

Securing the world’s sea lanes: Bahrain takes lead at IPU

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Bahrain is pushing for stronger international cooperation to safeguard freedom of navigation, maritime security and the flow of global trade through key waterways and straits.

The issue was discussed by Jamal Mohammed Fakhro, First Vice Chairman of the Shura Council and head of Bahrain’s parliamentary delegation, during a meeting with Roger Edward, President of the Parliamentary Group of Latin America and the Caribbean, on the sidelines of the 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). The meeting, ahead of the assembly in Arusha from October 5 to 9, focused on strengthening cooperation between Bahrain and the Latin America and Caribbean parliamentary group, as well as coordinating positions at international parliamentary forums. Fakhro outlined Bahrain’s proposed emergency agenda item on “ensuring freedom of navigation, maritime security and the flow of international trade through maritime corridors and straits in accordance with international law.”



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Maryam Al Omran Elected IP Society President

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The Bahrain Intellectual Property Society has elected Maryam Imran Al Omran as its new President, succeeding founder Asmaa Abdulaziz Al Najdi.

The new board includes Dr Hanan Mohammed Zaki Al Mulla as Vice President, Dr Saqr Eid Faris Faleh Al Ruwis as Treasurer and legal consultant Shaker Ahmed Hassan Jalalah as Secretary.

Al Omran praised Al Najdi’s contributions, including securing observer status at the World Intellectual Property Organization and launching the first Gulf Intellectual Property Conference.



Bahrain builds its own teaching workforce

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As the world faces a projected shortage of 44 million teachers by 2030, Bahrain is strengthening its national teaching workforce by training and employing its own graduates.

Every graduate of the Mohammed Jaber Al Ansari College for Teachers at the University of Bahrain secures employment, according to Education Minister Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma.

Bahrain has hired 3,132 Bahrainis in the Ministry of Education between 2020 and 2024, including 951 teachers in 2023. In January 2025, Juma said Bahrainisation at the ministry had reached 86%.

The ministry’s approach focuses on respect, career progression, qualification and training, fairness and legal protection, and digital empowerment.



Maryam Ali Mansour Al Madhhoob

The challenge is now extending to technology and artificial intelligence. Last month, Juma presented a paper at UNESCO headquarters in Paris on integrating AI into education while ensuring it supports rather than undermines learning.

Bait Hiddam’ spotlights Bahrain’s rising screen talent

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Bahraini drama series Bait Hiddam has completed 49 days of filming across Bahrain, bringing together more than 50 Bahraini talents in artistic and production roles.

Set for release on the Shasha platform, the series has given several local professionals their first opportunity to work on a production of this scale, both in front of and behind the camera.

Directed by Saeed Al-Marouq, the production involved professionals from more than 20 nationalities, creating opportunities for Bahraini talent to work alongside



Actors on Set.

regional and international experts.

Produced by Level Seven Pictures and The Creator Space, the series features Gulf and Arab actors including Ali Kakooli, Layla Abdullah, Abdul-Mohsen Al-Nimer, Basma Hamada and Hus-

sain Al-Haddad.

The producers said the project aims to develop practical experience and strengthen Bahrain’s local production sector. The team also launched #Bahrain_Loves_Cinema to promote the Kingdom as a filming destination.



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa
The King of the Kingdom of Bahrain
and
His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa
The Crown Prince & Prime Minister

on the Kingdom of Bahrain’s outstanding achievement in successfully organising the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026 in Malaysia.

This remarkable national achievement is a source of pride for all, reflecting Team Bahrain’s ability to transform challenges into opportunities and demonstrating the Kingdom’s excellence in organising major international sporting events.

This achievement is a testament to the dedication and capabilities of Bahrain’s national talent, whose expertise, determination and unwavering commitment continue to embody the spirit of Team Bahrain.



