

New Opportunities in Trade and Investment

Deputy Prime Minister welcomes India's support



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Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa received Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. Subrahmanya Jaishankar, during the official visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain. Discussions focused on strengthening bilateral relations and expanding cooperation across various fields. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah highlighted the deep-rooted historical relations between Bahrain and India, describing the partnership between the two countries as strategic and built on mutual respect and shared interests. He stressed the importance

of continuing to enhance bilateral cooperation to support the aspirations and development goals of both nations and their peoples. The Deputy Prime Minister praised India's growing role in international affairs and reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to further strengthening coordination and collaboration with New Delhi in various sectors. He also expressed appreciation for India's position and solidarity with Bahrain following the criminal Iranian attacks, as well as its support for the Kingdom's measures to protect its sovereignty and maintain security and stability. H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah noted the significant

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progress in economic relations between Bahrain and India, emphasizing the need to build on this momentum by exploring new opportunities to diversify trade and investment. He highlighted promising areas for future cooperation, including industry, financial and logistics services, the digital economy, food security initiatives, and emerging technologies.

Interior Ministry Bids Farewell to Indian Ambassador

Senior official honours outgoing envoy as bilateral ties continue to flourish



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Undersecretary of the Interior Ministry for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs, His Excellency Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, received India's Ambassador to the Kingdom, H.E. Vinod K. Jacob, on the occasion of the conclusion of his diplomatic tenure in Bahrain. At the start of the meeting, Shaikh Hisham warmly welcomed the outgoing ambassador and praised the distinguished bilateral relationship between Bahrain and India, noting the steady progress achieved across various fields of cooperation. He reaffirmed the importance of sustaining and deepening collaboration

in ways that serve the shared interests of both nations. “We remain committed to strengthening our ties with India and building on the solid foundation that has been established,” Shaikh Hisham said. He expressed his appreciation for Ambassador Jacob's sincere efforts and meaningful contributions during his tenure in the Kingdom. Ambassador Jacob expressed deep gratitude for the support and cooperation extended to him during his tenure. He affirmed India's pride in its close relationship with Bahrain and underscored his country's commitment to furthering bilateral cooperation and coordination between the two sides.

Scholarship Applications for 95pc Students



The Ministry of Education has opened registration for scholarships for the 2026-2027 academic year, inviting Bahraini secondary school graduates with a cumulative average of 95 per cent or above to apply. Applications can be submitted through the ministry's website and the dedicated scholarships and grants portal. The scholarship programme offers hundreds of opportunities across a wide range of disciplines aligned with labour market needs and future development priorities. Local universities and higher education institutions have received the largest share of scholarships, covering fields such as medicine, engineering, technology, business, finance, law, humanities and digital-focused specialisations. The programme also includes overseas scholarships in countries including Japan, the UK, the US and Gulf states. Japanese universities such as Waseda University, Kyushu University and Ritsumeikan University are included among the international options, offering programmes in technology, engineering and science fields.

Role of Think Tanks in Regional Stability



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Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, received Sir John Chipman, former Executive Chairman of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), on Tuesday. Deputy Chief of Police Lieutenant General Shaikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Khalifa was also present at the meeting. The Minister welcomed Sir John, underscoring the importance of such engagements in strengthening dialogue and exchanging perspectives. He praised the wisdom and leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in confronting Iranian aggression and managing its regional fallout, stressing that the King places national identity, progress, and prosperity at the top of Bahrain's priorities within a framework of institutional governance and rule of law.

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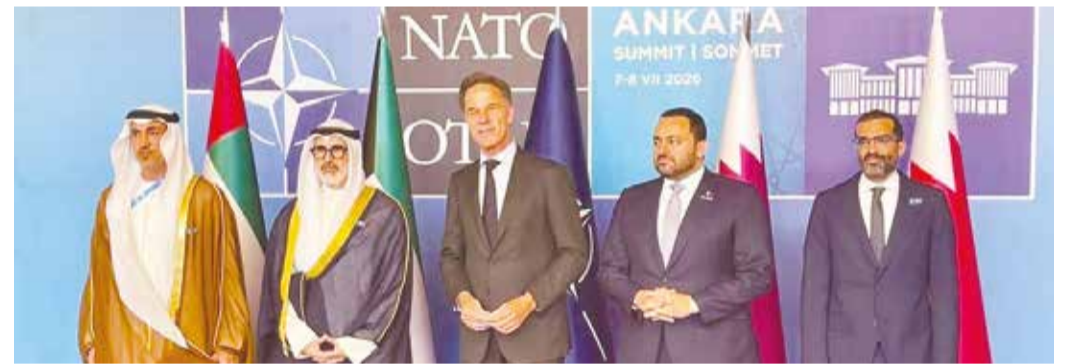
The Minister also highlighted Crown Prince and Prime Minister His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa's close oversight of all initiatives and projects advancing national development. The Minister expressed appreciation for the role of research bodies in informing decision-makers and addressing fast-moving global challenges, singling out the IISS's contributions to international peace and its flagship annual forum, the Manama Dialogue.

Kingdom Steps Up NATO Dialogue

Delegation discusses regional and global developments

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A Bahraini delegation, led by Ambassador Shaikh Abdullah bin Ali Al Khalifa, Director General of Bilateral Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, participated in NATO meetings held in Ankara, Turkey. During the sessions, both sides explored opportunities to strengthen joint cooperation with the North Atlantic Alliance. Discussions also covered an exchange of views on a range of regional and international issues



of shared concern. The meetings brought together senior officials and alliance representatives, reflecting Bahrain's continued engagement with leading multilateral security frameworks and its commitment to fostering constructive diplomatic dialogue on pressing global matters.

Defence Force Graduates 18th Joint Command and Staff Course

Defence Minister hands out Master's degrees to officers from eight Arab nations at Royal College ceremony

The Bahrain Defence Force held the graduation ceremony of the 18th Joint Command and Staff Course this morning at the Royal College of Command, Staff and National Defence, under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.



General Abdullah bin Hassan Al-Noaimi

His Majesty was represented by Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the BDF, who in turn assigned Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al-Noaimi, Minister of Defence Affairs, to attend the ceremony

on his behalf. Rear Admiral Abdullah Saeed Al-Mansouri, Commandant of the Royal College, addressed graduates, stressing the institution's commitment to advancing military and academic excellence. “The Royal College races



against time today, mobilising all its capabilities to transform the objectives of the Royal vision into tangible reality,” Al-Mansouri said. In his address, the Defence Minister affirmed the BDF's continued progress under royal

leadership, praising the dedication of faculty and graduates alike. He congratulated officers from the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Jordan, Egypt, and Yemen who participated alongside their Bahraini counterparts.