

# German ambassador calls Logos Hope ‘an interesting experiment’

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**L**ogos Hope, the world’s largest floating book fair, is being accorded a warm reception since its arrival in Bahrain, with the German Ambassador to Bahrain, Clemens Hach, describing it yesterday as “an interesting experiment” while expressing gratitude to Bahrain for hosting the ship.

“I’m very glad that Bahrain once again accepted to host it,” Hach said, emphasising the significance of the floating bookshop, which travels the globe with 290 volunteers.

The ambassador commended Bahrain for its “strong intellectual scene” and deep connection to the sea, stating: “I think it’s something that’s very well fits the nature of Bahrain, the country that’s well known with its connection to the sea.”

The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, APM Terminals, and Al moayed Wilhelmsen are hosting the fair in the Kingdom in collaboration with the German Embassy. The ship, managed by GBA Ships e.V., a nonprofit organisation based in Germany, donates all proceeds



The opening ceremony of Logos Hope the world’s largest floating book fair

to charity.

Having welcomed over 49 million visitors since 1970, Logos Hope has visited 1,500 ports in over 150 countries. This visit to Bahrain marks its return after a gap of 10 years. The ship offers visitors

a selection of more than 5,000 different book titles.

The fair has volunteers from 70 nationalities who also engage in charitable activities, including visits to orphanages and hospitals, providing assistance

to the needy and fostering cultural interaction.

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Zubari, CFO and interim CEO of APM Terminals Bahrain, welcomed families and children to experience this unique cultural opportunity at the book fair. He expressed confidence that visitors will find excite-



Logos Hope sailed to Bahrain from the UAE, where it made stops in Ras Al Khaimah and Dubai. The ship is manned by a dedicated team of non-salaried volunteers, including professionals in various fields such as seafaring, engineering, electrical work, nursing, teaching, and culinary arts.

ment in Bahrain. “I’m so sure you all will find excitement here in Bahrain,” he said.

Maysoon Mohammed Sabkar, Director of Communications and Marketing at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, highlighted the importance of hosting Logos Hope in Bahrain. Sabkar emphasised the opportunity it provides to board a ship, interact with the crew, and learn more about this industry.



The General Traffic Department at the Ministry of Interior announced the commencement of operations for a new traffic signal today at the intersection of Sheikh Salman Street and Road 4225 in the Safra area of the Southern Governorate. To ensure the safety of everyone, the directorate advises citizens and residents to strictly adhere to the traffic rules.



Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqer Al Noaimi, the Chief of Staff of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), took part in a senior officers’ seminar held at the conclusion of the “Eagle Resolve 2023” military drill. The exercise, which involved armed forces from Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and the USA, took place in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The symposium was held at the Air Warfare Centre in the eastern province of Saudi Arabia. Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqer Al Noaimi also attended the closing ceremony of the “Eagle Resolve 2023” joint drill, where he commended the participation of the BDF and highlighted the strong spirit of teamwork demonstrated during the exercise.

## LMRA inspectors take charge as judicial enforcement officers

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**T**en inspectors from the Enforcement and Protection Department of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) yesterday sworn in before Nouf Abdulrahman Jamsheer, the Chief Executive of the Authority.

This development follows the Minister of Justice and Islamic Affairs and Waqf granting LMRA personnel the status of judicial enforcement officers.

The LMRA inspectors are empowered to carry out various tasks, including inspecting workplaces, manpower supply agencies, and recruitment offices. Their responsibilities involve verifying work permits, examining expatriate workforce records, identifying foreign work-



Officials during a group photo session

ers, and requesting necessary information, documents, and data from employers, as well as manpower supply agencies and representatives or managers of recruitment offices.



Dr. Adel Al Refaei, IEEE Bahrain Section Chair, yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Dr Bradley cook, AUBH President. The deal aims at establishing collaboration between both parties for the benefits of students.