



The Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, during an inspection visit to one of the BDF units to review administrative and combat readiness, as well as their military preparations and work progress. He gave necessary directives to the units' personnel and urged them to exert more efforts and be more vigilant while carrying out duties



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, with outgoing Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Simon Martin, in his office at the Ministry's General Court. The Minister of Foreign Affairs commended the efforts of the Ambassador in reinforcing relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Kingdom and wished him continued success



Under the patronage of Labour and Social Development Minister, Jameel Humaidan, Undersecretary Sabah Salim Al-Dossari, opened yesterday the Seef Health Training Centre in Amwaj Islands. National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA)'s CEO, Dr Mariam Adhbi Al-Jalahma, CEO of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), Dr Ibrahim Mohammed Janahi, and the work team of the committee in charge of licensing and examining health training programmes, officials and specialists were present. Seef Health Training Centre's CEO, Dr Sami El-Bassit, said the centre aims to train Bahraini healthcare professionals and provide them with the necessary skills.



The Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the United Kingdom held yesterday its annual ceremony for the Bahrain All-Party Parliamentary Group and the Bahrain-British Friendship Society, under the patronage of the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Kingdom, Shaikh Fawaz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa. The ceremony was held in the presence of a number of ministers, MPs and media figures, including the Minister of State for Middle East Affairs, Dr Andrew Morrison, Shadow Minister for Middle East Affairs in the Labour Party, Fabian Hamilton, Shadow Minister for European Affairs, Khalid Mahmood, the former Minister of State for Middle East Affairs, Alistair Burt, as well as other politicians and MPs. Chair of the Bahrain-UK Parliamentary Group, Bob Stewart expressed his pride in his relations with the Kingdom of Bahrain that dates back to 50 years.



Education Minister Dr Majid Al Nuaimi with General Director of the Arab Bureau of Education for Gulf States (ABEGS) Dr Ali Abdul-Khalik Al Karni. The meeting was held during the minister's visit to Saudi Arabia and upon ABEGS request to review the Ministry of Education (MOE)'s remarks pertaining to the office's 2015-2020 strategy. The minister reaffirmed the Kingdom of Bahrain's support to the office including its studies and programmes aimed to boost the joint work for educational progress.



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr Abdulhussain Mirza, with Shaikh Ibrahim bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, who was accompanied by a high-level delegation from Chinese company Cnec, headed by Zhao Hul. The company is specialised in renewable energy. The minister welcomed the attendees and listened to an account of the activities and programmes of the company and their desire to invest in renewable energy projects



The first meeting for political consultations between Bahrain and Romania was held yesterday under the chairmanship of the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for International Affairs, Dr Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, and the Secretary of State for Global Affairs, Monica Gheorghita. The two sides discussed the development of bilateral cooperation in all fields, and exchanged viewpoints on the latest regional and international developments as well as combating terrorism and extremism. Dr Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa highlighted Bahrain's approach to combating extremism and terrorism as a leading model in this field. The Undersecretary for International Affairs, Dr Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, attended a luncheon hosted by the Minister of State within the Ministry of the Environment, Business and Entrepreneurship of Romania, Paula Pirvanescu, where means of cooperation between the two countries were reviewed

## Lane closures on King Hamad, Budaiya highways, Avenue 15

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The closure will be effective during the weekend from Thursday at 11:00 pm to Sunday at 05:00 am.

Separately, the Ministry said that it will close one lane and provide one lane on both directions of Budaiya highway near to Duraz area as part of sewerage connection works.

The closure will be effective from today for two months.

The ministry said it will also close Part of Avenue 15 in Al-maameer between road 3401 and Sh. Jaber Al Ahmed Al Subah Highway for traffic going to Alnuwaydrat interchange. The diversion will be to road 3417. The move is for improving Albaa and Nuwaydirat interchange.

The closure will be effective from today for a period of 3 weeks.