

## European University in Bahrain establishment approved



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Education Minister and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Higher Education Council (HEC) Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi approved the establishment of a private higher education institution named European University in Bahrain.

The university will host academic programs from the University of London.

## July temperature 'slightly warmer than normal'

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The month of July 2022 was slightly warmer than normal in temperatures with below average wind speed.

This was based on the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications' Meteorological Directorate' monthly weather summary.

The mean temperature of the month was 35.4°C which is 0.3°C above the long-term normal for July and this goes on record as the ninth highest mean temperature for July since 1902.

This is the same as in July 2008 and 2011. The highest mean monthly temperature for July was 36.9°C recorded in 2017 and 2020.

The mean maximum temperature of the month was 39.2°C which is 0.5°C below the long-term normal. Note that the highest mean monthly maximum temperature for July was 42.1°C recorded in 2017.

During the month, Bahrain had 10 days with a maximum temperature exceeded 40°C. The highest temperature recorded during the month was 43.3°C which occurred on the 19th July at Bahrain International Airport.

The highest temperature recorded for July at Bahrain International Airport was 47.4°C which occurred on July 15, 2000 and July 13, 2010.

The highest temperature recorded in the month at Bahrain International Circuit was 46.3°C and at Durrat al Bahrain was 44.9°C which was recorded on July 19, 2022.

The mean minimum temperature of the month was 32.7°C which is 1.3°C above the long-term normal and on record the fourth highest mean minimum temperature for July since 1946.



# Judiciary plays a key role in strengthening fairness

HRH Prince Salman: A major pillar for safeguarding rights and achieving comprehensive development

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has highlighted the role of the Kingdom's judiciary in further strengthening fairness as a major pillar for safeguarding rights and achieving the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

He affirmed the importance of continuing to advance the judiciary by adopting wide-ranging initiatives that improve the efficiency of procedures, in line with the Kingdom's development goals.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he received yesterday the Vice President of the



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets with Shaikh Khalid

Supreme Judicial Council and President of the Court of Cassation, Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, at Riffa Palace.

His Royal Highness congratulated Shaikh Khalid on his appointment to his post, wishing him every success in his role.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted the im-

portant role of the Supreme Judicial Council in strengthening the rule of law and protecting rights and freedoms, which are fundamental commitments to

upholding judicial integrity.

“It is important to continue advancing the judiciary by adopting wide-ranging initiatives that improve the efficiency of procedures, in line with the Kingdom's development goals.”

- HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

He commended the constructive cooperation between the executive, legislative and judicial authorities, and noted the importance of building on their ongoing successes, which serve as the bedrock of the Kingdom's advancement and development, in line with the visions of HM the King.

Shaikh Khalid expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to meet with His Royal Highness and noted his continued support of the Kingdom's judiciary, which is central to Bahrain's ongoing development.

Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa and the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, also attended the meeting.

## Achieving SDGs a national priority, says Speaker

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Taking care of sustainable development goals (SDGs) and harnessing constitutional and parliamentary tools for the sake of their implementation are a permanent priority.

This was emphasised by Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal as she received yesterday Sustainable Development Minister Noor bint Ali Al Khulaif.

The Speaker said that it is

in line with the ongoing modernisation process during His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's prosperous era, and based on the ambitious plans launched by the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to achieve SDGs.

She commended the tremendous efforts being exerted by the Sustainable Development Ministry to achieve the kingdom's



Speaker Zainal with the Sustainable Development Minister

goals, affirming parliamentary support for those endeavours.

The Minister expressed sincere thanks to the Speaker for the meeting, praising the legislative branch's support for government departments, hailing the ongoing executive-legislature cooperation and coordination to serve the royal vision regarding the achievement of SDGs.

Speaker Zainal congratulated Al Khulaif on her appointment by HM the King to her post.

### Court stories

## Court of Appeal overturns ruling declining Bahraini's 'two different official names' request

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The Court of Appeal overturned a ruling declining to have a dual national's name changed after he had a name change in a Gulf state and requested that his Bahraini documents be updated to reflect the change.

The refusal was unjustified because it defies logic for one person to use two different official names. The court ordered the relevant authority to change the defendant's name in the Bahraini documents so that it matches with the documents issued by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member state.

According to the appellant's lawyer, his client has dual citizenship and previously changed his name

in a GCC member state, obtaining a passport and ID card under the new name.

“He then filed a lawsuit before the Court of First Instance requesting that his name be amended in official Bahraini documents to unify his info between the two countries. The case was referred to the Names Committee for a report, after which the court rejected the case, stating that the plaintiff's name does not cause him severe embarrassment,” the lawyer explained.

The citizen then resorted to the Court of Appeal.

“My client's Gulf nationality is his nationality of origin under which he changed his name and obtained an ID card following the amendment. The Court of First Instance

ruled that the appellant's name did not cause severe embarrassment, however, his client did not submit the application due to embarrassment, but to unify his name in the identities he holds for the two countries,” the lawyer explained.

The Court of Appeal declared that the appellant provided evidence of obtaining a passport from his country of origin, and a copy of the Civil Affairs decision to change the name, presenting justified reasoning.

“It flouts common sense for a person to hold two separate names in official documents, thereby the court decided to overturn the appealed ruling in favour of changing the appellant's name,” the Court's ruling stated.

## Asian man on trial for attempt to 'smuggle' 158 drug capsules

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The High Criminal Court has begun hearing the case of an Asian man accused of attempting to smuggle 158 capsules that contain illicit drugs.

According to court files, the defendant was spotted while he was in a state of exhaustion at Bahrain International Airport.

He was ordered to be extensively searched. He threw up 10 capsules as he couldn't bear keeping them inside his body, and the remaining capsules were extracted from in-

side his body at Salmaniya Medical Complex.

“I was offered 400,000 Pakistani rupees to smuggle the drugs,” the Asian man told prosecutors. “I was promised a job, and I was given the tickets to smuggle the drugs.”

Investigators discovered that the defendant was among a network specialised in smuggling drugs.

The defendant will appear again on Thursday before the High Criminal Court, before which he is being tried for attempting to smuggle drugs into the Kingdom.