

HM King endorses 2023-2024 general state budget



HM the King

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday ratified and issued Law (5) of 2023 on endorsing the general state budget for the fiscal years 2023-2024, following its approval by the bicameral National Assembly.

Door opens for Bahraini women to volunteer in BDF reserve force

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The Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) General Command opened the door for Bahraini women to volunteer in the reserve force.

Applicants wishing to volunteer are required to register on the BDF website using the link <https://www.bdf.bh>, using the e-application format.

Eligible applicants are required to be Bahrain nationals, aged (18) to (55) years old, with exceptions from the upper age limit for technicians and specialists, or according to duty requirements.

Palestinian boy dies

AFP | Jerusalem

A three-year-old Palestinian boy who was shot by Israeli troops in the occupied West Bank last week died of his wounds, Israeli hospital officials said yesterday.

Mohammed Al Tamimi was shot in the head last Thursday near his village of Nebi Saleh while riding in a car with his father. He was airlifted to Israel's Sheba Hospital, which announced the boy's death.

'Serve Kingdom and our people'

HM King Hamad praises ongoing fruitful executive and legislative cooperation

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa commended the ongoing fruitful coordination between the legislative and executive branches, welcoming the recent agreements reached by them regarding the general state budget.

HM the King affirmed that the ultimate goal is to achieve the interests of the homeland and its citizens, as well as to provide them with all means of a decent life.

He stressed that the Bahraini citizens will always remain the core of the nation-building process and all the government's projects and programmes.

His Majesty was speaking as he received yesterday at the Saffriya Palace the Council of Representatives Speaker, Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, and the Shura Council Chairman, Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, following the issuance of the Royal Order (29) of 2023 on adjourning the first session of the sixth Legislative Term of the bicameral National Assembly.

HM King Hamad expressed his appreciation to the Speaker, Shura Chairman and members of the National Assembly for their dedicated efforts to serving the Kingdom and the people.

He praised their valuable contributions to promoting development paths and strengthening the pillars of national action throughout the first session of the sixth Legislative Term, citing their efforts to highlight the kingdom's bright image and civilisational accomplishments.



HM the King receives Speaker Al Musallam and Shura Chairman Al Saleh



His Majesty also commended the fruitful efforts exerted by the legislative branch to carry out its supervisory role and develop the system of laws and legislation that serve the country and meet its citizens' needs.

HM the King praised the two branches' endeavours to improve the living standards of low and medium-income citizens, whose interests were taken into account in the agreed upon general state budget, stressing the importance of continuing to achieve the goals of financial sustainability and economic

growth.

Sound visions and leadership

Speaker Al Musallam and Chairman Al Saleh affirmed that the kingdom's development achievements were the fruitful outcomes of HM the King's sound visions and the leadership, as well as HM's unwavering support for enhancing the kingdoms' progress and more prosperity.

They expressed their pride in the lofty directives of HM the King to consolidate efforts to build on the previous achieve-

ments, extending their thanks to HM King Hamad for his continuous support.

The two legislative leaders affirmed that the fruitful legislature-executive cooperation is based on the directives of His Majesty the King and the follow up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Progress and development

They stressed that HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's keenness to deepen the

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mechanisms of cooperation between the two branches has paved the way for exchanging views on the best means to continue achieving sustainable development and updating national legislation and laws to cope with the continuous progress and development in the Kingdom.

Weekly Cabinet meeting



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, directed the concerned government authorities to retroactively disburse the monthly living allowance for retirees from January 2023 to June 2023. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister also directed the concerned authorities to pay disbursements on living allowance for government employees and people with disabilities starting from June 2023, in accordance with the new agreements between the Legislative and Executive Authorities. HRH Prince Salman chaired yesterday the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace. (Full report on Page 2)

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