

Bahraini-Saudi relations praised

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs undersecretary Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Duaij Al Khalifa met virtually yesterday Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs General Diplomatic Affairs undersecretary Fahd bin Asaad Abunnasr.

Dr. Shaikha Rana congratulated Abunnasr on his new appointment, wishing him continued success.

She hailed strong brotherly relations between the two Kingdoms, commending the Saudi stances under the leadership of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdelaziz Al Saud, in supporting Bahrain. For his part, the Saudi undersecretary hailed growing bilateral relations at all levels, in light of the support given by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques.

They also discussed a number of issues of common concern.

Bahrain's democratic strides highlighted in book

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Bahrain's parliamentary delegation has participated in the Inter-Parliamentary Union's (IPU) 130th Anniversary Book, highlighting the IPU's achievements.

This follows directives from Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal.

The book contains the input of the parliaments of member states on their contributions to ensuring the success of IPU over the past 130 years.

The parliamentary delegation highlighted the strides made by Bahrain in the field of institutional democratic work, established by the National Action Charter and through civilisational practices, under the comprehensive development march spearheaded by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The delegation stressed the unwavering efforts exerted by the IPU to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, indicating the keenness of the Shura and Representatives councils to win IPU membership and participate in its regional and international conferences, meetings and programmes.

The parliamentary delegation congratulated the IPU on its 130th anniversary, lauding its milestone achievements, support for legislative councils and parliaments all over the world, consolidation of democratic practices, defending human rights, and supporting the achievements of sustainable development goals, among others.

It is to be noted that Bahrain's parliamentary delegation has held numerous leadership positions in the IPU, which proves the distinguished status enjoyed by Bahrain in the parliamentary field.

HH Shaikh Khalid congratulates HH Shaikh Nasser on appointment

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Royal Guard Special Force Commander His Highness Lt-Colonel Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa has congratulated His Highness Major General Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa on his appointment by HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa as Supreme Defence Council secretary-general. "We escalate our sincerest congratulations to HH Major General Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa on his new role," HH Shaikh Khalid said.

HH Shaikh Khalid underlined that the Royal confidence shown in HH Major General Shaikh Nasser reflects his high capabilities in various fields, including the military area.

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Bahraini youth," HH Shaikh Khalid continued. "I take his opportunity to wish him the best of luck."



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ROYAL GUARD SPECIAL FORCE COMMANDER HH LT-COLONEL SHAIKH KHALID BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA

Human rights commitment reaffirmed

Higher Coordination Committee for Human Rights tasked with coordination, follow-up and supervision of Kingdom's efforts in the field of protecting human rights internationally

National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons commended for helping achieve Tier One status in US State Department's TIP Report for third year in a row

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Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani has reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to all international standards for the protection of hu-

man rights with transparency.

He also stressed the Ministry's keenness to complete and implement initiatives and programmes that contribute to the continuation of achievements in this field.

The Foreign Minister said these as he presided over the meeting of the Higher Coordination Committee for Human Rights through virtual communication, with the participation of the Foreign Affairs assistant and Committee deputy chairman Abdulla bin Faisal bin Jabur Al Doseri.

The Foreign Minister praised edict 8/2020 issued by His Royal Highness the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, adding representatives of the Prime Minister's Court and the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs to the Coordination Committee for Human Rights, including the Court's undersecretary Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Khalifa and the Cabinet Affairs Ministry undersecretary His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, wishing them success



The Foreign Minister during the committee meeting

in their tasks.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs noted that the vision and approach of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the support of HRH the Premier and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, have greatly contributed and continue to strengthening the Kingdom's achievements in the field of human rights at the regional

and international levels.

He stated that the committee is tasked with the coordination, follow-up and supervision to promote the efforts of the Kingdom in the field of protecting human rights internationally, praising the efforts made by Bahrain in this field in compliance with international covenants and laws, and the agreements that the Kingdom has joined.

In this regard, he noted the Kingdom's achievement of Tier

One status in the annual report of the US Department of State for Trafficking in Persons for the third year in a row. He commended the efforts of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons, headed by Labour Market Regulatory Authority CEO Ausamah bin Abdulla Al Absi, which resulted in this achievement.

The Committee discussed a number of topics on the agenda, and took a number of decisions.

Foreign Minister, EU Mission head hold discussions

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Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received a video call from European Union (EU) Mission head to Bahrain and the GCC Michele d'Urso.

They discussed growing cooperation between the Kingdom and the EU and ways of bolstering relations between both sides to achieve common interests. They also reviewed



A screenshot of the video call between the Foreign Minister and the EU Mission head.



other issues of mutual concern.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Minister received a letter of thanks from UK Foreign Affairs Secretary of State Dominic Raab, in which he expressed thanks and appreciation for the support given to British nationals in Bahrain during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The UK Foreign Affairs Secretary of State affirmed that the

Kingdom's assistance in facilitating repatriation flights for British nationals reflects close historic relations between the two countries. He also stressed the UK's keenness to enhance joint cooperation and coordination with Bahrain to achieve common interests.

He wished the Kingdom's government and people further progress and prosperity.

Ideal drivers to be honoured in summer traffic safety campaign

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"Thank You" initiative aimed at honouring ideal drivers is set to expand in the summer with a traffic safety campaign.

This was announced yesterday by Traffic Culture Director Salah Mohammed Shahab, who noted that the initiative presses on with the cooperation of the



Shahab

private sector.

The director revealed that the "Thank You" initiative's summer traffic safety campaign will include various activities such as tyres inspection at public roads.

This will be done in cooperation with the local agent of international tyre manufacturer Pirelli. The inspections aim to enhance awareness of the importance of

tyre safety.

The Traffic Culture director added that, in cooperation with Bahrain National Insurance (BNI), ideal drivers would be honoured with one-year on-the-road assistance.

He urged drivers to carry out regular maintenance of their vehicles and avoid leaving inflammable items at the car.