

Spotlight on Thailand ties

‘Mutual respect and understanding form the basis of bilateral ties between Manama and Bangkok’

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Manama

His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received Ambassador of Thailand to Bahrain, Thanis Na Songkhla, at the Riffa Palace yesterday.



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HRH the Premier commended the advanced friendly ties and reviewed ways of boosting them in various fields.

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gratitude and appreciation for the hospitality he received during his recent visit to the Thailand that reflects their deep-rooted friendship.

The Thai ambassador conveyed the greetings and appreciation from Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-O-cha and his best wishes to Bahrain and its

people of continuous progress and prosperity.

He also expressed his country's appreciation for His Highness's efforts in boosting the bilateral friendship and co-operation ties and His Highness's supporting the Gulf countries' co-operation with Thailand.

HRH the Premier emphasised his support to all the efforts to bolster the bilateral co-operation and mutual trade and investment and opening new areas for co-operation and encouraging the private sector and businessmen from both sides to enter into joint ventures to reap the benefit in both countries.

HRH the Premier expressed pride in the close friendship and partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Thailand, based upon their mutual understanding, co-ordination, respect-

ing each other and the spirit of amity and rapprochement between both Governments and friendly peoples.

The ambassador of Thailand expressed his deep gratitude and appreciation to HRH the Prime Minister for his keenness on boosting the Bahrain-Thailand cooperation relations, lauding the outcome of the latest visit of HRH the Prime Minister to Thailand in developing communication between the two friendly countries to serve their mutual interests.

The ambassador praised the contributions of HRH the Prime Minister and his pivotal role in consolidating the friendship and cooperation between Thailand and Bahrain, and reaffirmed his country's aspiration to boost its ties with Bahrain in the various sectors.



Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday received His Highness Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Personal Representative of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Environment, in presence of His Highness Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, President of the Royal Equestrians and Endurance Federation (BREEF) and Vice President of the Supreme Council for Environment. The BDF Commander-in-Chief commended the efforts of His Highness in the protection of the environment and preservation of wildlife in the Kingdom.

Bahraini women's strides highlighted at UN forum



Dr Shaikha Rana speaks at the UN forum.

Geneva

The Supreme Council for Women (SCW) has participated in the panel discussion organised by Bahrain's mission at the UN headquarters here on the sidelines of the 41st session of the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) to shed light on the Kingdom's women advancement achievements, being related to the Sustainable Development Agenda and Goals 2030.

The event attracted a large number of attendees, including heads and members of diplomatic missions to UN and delegations to the UNHRC sessions, as well as specialised academics and students.

During the panel discussion, Foreign Ministry's Undersecretary and SCW member, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Duaij Al Khalifa, delivered a statement in which she talked about Bahrain's experience in the field of women's advancement,

as well as women's contributions to the development and stability of society.

While highlighting Bahraini women's achievements in the diplomatic field, she said that an undersecretary, an Executive Director of Bahraini Diplomatic Institute and five directors had been appointed at the Foreign Affairs Ministry, in addition to appointing women ambassadors to France, Belgium, the UK, China and the US, noting that women account for 33 per cent of the Foreign Ministry's staff and 31 per cent of the diplomatic personnel.

Director-General of Polices and Development at the SCW, Shaikha Deena bint Rashid Al Khalifa, gave a presentation about Bahraini women's prominent presence across various development fields, as well as the key role played by the SCW in this role.

She also spoke about Bahraini's presence at the international level in women-related fields, being an active member in the UN Commission on

the Status of Women and the UN-Women Executive Board, noting that the kingdom has proved its influential and effective role in regional and Arab women organisations.

Shaikha Deena also stressed the importance of the HRH Princess Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa Global Award for Women's Empowerment in adopting mechanisms to support women issues across the world according to the best international standards.

She also stressed the SCW's keenness to contribute to achieving SDGs, noting that it has recently launched a gender balance observatory to be an official reference for all women-related indicators.

In this regard, she pointed out that most indicators reflect the strength of the women advancement-supporting environment in Bahrain, citing the lack of wage gap between women and men in the Kingdom, and the increase of women's income by 91 per cent between 2008 and 2018.



Ambassador of Bahrain to Germany, Abdullah Abdullatif Abdullah, took part in the annual reception hosted by German Chancellor Angela Merkel for ambassadors and heads of the diplomatic missions accredited to Germany. In her remarks, Chancellor Merkel reviewed challenges facing the world today, stressing the need for all countries to co-operate in order to overcome these challenges and achieve peace and prosperity in the world. She also highlighted the efforts exerted by Germany and the European Union to resolve disputes through diplomatic and peaceful means.



Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) Chief Executive Officer Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa stressed the importance of co-ordination and co-operation to ensure the sustainability of the property sector. He made the statement as he received Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Real Estate and Construction Committee Manaf Hamza to discuss current developments. Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa stressed RERA keenness on hearing the opinions of all concerned parties so as to reach adequate decisions for all sides.