

## A Partnership Built on People

His Royal Highness highlighted the longstanding Bahrain-India partnership and the Indian community's contribution to the Kingdom's development

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received His Excellency Vinod K. Jacob, the outgoing Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, at Riffa Palace.

His Royal Highness highlighted the longstanding and strategic partnership between Bahrain and India, supported by broad cooperation and engagement across multiple sectors.



His Royal Highness emphasized the importance of further strengthening bilateral cooperation, noting the strong people-to-people ties between the two countries and the significant contributions of the Indian community to the Kingdom's development.

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The meeting also addressed issues of common interest, as well as the latest regional and international developments.

For his part, His Excellency Vinod Jacob expressed his gratitude to His Royal Highness for his commitment to advancing Bahrain-India relations and wished the Kingdom of Bahrain continued progress and prosperity.

His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, along with senior officials, also attended the meeting.

### Diplomatic Farewell



Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received Ambassador of India to Bahrain H.E. Vinod Jacob at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the occasion of completing his tenure.

Dr. Al Zayani praised the close friendship and cooperation between Bahrain and India, commending Ambassador Jacob's efforts to strengthen bilateral relations and advance shared interests.

Ambassador Jacob expressed his appreciation for the strong bilateral ties and thanked Foreign Minister and officials for their support during his diplomatic tenure, wishing Bahrain continued progress and prosperity.

### UK-Bahrain Partnership



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa received Simon Martin CMG, Chargé d'Affaires of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Bahrain.

Shaikh Khalid highlighted the historic Bahrain-UK relationship and stressed the importance of further strengthening cooperation across various sectors.

The meeting also covered development projects, infrastructure cooperation, and issues of common interest, including regional and international developments.

### Türkiye Ties Strengthened



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa received Dr Ayşe Hilal Sayan Koytak, the outgoing Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Bahrain. The meeting discussed shared interests and regional and international developments. Dr Koytak expressed appreciation for the support she received during her tenure and wished Bahrain continued progress and prosperity.

### Nepal Relations Advance



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa received Tirtha Raj Wagle, outgoing Ambassador of Nepal to Bahrain. Shaikh Khalid commended the strong Bahrain-Nepal relationship and its continued growth across various fields, while praising the ambassador's efforts to advance bilateral cooperation. The meeting also addressed issues of mutual interest and regional and international developments. Ambassador Wagle expressed appreciation for the support extended to him during his tenure and wished Bahrain continued progress and prosperity.

### Regional Issues Discussed



Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received Egyptian Ambassador to Bahrain Reham Abdelhamid Mahmoud Khalil at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The meeting reviewed the close fraternal relations between Bahrain and Egypt, and exchanged views on a number of issues and developments of mutual interest at the regional and international levels.

## Foreign guards 'cash in' on disabled parking

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Expatriate security guards are making money off parking bays reserved for people with disabilities, MP Hisham Al Awadhi has warned, saying some are letting other drivers take the spaces in return for payment.

He called for tougher checks at hospitals, shopping centres and public places, saying anyone found taking money or using their position for personal gain should face legal action.



Mr Al Awadhi said the bays

were reserved by law for people with disabilities and should not be treated as a source of



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- HISHAM AL AWADHI, MP

income.

‘People with disabilities have a right to these parking spaces. They are not there to be exploited or used to make money,’

he said.

He urged those responsible for the sites to keep a closer watch on the bays and act against anyone found letting

unauthorised motorists use them for payment or other benefit.

The MP said people entitled to the spaces should find them free when they need them, rather than occupied by drivers with no right to park there.

‘The rights of people with disabilities are not for anyone to profit from,’ Mr Al Awadhi said. ‘Their parking spaces are protected by law, and no one is above the law.’

## “Tamkeen” Launches New Initiative to Support the Training and Development of National Talent in the Healthcare Sector

● Supporting more than 520 Bahrainis through medical residency programs, specialized fellowships, and nursing qualification and specialization programs

The Labour Fund “Tamkeen” announced a new package of initiatives aimed at supporting the development of national talent in the healthcare sector, in collaboration with the Supreme Council of Health. These initiatives seek to enhance the readiness of Bahraini professionals and equip them with the qualifications required to take on specialized and advanced roles within the healthcare sector.

The initiatives are expected to support more than 520 Bahraini doctors, nurses, and students through specialized programs covering medical residency,



Ms. Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez and Dr. Ibrahim Ali Al Nawakhdhha at the signing ceremony.

medical fellowships, and nursing qualification and specialization programs.

This announcement builds on ongoing efforts to invest in national talent and provide high-quality opportunities for education, training, and professional development. They also build on the positive outcomes achieved through the two previous cohorts, which were launched under the directives of His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court and Chairman of the Board

of Directors of the Labour Fund, contributing to the sustainability of the healthcare sector and strengthening the competitiveness of Bahraini talent in the labor market.

This comes in collaboration with relevant healthcare and academic institutions, reflecting Tamkeen's commitment to supporting national talent working in one of the key sectors contributing to the national economy, while helping meet the healthcare sector's demand for qualified and specialized Bahraini professionals.



The new initiatives cover various bundles of professional development for national healthcare professionals. This includes supporting the qualification and development of Bahraini doctors through medical residency programs, in addition to medical fellowship programs in several priority specializations.

The initiatives also include supporting the qualification of Bahraini professionals through the Bachelor of Nursing program, as well as supporting nurses in obtaining specialized qualifications in a number of

high-demand areas, including midwifery, critical care, neonatal intensive care, and emergency nursing.

On this occasion, Her Excellency Ms. Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez, Chief Executive of the Labour Fund “Tamkeen,” stated: “We continue to invest in developing national talent in line with the needs of priority economic sectors, building on the success achieved through the previous cohorts. Through these initiatives, we aim to enable Bahraini professionals to acquire the specialized qualifications and expertise required and enhance their readiness to take on advanced roles within the healthcare sector. This contributes to strengthening the competitiveness of Bahraini talent and positioning them as the preferred choice of employment in the labor market, while supporting the sustainable growth of the private sector and its positive contribution to the national economy.”

His Excellency Dr. Ibrahim Ali Al Nawakhdhha, Secretary-Gen-

eral of the Supreme Council of Health, said: “These initiatives reflect the continuation of joint efforts aimed at developing national talent within the healthcare sector by providing specialized pathways for education, training, and professional development in areas witnessing growing demand. These programs contribute to enhancing the readiness of Bahraini healthcare professionals and enabling them to continue their professional development, thereby supporting the quality and sustainability of healthcare services in the Kingdom.”

Tamkeen's support aligns with its strategic priorities for 2026, which focus on supporting initiatives with high economic impact, enhancing the competitiveness of the private sector, connecting skills with the needs of the labor market, and adopting innovative approaches to stimulate the growth and expansion of startups, contributing to the Kingdom's sustainable economic development.