

# Kingdom's urban boom lauded

The delegation of Nobel Peace Prize winners tours heritage sites, Khalifa Town; hails Kingdom's achievements

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A delegation of former Presidents and Heads of organisations who won the Nobel Peace Prize, currently on a visit to the kingdom, yesterday paid visits to a number of heritage sites, landmarks and vital development projects in the kingdom.

Cabinet Affairs Minister, Mohammed Al Mutawa, and Shaikh Hussam bin Isa Al Khalifa accompanied the delegation during the tour.

Members of the delegation toured the "Khalifa Town" housing project in the Southern Governorate, and were informed about its facilities, modern services and construction design combining Bahraini heritage and modern architectural styles.

They were also briefed about the project's importance in supporting the kingdom's policies and the government's plans to meet the citizens' housing needs.

They voiced admiration for the "Khalifa Town", noting that the tour provided them with an opportunity to be informed closely about the tremendous efforts being exerted by the Kingdom of Bahrain to achieve a housing and urban boom, com-



Ms Al Hammadi briefs the delegation on Gravity Indoor Skydiving facility.

mensurate with the advanced status the country enjoys at the international level in the field of human development.

They stressed that the government, under the leadership of His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, has achieved many success stories in the field of sustainable development which earned the admiration and appreciation of international organisations.

They added that the civilisational, urban and housing boom currently witnessed by the kingdom is a living proof of its landmark achievements in various fields.

Members of the delegation then visited the "Gravity Indoor Skydiving" building in Zallaq, and were informed by its Gen-

eral Manager, Khawla Al Hammadi, about the Gravity Village's outstanding facilities and services.

They were also briefed about the kingdom's ongoing preparations to host the 3rd FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving 2018.

They expressed admiration for "Gravity" which includes the longest glass tunnel for indoor skydiving in the world, which, they said, is a distinguished monument that reflects Bahrain's progress in various fields.

They lauded the kingdom's provision of opportunities that boost the youth and sports movement, and support innovative projects that enhance the Bahraini economy's competitive potentials, giving the importance of such projects in boosting the kingdom's status

on the sports and tourism map at the regional and global levels.

They asserted that the outstanding level of the "Gravity" village and its advanced services will contribute significantly to the kingdom's success in hosting the 3rd FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving 2018, which, they said, will re-affirm the kingdom's ability to host mega international events thanks to its world-class sports facilities.

The high-level delegation visited the site of Qal'at al-Bahrain (Bahrain Fort) in the Seef region, which is a major heritage site that bears witness to Bahrain's modern history.

Members of the high-profile delegation also visited the "Tree of Life", which is one of the main tourist destinations in the kingdom.



The delegation during their visit to Southern Town.



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