-level appointments across key departments, including compliance, talent development, recruitment, performance management, and institutional excellence.

Both edicts take effect immediately and will be published in the Official Gazette.

## Coast Guard Raises Awareness



Coast Guard carried out a maritime awareness campaign near Al Dar Islands on Monday as part of efforts to enhance sea safety and raise awareness among seafarers. The campaign targeted fishermen, boat owners and recreational users, urging them to comply with maritime safety guidelines and navigation rules in operational areas to ensure their safety.

## Coastal Clean-Up Drive



Volunteers and officials joined forces on a beach clean-up campaign at Jid Al Haj beach, underscoring efforts to protect Bahrain's coastal environment through community partnership. The initiative was organised by Clean Up Bahrain in cooperation with the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture and the Northern Municipality. Northern Municipal Council Chairman Dr Sayed Shubber Ibrahim Al Wadaei took part in the campaign, describing collaboration between public bodies and civil society as essential for safeguarding coastal areas. (By Hasan Barakat)

## Expat Jailed in Assault Case

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The First Criminal High Court of Appeal upheld a one-year prison sentence against an Asian expatriate in an assault case that resulted in a permanent disability, and ordered his deportation after he serves his sentence.

The 37-year-old defendant was convicted of assaulting a 56-year-old Asian security guard on 10 September 2025. A forensic medical report indicated the incident left the victim with a 4% permanent disability.

Prosecutors said the incident occurred while the victim was on duty at a residential building.

The defendant reportedly arrived seeking access to operate a gas cylinder at his workplace but was denied entry based on instructions from the property sponsor.

He then allegedly forced his way in and assaulted the guard by twisting the fingers of his left hand.

The First Criminal High Court of Appeal has upheld a one-year prison sentence against an Asian expatriate, along with an order for deportation, after he was convicted in an assault case that resulted in a permanent disability assessed at 4%.

The case dates back to an incident on 10 September 2025, when the 37-year-old defendant was found to have assaulted a 56-year-old Asian security guard while the latter was on duty at a residential building.