

## Electricity Minister opens BD43 million, 66KV plant



Minister with other officials and council members during the inauguration

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Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs Wael bin Nasser Al-Mubarak yesterday launched 66 kV Sadad Power Station completed for BD4.3 million.

The project forms part of 220KV and 66KV electrical transmission network development currently ongoing in the Kingdom.

Present at the inauguration were Sheikh Nawwaf bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa, CEO of the Electricity and Water Authority and other top officials and council members.

The project will serve the electricity needs of the north-ern governorate and enhance

the reliability and security of the electrical network system in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

World-leading companies manufactured, supplied, installed, and inspected devices and equipment for the station.

Circuit breakers and switches were from French company Grid Solution SAS, electrical transformers and reactors were from Korean company HHI and cables from Saudi Cable Company.

Bahraini Gabo Construc-tion Company completed civil works and Bahraini company Nass did the extension of the electrical cables. Irish Con-sulting Company (ESBI) car-ried out the engineering super- vision of the project.

# A Dream Flight it is

## But for most of them it's their last flight too



180 expatriates, including four infants, on board the Air India repatriation flight organised free of cost by Pravasi Yathra Mission

- Passengers included four infants
- Pravasi Yathra Mission shouldered expenses
- Mission was christened "Dream Flight"

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“Most of the pas-sengers ... may not come back to Bahrain as they don't have jobs and valid visas.

“They were struggling to lead their daily lives.”

A Pravasi Yathra Mission

(PYM) organiser told Tribune as some 180 passengers fastened their seat belts on an Air India repatriation flight from Bahrain.

All of the passengers, includ- ing four infants, were flown home completely free of cost.

Shouldering their expenses were “Pravasi Yathra Mission (PYM)” (Expatriates Travel Mis- sion) with the help of the gener- ous Indian community members in Bahrain.

It was a first-of-its-kind hu- manitarian gesture since the out- break of the coronavirus (COV- ID-19) pandemic.

Seeing that several Indian ex- patriates lost their jobs, income and accommodation due to the pandemic, they chartered a pri- vate flight to repatriate them back to their home country for free.The 180 passengers flew from Bahrain to the coastal city

of Calicut in Kerala.

Many individuals and organ- isations extended their support to make their mission, called “Dream Flight”, a success, PYM officials told Tribune.

“The mission was accepted by the Indian community in Bah- rain with wholehearted sup- port,” they added.

When asked about organising more such flights, they said that they may arrange another flight shortly to support the needy, based on the demand.

The success of the first mis- sion is ‘encouraging’ and makes us want to continue with the mission, they told Tribune.

The economic instability caused by the deadly coronavi- rus pandemic “has mainly af- fected small-scale businesses and shops.”

“There has been a drastic in-

crease of Indians, mostly Keral- ites losing their jobs,” PYM said expressing concerns.

“Many of them are heavily de- pressed and are showing suicidal tendencies. They are eager to join their loved ones back home.”

**Happy to stay**

PYM, however, explained that not all expatriates, who had lost their jobs want to go back.

Indian expatriates, who have “valid visas are choosing to stay back in Bahrain with hopes of getting other jobs.”

“The expatriate community is happy to stay in Bahrain as the Government and the Royal fam- ily are always giving affection- ate care to Indian expatriates,” said the PYM organisers, many of whom are Indian expatriates themselves who have lived and worked in Bahrain for decades.



Passengers checking in



The flight getting prepared at Bahrain International Airport

## Muharraq continues monitoring of labour accomodations

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Muharraq governorate will continue to monitor mi- grant workers housing facili- ties to ensure compliance with health and safety requirements, said Muharraq Governor, Sal- man bin Isa Bin Hindi Al Man- nai.

A permanent committee es- tablished for the purpose at the governorate will continue to perform this task, Al Mannai said.

The move, he said, is in the best interest of the families of the workers and to ensure them adequate housing, amid the coronavirus (COVID-19) pan- demic.

The committee, following the



Pictures published by Al Ayam shows the state of Labour accommodations. Muharraq Governor said the authorities there are working to rectify the situation

directives of Lieutenant-General Sheikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior, took note of the situation and distributed food and urgent ma- terials in cooperation with the Royal Foundation for Humani- tarian Action within the (Feena Khair) initiative at various la- bour accommodations.