

Fellowship Graduates Drive National Progress

Empowering Bahraini talent remains central to the Kingdom’s development and government excellence.



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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Deputy King, received the eleventh intake of the Prime Minister’s Fellowship Program at Gudaibiya Palace, in a ceremony underscoring the Kingdom’s deepening commitment to cultivating national talent for public service.

Addressing the gathering, HRH the Deputy King praised the achievements of Bahrain’s workforce across multiple sectors, describing their competence, diligence and dedication as a cornerstone of the Kingdom’s comprehensive development under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.



HRH Prince Salman reaffirmed that human capital remains Bahrain’s most valuable asset, stressing that investing in national talent is central to sustaining the Kingdom’s competitiveness across all sectors. He commended the eleventh intake specifically, highlighting the creativity and determination that Bahraini professionals continue to bring to the nation’s development agenda.

The Deputy King also emphasised the government’s responsibility to create an enabling environment for future generations, through targeted initiatives designed to open opportunities across public and private sectors alike. He said such efforts are essential to producing highly qualified professionals equipped to meet evolving challenges and

advance Bahrain’s long-term progress.

Reflecting on the nation’s broader ethos, Prince Salman noted that Bahrain has historically drawn its strength from its people — citizens who have embraced excellence and service as guiding principles. He expressed strong confidence in the abilities of Fellowship graduates to continue shaping the Kingdom’s future, describing them as a model of what sustained investment in human capital can achieve.

Members of the Prime Minister’s Fellowship Program’s eleventh intake responded to the royal reception with expressions of gratitude and renewed commitment, describing the meeting with His Royal Highness as both an honour and a powerful source of motivation.

The graduates reaffirmed their pledge to serve Bahrain with dedication and a sense of responsibility, positioning themselves firmly as part of Team Bahrain — a collective national effort to advance the Kingdom’s interests at home and abroad.

The Prime Minister’s Fellowship Program has emerged as one of Bahrain’s most prominent leadership development platforms, designed to groom a new generation of highly capable government professionals. According to HRH Prince Salman, the programme has played a significant role in fostering a culture of excellence and innovation within the public sector, directly supporting improvements in government performance in line with His Majesty the King’s vision and directives.

Tailor Faces Drug Trafficking Trial

A defendant accused of helping distribute narcotics as part of an organised trafficking network is awaiting a court verdict on August 11.



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Rehab Mohammad

A tailor is standing trial after being accused of becoming involved in a drug trafficking operation, according to court documents.

The case began after police received information from confidential sources that drugs were being distributed in a specific area using the “dead drop” method, in which narcotics are hidden at a location for others to collect. Security authorities subsequently launched surveillance and investigative operations.

During an evening operation, officers observed the suspect behaving suspiciously and attempting to hide an item on the roadside. Police approached him, identified

themselves, and the suspect cooperated with them.

The concealed item was found to be a glass container holding a liquid suspected to be a narcotic, weighing approximately 41.70 grams. A search of the suspect also uncovered a bag containing 29 containers filled with the same suspected substance, with a total weight of approximately 413.52 grams.

Investigations indicated that the case was linked to an organised network involved in smuggling narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances into Bahrain for trafficking. Investigators determined the suspect’s role was to receive, store, divide and distribute the drugs in exchange for money.

The High Criminal Court has scheduled August 11 to deliver its verdict in the case.

Civil Defence Graduates Volunteer Firefighters



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General Directorate of Civil Defence has concluded its fourth training course to prepare volunteer firefighters under the Civil Defence Service Programme and the National Volunteer Platform, aimed at strengthening community preparedness for emergencies.

The programme concluded in the presence of Brigadier Pilot Ali Mohammed Al Kubaisi, Director-General of the General Directorate of Civil Defence, who praised participants for their commitment throughout the course. He said training qualified volunteers in firefighting, rescue and first aid reinforces community partnership and enhances emergency preparedness and response.

Al Kubaisi encouraged graduates to apply the knowledge and skills they gained in serving the community while adhering to operational guidelines. He



also commended the officers and instructors at the Civil Defence School for their efforts in ensuring the programme’s success.

The training included theoretical lessons and practical exercises covering firefighting, rescue operations, first aid, hazardous materials response, the use of firefighting and rescue equipment, breathing apparatus, and simulated emergency scenarios to improve participants’ readiness to respond to various emergencies.

“Training volunteer firefighters strengthens community safety and emergency preparedness. We congratulate the graduates and encourage them to use their skills with dedication, professionalism and a strong sense of public service.”

MPs Hail Press Award

Lawmakers say the Prime Minister’s Press Award highlights Bahrain’s commitment to responsible journalism and media excellence.

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Mohammed Darwish

Lawmakers welcomed the Prime Minister’s Press Award 2026, describing it as a reflection of the Kingdom’s support for journalism and the media’s vital role in public life.

MP Maryam Al Sayegh said the award demonstrated the high value placed on newspapers, journalists and media professionals, while reflecting the leadership’s commitment to developing the sector. She credited His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa’s support for free and responsible journalism with helping create an open environment based on dialogue and transparency.

Al Sayegh also praised His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for backing Bahraini journalism and encouraging the media to contribute to the Kingdom’s development. She said the award recognised journalism’s role in serving the public, raising important issues and promoting constructive discussion.

She thanked Information Minister Dr Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi, the Bahrain Journalists Association and the National Communication Centre



“A trusted press strengthens public awareness and national unity.”
WALEED AL DOSERI, MP



“The award reflects Bahrain’s commitment to a strong and responsible press.”
MARYAM AL SAYEGH, MP

for supporting the media and strengthening public trust. Congratulating the winners, she said the award would inspire journalists to pursue higher standards and professional excellence.

MP Waleed Al Doseri said the leadership’s support for journalists and responsible free expression strengthened the media’s ability to report professionally while respecting the law. He said the award encouraged journalists to improve their work, adapt to changing

media trends and address issues affecting Bahrain and its people.

Al Doseri also thanked Dr Al Noaimi, the Bahrain Journalists Association and the National Communication Centre for their efforts to raise professional standards and strengthen communication between public institutions and the community. He congratulated the winners, describing the award as an incentive for continued excellence in Bahraini journalism.