

## HM King to patronise BSE golden jubilee celebrations next year

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Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Bahrain Society of Engineers (BSE) will celebrate its golden jubilee, and hold a series of events, including an international conference.

The announcement was made by BSE President, Dr Dheya Abdulaziz Tawfiqi, during a press conference held yesterday.

The main event of BSE's golden jubilee celebrations will be held on March 15, 2022 at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre

Dr Tawfiqi noted that the events will be well-organised to reflect the advanced level of development reached by the kingdom, and the role played by engineers in Bahrain's urban progress.

He extended, on behalf of BSE board members and affiliates, deepest thanks and gratitude to His Majesty for patronising the event.

An exhibition, themed "Bright Decades", will be held on the sidelines of the main event, between March 15 and 17, at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre, to shed light on BSE's strides and achievements over the past 50 years.

## Downtown Rotana and Majestic Arjaan by Rotana host Christmas tree-lighting ceremony



Downtown Rotana and Majestic Arjaan by Rotana have kicked off the festive season with a spectacular Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony 1 December in Downtown Rotana's spacious Lobby. The event was attended by a host of employees, guests and visitors of all ages, including media and social media representatives. The main highlight of the evening was the lighting of the Christmas tree and the cheerful singing of the choir, followed by the special appearance of Santa where children had the opportunity to meet him, receive amazing gifts and take pictures with him.

## Council marks Bahraini Women's Day



Al Ansari and Dr Shaikha Rana with other guests celebrating the event

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The Higher Education Council has organised a celebration on the occasion of Bahraini Women's Day at the Royal University for Girls headquarters in the presence of university presidents, ambassadors and students.

It was held under the patronage of Supreme Council for Women Secretary General

Hala Al Ansari.

This year's celebration comes under the slogan "Bahrain Women in National Development."

Dr Shaikha Rana bint Issa bin Duaij Al Khalifa, Secretary General of the Higher Education Council, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Higher Education Council and member of the Supreme Council for Women, extended her

warmest congratulations and blessings to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and to Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of HM the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women, for the advanced and distinguished position of women in various fields.

## Push for development projects

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Bahrain is committed to continuing the implementation of the Kingdom's development projects to achieve the aspirations of citizens in line with the priorities and programmes of the Economic Recovery Plan.

It was discussed during the Cabinet's weekly meeting held yesterday at Gudaibiya Palace and chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Cabinet noted the discussion that took place with the Council of Representative's Financial and Economic Affairs Committee, and authorised the Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs and Fiscal Balance, Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, to take appropriate measures regarding a draft law with regards to amending some provisions related to social insurance and support for low-



come families.

The Cabinet noted HRH Prince Salman and the Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Defense of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud's attendance at the first edition of the Formula 1 STC Saudi Arabian Grand Prix, held at the Jeddah Corniche Circuit.

It congratulated Saudi Arabia for successfully hosting an important and eventful inter-

national race and praised the efforts of Bahraini motorsport personnel in supporting their Saudi Arabian counterparts in organising this significant global sporting event.

The Cabinet noted the launch of the Muharraq Grand Park under the patronage of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

In recognition of International Anti-Corruption Day, the Cabinet emphasised the importance of strengthening oversight



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and the adoption of initiatives to consolidate transparency and accountability across government workstreams, and achieve the Kingdom's development goals. The Cabinet expressed its thanks to the Ministry of Interior for its efforts in combatting corruption.



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace

## Gulf Air welcomes new experienced Bahraini pilots

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Gulf Air welcomed a new batch of experienced Bahraini pilots who have recently begun operating flights after completing all the necessary vigorous ground and base training courses.

The new batch of pilots joined Gulf Air from a number of neighbouring regional airlines to be part of their national carrier and serve the Kingdom.

The new pilots, Yaser Al Madani and Mohammed Yaquob, joined as First Officers and were congratulated by Gulf Air's Acting Chief Executive Officer Captain Waleed Al Alawi.

"We are proud to have a high rate of local pilots compared to the regional carrier.

This is a major milestone for



The two new pilots with Captain Al Alawi

us to be leaders amongst carriers from our neighboring countries by having local, specialised and professional talents repre-

senting our beloved Kingdom in the skies," Al Alawi said.

"We were able to offer both Bahraini first officers the oppor-

tunity of employment in Gulf Air and unity with their families after serving regional carriers abroad for years.

"This is an important value for us to be able to support Bahrainis abroad to return to the Kingdom and serve their national carrier."

The national carrier selects only the top pilot contenders based on their performance and according to the high standards that Gulf Air has set for its pilots and the Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs' safety regulations.

The pilots also undergo a very challenging screening process including a technical assessment, followed by a comprehensive technical interview.

Gulf Air has appointed nine experienced Bahraini professionals in the Operations Division.

## Three jailed for forging PCR test

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The High Criminal Court has sentenced a man and two girls to six months behind bars for forging a PCR test to travel to Saudi Arabia.

According to court files, the trio decided to travel to Saudi Arabia through the King Fahad Causeway, and it was compulsory to show PCR test certificates in order to be allowed in.

They presented their tests, and the results were negatives, but when police officers scanned their bar codes, it turned out that they were conducted on different dates other than the ones mentioned in them.

## Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School donates to Bahrain Cancer Society



The purpose of human life is to show compassion, love and serve others. Bahrain Indian School believes in inculcating these virtues in the children. Keeping this in mind, a donation drive was made to Bahrain Cancer Society (BCS) on 1 December at the school campus. The fund was collected from the recently held school event "Multi-cultural Fest" for the noble cause of saving lives. Representing Bahrain Cancer Society, Ahmed Ali Al Nowakhda, Executive Managing Director, and Yousif Ebrahim Fakhro, Treasurer, received the amount. They appreciated the noble deed and thanked BIS Directors Himanshu Verma, Ritu Verma, Principal Saji Jacob and the entire BIS fraternity in raising the funds and contributing towards the charitable mission. Above, from left, Jacob, Fakhro, Himanshu, Nowakhda and Ritu handing over the cheque to BCS.