

# Healthy Bahrain

Interior Minister: WHO accreditation of all four governorates part of royal directives

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His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, has affirmed that accrediting Bahrain's four governorates under the World Health Organization (WHO) Healthy Cities initiative reflects the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to achieve sustainable development goals and enhance the quality of life for all citizens.

"This accreditation is a testament to the Kingdom's unwavering commitment to sustainable development and the well-being of our communities," H.E. Gen. Shaikh Rashid said.

The announcement came as the Southern Governorate was formally awarded the WHO's accreditation certificate as a "Healthy Governorate."

H.E. Gen. Shaikh Rashid congratulated the Southern Governorate on attaining full Healthy Governorate status, achieved through a series of strategic initiatives and development projects.

He also expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Health for its partnership in accrediting



H.E. Dr. Jaleela bint Al Sayed Jawad Hassan with Southern Governor, HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa and H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa during the presentation of WHO's accreditation certificate

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— H.E. GENERAL SHAIKH RASHID BIN ABDULLAH AL KHALIFA, MINISTER OF INTERIOR

“Accrediting the Southern Governorate as a Healthy Governorate represents a prominent national milestone added to Bahrain’s distinguished health achievements.”

— H.E. DR. JALEELA BINT AL SAYED JAWAD HASSAN, MINISTER OF HEALTH

all Bahrain governorates under the WHO Healthy Cities pro-

gramme, wishing all involved continued success in serving

## Focus on Bapco Energies board performance



HH Shaikh Nasser chairs the Bapco Energies' fourth quarter board meeting

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His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of Bapco Energies, reviewed the Group's Board of Directors' overall performance during the year, including developments in the upstream and downstream sectors, and progress towards implementing the National Energy Strategy.

This came as HH Shaikh Nasser presided over the Group's Board of Directors meeting for the fourth quarter of 2025.

HH Shaikh Nasser extended congratulations 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 the people of the Kingdom of Bahrain, on its National Day celebrations and the 26th Anniversary of His Maj-



esty's Accession to the Throne.

The Board of Directors also reviewed updates on the Bapco Refinery Modernisation Project, the Group's financial performance, progress in institutional transformation, and cooperation with international partners.

The Board reiterated its commitment to supporting Bapco Energies as a key driver in enhancing energy security, creating economic opportunities, and achieving sustainability in Bahrain.



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## LMRA receives NIHR delegation



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) received a delegation from the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR), which included Dr. Mallallah Al Hammadi, NIHR Vice Chairperson and Member of the Board of Commissioners; Dr. Abdulla Al Thawadi, Board Member; and Muna Koro, Board Member. The delegation was briefed on LMRA's efforts to maintain a fair and stable work environment that safeguards the rights of all parties. They were also updated on key initiatives, including the development of the Wage Protection System to enable electronic salary payments in the private sector and the issuance of an international bank account number (IBAN) for every expatriate worker in Bahrain. The visit included an overview of procedures carried out by the Employers Services Directorate and the Expatriate Services Directorate, covering workers in both the commercial and domestic sectors. The delegation visited the Expat Protection Centre, where they received a briefing on its services.

## Bahrain-Saudi ties



His Highness Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Advisor to His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received H.E. Naif bin Bandar Al Sudairi, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Bahrain. His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa, Advisor to His Majesty the King, was present. HH Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa commended the deep-rooted ties between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques.