

Focus on promoting peaceful co-existence

Washington

Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa attended a ceremony hosted by US-based Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E), marking the 40th anniversary of its establishment.

Gen. Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah was honoured and awarded by the officials of the organisation.

The minister delivered a speech, highlighting the strong partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the US, and commending joint efforts to stave off threats and overcome challenges.

He hailed the successful launch of the curriculum for peaceful coexistence and combating extremism, describing the blueprint as key step in concerted collective efforts to confront extremism, which is a global challenge.

Bahrain Ambassador in Washington and first member of the board of directors of the organisation from outside the US, Shaikh Abdulla bin Rashid Al Khalifa, was also present.

A curriculum for peaceful coexistence and combating extremism was launched within the framework of the modernisation process of the program to combat violence and addiction "Together" which is being implemented by the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The training curriculum has been translated into Arabic, in line with Arab customs and traditions, in partnership with the American organisation D.A.R.E.

Gen. Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah stressed the ministry's efforts to promote basic values to combat intolerance and extremism, highlighting the national plan to promote national belonging and consolidate the values of citizenship (Bahrainouna).

Education is the 'core pillar of development'

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, emphasised the Kingdom of Bahrain's commitment to education as a core pillar of development, which shapes future generations of leaders.

HRH Prince Salman noted that investing in Bahraini nationals remains at the core of the Kingdom's development strategy to meet current and future requirements of the labour market.

He highlighted the importance of modern teaching methods to further strengthen the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

His Royal Highness was speaking as he met yesterday with the Chief Executive Officer of the Bahrain Polytechnic, Dr Ciaran O Cathain, at Gudaibiya Palace.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister was briefed on Bahrain Polytechnic's strategy, which aims to supply the labour market with skilled graduates



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets with the Bahrain Polytechnic CEO

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according to the highest educational standards and practices.

He highlighted Bahrain Polytechnic's efforts in offering

comprehensive educational programmes that balance practical training and academic knowledge to meet Bahrain's labour market requirements.

His Royal Highness commended the efforts of the President and members of the Board of Trustees of Bahrain Polytechnic, and its administrative and academic bodies in achieving its goals.

The Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture and the Chairman of Bahrain Polytechnic's Board of Trustees, HE Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, and Dr O Cathain thanked His Royal Highness for his continuous support of educational institutions and for strengthening their role in the Kingdom's

development.

They further highlighted the commitment to implement Bahrain Polytechnic's strategy to benefit the students and keep up to date with modern education methods.

His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture and the Chairman of Bahrain Polytechnic's Board of Trustees, HE Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, and the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, His Excellency Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, also attended the meeting.

5G download speeds up in Bahrain



● Peaks to 3.2 Gbps for faster connection

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The 5G download speeds in Bahrain reached a peak of 3.2 Gbps, enabling consumers to connect faster, according to a research conducted by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA).

Furthermore, 4G network average download speeds have more than doubled since 2020, going up from 85 Mbps in 2020 to 266 Mbps in 2022.

The TRA released its 2022 report on the Quality of Service (QoS) of mobile networks in the Kingdom.

This comprehensive audit aimed to provide an accurate assessment of Bahrain's mobile network performance and user experience based on three main areas: mobile coverage, quality of service, and billing.

Kingdom keen to develop tourism for economic growth

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Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa has emphasised the keenness Bahrain attaches to the development of tourism, and various promising sectors, in the interest of promoting sustainable economic growth.

Shaikh Salman made the statement as he received yesterday the Saudi Minister of Tourism and Chairman of board of directors for the Saudi Fund for Development, Ahmed Al Khateeb.

Tourism Minister Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi and Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa,



Shaikh Salman with the Saudi Tourism Minister

CEO of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat), were present.

The Finance Minister affirmed the depth of historical relations between the two king-

doms, and the solid foundations on which they are based for integration and joint work in various

fields.

He noted that these relations are supported by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

He stressed the keenness of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to enhance cooperation and boost joint work that bring prosperity and development for the benefit of the two countries and peoples.

Bahrain-Philippines ties



Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Ma'awda, received in his office Ambassador of the Philippines to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Anne Jalando-on Louis. He commended friendly relations between both countries and their steady development in all domains. They discussed issues of mutual concern and reviewed joint cooperation in the judicial field.

Bahrain to boost Turkey ties and cooperation

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Bahrain is keen to continue strengthening its cooperation with Turkey.

This was affirmed by the His Highness the Deputy Prime Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, in an interview with the Anadolu News Agency during his visit to Ankara.

With Turkey entering a new historical phase, Bahrain is looking forward to boosting trade and tourism exchange between the two countries, and encouraging the private sector to explore available investment opportunities, and strengthen partnership in the infrastructure sector.

HH Shaikh Khalid was delegated by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to attend the inauguration ceremony of re-elected Turk-



Deputy Prime Minister

ish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Saturday in Ankara.

Diplomatic relations between Bahrain and Turkey go back to some 50 years, since 1973.

This solid and strong relationship is based on the values of mutual respect and understanding.

Over 17 official visits have



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been made, and several agreements and memoranda of understanding have been signed between the two countries in various fields. To date, 38 agreements and memorandum of understandings have been signed in different fields, including youth, education, military, and industry.

The two countries enjoy a

prospering economic relationship with the volume of bilateral trade amounting to almost \$883 million in 2022, up by 66% from the same period the year before.

"The Kingdom is confident that the two countries will continue to foster these bilateral relations and advance them towards broader horizons of cooperation and partnership," HH the Deputy Prime Minister said.

"As the chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Development Projects and Infrastructure, I also look forward to focusing on cooperation in the infrastructure sector, as well as the exchange of knowledge and experience in this area. Moreover, I would like to express my admiration for the urban expansion and advanced infrastructure that Turkey is currently experiencing."