

HM King, HRH Prince Salman thanked by Jordan

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received cables of thanks from His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein of Jordan, in reply to their congratulations on Jordan's Independence Day.

The Jordanian monarch expressed his deep appreciation to HM King Hamad and HRH



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman



HM King Abdullah



HM King Abdullah II wished the people of Bahrain further progress and prosperity.

Prince Salman for their noble feelings that reflect solid bilateral relations.

His Royal Highness also received a similar cable from the Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Hussein bin Abdullah II.

HM King Abdullah II wished HM King Hamad and HRH Prince Salman abundant health and happiness and the people of Bahrain further progress and prosperity under HM's leadership.

Bahrain greets Sweden

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to HM King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden on his country's National Day.

HM King Hamad and HRH Prince Salman wished King Gustaf abundant health and happiness and the people of Sweden further progress and prosperity.

His Royal Highness sent a similar cable to the Prime Minister, HE Ulf Kristersson.

Works Ministry steps up infrastructure project

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Work on the sanitary drainage project in bloc 733 in the Capital Governorate is on track as planned.

Works Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for sewage projects Fathi Abdulla Al Farea inspected the project, as part of a strategy to expand drainage networks across the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Tender Board had awarded the urban infrastructure project to Al Naseef Construction Company under a contract for BD260,000.

Al Farea stressed the importance of optimising the use of treated water by expanding pumping, transporting and distributing services.

He stressed the ministry's continuous efforts to benefit from triple-treated sewage water to irrigate crops in streets and parks, in addition to supplying farms with treated water.



Al Farea inspects the sanitary drainage project

Royal caring gesture

HRH Prince Salman directs concerned authorities to disburse living allowances for retirees, government employees and people with disabilities



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

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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.

The move follows agreements between the Legislative and Executive Authorities during a discussion on the draft law on the national budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

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.

This came as HRH Prince Salman chaired yesterday the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace.

On the occasion of the Royal Order issued by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to adjourn the first session of the sixth legislative term of the



National Assembly, the Cabinet commended the strength of co-operation and coordination held between the Legislative and Executive Authorities, and their role in advancing the Kingdom's national development.

His Royal Highness commended the two authorities' coordination in serving the Kingdom and its citizens, as well as the efforts of the public sector, the specialised committees of the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives, throughout the draft law budget discussions.

Commitment

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Cabinet emphasised the Kingdom's commitment to adopt more innovative initiatives, programmes, and solutions that enhance environmental security.

His Royal Highness announced an increase of mangroves plantations for 2023 from 230,000 to 460,000 trees.

This reflects the Kingdom's commitment to the 26th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change goals

(COP26), which includes a target to quadruple mangrove coverage by 2035.

Educational successes

The Cabinet congratulated the Bahraini graduates who completed the school year, thanking parents, teachers, and administrators of the Ministry of Education for their contributions to these educational successes.

The Cabinet then expressed its condolences to the government and people of the Republic of India, following the collision of three trains in the Balasore district of Odisha state in eastern India, and wished the wounded a speedy recovery.

The Cabinet discussed several memorandums during the meeting, among them the approval of a memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs on a draft decision to amend Article Two of the decision to establish and form the Higher Committee for the Bahrain International Airshow; and a memorandum submitted by the Minister of Sustainable Development on the second Voluntary National Review.

Backdated pensions disbursed to 195 Khatwa beneficiaries

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Backdated pensions have been disbursed immediately retroactively to 195 beneficiaries who have been admitted in the "Khatwa" after fulfilling the eligibility requirements, said the Social Insurance Organisation (SIO).

In a statement yesterday, it announced that SIO has taken the necessary measures to complete the applications of Khatwa program members who are eligible for retirement pensions.

The move is in line with the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to include 236 eligible retirement pension applications.

It pointed out that work is underway to process the remaining 41 applications. Short text messages have been sent to the applicants to complete the pending payment procedures for the pensions to be disbursed as soon as possible.

SCIA denounces turning some mosques into political arenas

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The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (SCIA) has affirmed that politics is alien to the roles of religious platforms and houses of worship, denouncing the keenness to turn some mosques into arenas for political chants and slogans during prayers.

The SCIA stressed the need to preserve the sanctity of mosques and religious pulpits, by devoting them to worshipping Allah the Almighty, and not deviating them from their established legitimate purposes, or exploiting them to perform other roles that they have nothing to do with, which would lead to encroachment upon their sanctity and the role they are meant to play.

The SCIA affirmed the importance of religious platforms and mosques.

Praise for Bahraini youth humanitarian and voluntary work

Citizens' authentic values

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Humanitarian and voluntary work is one of the values that characterise Bahrainis, said His Majesty's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman, His Highness Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

HH Shaikh Nasser tribute to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, hailing unwavering royal care for charitable and



HH Shaikh Nasser

humanitarian work.

He made the statement as he received at Al Wadi Palace the students of the Nasser Al Bina'a

project, which was launched by the Ibn Khuldoon National School, in an initiative aimed to revamp and furnish the homes of needy families.

He commended the project that embodies the mettle of Bahraini youth and epitomises their love for voluntary, charitable and humanitarian work, which are authentic values that Bahrainis inherit from father to grandfather.

"The initiative reflects the status of Bahraini youth and their active role in community service and their keenness to provide a helping hand to needy families," he said.

HH Shaikh Nasser praised the

students themselves who are carrying out the restoration of homes by themselves, hailing the national and humanitarian dedication.

He commended the commitment of Ibn Khuldoon National School, hailing its role since its inception, in supporting student and youth initiatives to achieve the noble goals for the advancement of society.

HH Shaikh Nasser commended the school's string of social, humanitarian and national initiatives, projects and activities to create a promising generation armed with science, knowledge and good human and moral values.