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Forum focus on **Health Insurance** Project Manama

Under the patronage of President of the Supreme Council of Health, Lieutenant-General Dr Shaikh Mohamed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Kingdom will hold the first Business Development Forum and Fair in healthcare sector (BDFEX) on October 23 and 24.

Dr Khalid Bumtaie, CEO of Proact International Consultancy, revealed that the BDFEX Forum provides an opportunity to introduce the latest national initiatives aimed at strengthening the health sector, these include the National Health Insurance Program in the Kingdom of Bahrain, which aims to improve the quality and efficiency of health services.

In a statement, Dr Bumtaie explained that this forum focuses on the role of implementing the health insurance project in attracting more investments and health facilities that provide quality services and specialties to the health sector system in the Kingdom, especially as the health insurance will provide patients with a number of treatment options and medical facilities.

He said that the forum, which witnesses a wide Gulf participation, will discuss the ideas of health insurance and discuss the best experiences and practices of the Gulf in this area, praising the efforts exerted by the Supreme Council of Health to implement this pilot project, especially since the public and private sector will be providers of health service.

Dr Bumtaie said that the forum will address the most important solutions, ideas and innovations in the field of pharmaceutical industry and health and medical supplies in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia in particular, and achieve drug security and attract foreign investment, in order to support the implementation of the National Health Plan.

No Bahraini citizen injured in Karbala stampede, says envoy

31 deaths have been reported by the local authorities in the Iragi city



• Over 100 pilgrims were injured in the stampede.

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o Bahrainis were injured in the fatal stampede that occurred among pilgrims in the Iraqi City of Karbala on Tuesday and caused the death of more than 30 pilgrims, it has been confirmed.

The Bahraini Ambassador to Iraq, Salah Al Maliki stated that to the Imam Hussein Mosque in no injuries or deaths were re- commemoration of the run from ported among the Bahraini pil- the ancient village of Tuwairij grims, who were in Karbala to to Karbala. take part in the annual 'Ashoora' commemoration.

bassy has been closely following grims suffered injuries. up on the mishap, which took place near the shrine of Imam hasn't been confirmed yet, Hussain on Tuesday.

He said that the embassy has it happened after one of been co-ordinating with the the pilgrims "slipped and Iraqi Interior and Health Min- fell" causing the others to istries to ensure the safety of stumble down on each other, Bahraini pilgrims, adding that while another report claims none of them has been admitted that a part of the walkway to hospitals there.

As reported yesterday, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims pilgrims died in a stampede take part in the Ashoora com- that occurred in Karbala memorations in the City of Kar- during the Ashoora combala.

The stampede occurred during one of the rituals performed dom, this year's Ashoora during this season known as the season was a remarkable "Tuwairij run", which sees pil- success as a result of intengrims run down streets leading sive efforts made by author-



People evacuate an injured man in Karbala on Tuesday.

A total of 31 deaths have been reported by the local authori-The ambassador said the em- ties, while more than 100 pil-

> The cause of the mishap as some Iraqi officials said collapsed.

In 2005, more than 900 memoration season.

Meanwhile, in the King-

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ganisations. The co-operation between of Bahrain". different ministries, mainly the occasion, the ministry sources Ashoora season.

The administrations of four

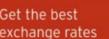
governorates also worked along the ministries to secure the conducting of Hussainiya processions.

Sources said there was a high-level of co-ordination between community police, the General Directorate of Traffic, Civil Defence and National Ambulance services, which ensured the safety of all during the season.

"Co-ordination meetings were also held between the head of ma'atams and senior officials of security and service departments to establish necessary mechanisms for ensuring safety.'

The Shura Council expressed its thanks and appreciation for providing all facilities for "the success of the events in the ities concerned and related or- framework of promoting love and respect among the people

The council stressed that the Interior and Works, Municipali- guidance of the wise leadership ties Affairs and Urban Planning, and the great care it has given and Health also contributed to religious rituals have paved to the success of the religious the way for the success of the





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6,000 new students begin academic journey at UoB

tise in specialised subjects. "Your main and ultimate goal

University of Bahrain, Prof Dr Riyad Hamza, urged some 6,000 new students to earnestly pursue their academic achievements.

This came during a speech delivered by the President of the University at an orientation Prof Hamza session meant for welcoming the students.

us all to welcome each year a children, asking them to provide new batch of high school grad- extensive support in their acauates. The Kingdom's leadership and the co-operation with all sectors of the society has strengthened the position of the Al Jowder, delivered a speech, University of Bahrain in various in which he addressed the stufields," he said.

"Knock the doors of knowledge that have been available faculty members, frequently visit the library that has a large the Internet.

huge information, and we have and duties of others. This means tration, Law, Information Techto deal with them very smartly. responsibility and discipline." This is your language, and this is your future, whatever your specialty."

Prof Hamza also addressed "It is a cherished occasion for the parents who came with their demic endeavours.

> For his part, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Osama Abdullah dents to take note of the rights and duties.

to you, from the distinguished respect and dignity, so the University of Bahrain, like any other respected university, has regulanumber of books and databases, tions for student conduct, which study. and to the authoritative sites on I invite you to read carefully, to learn about your rights and the "We are today in the era of rights of others, and the duties He urged new students to knock on the doors of their professors and increase their exper-vice Preparation Programme.

of your presence at the Unive sity of Bahrain is learning."

The Vice President for Academic Studies, Prof Dr Waheeb Issa Al Nasser, presented the regulations and laws of academic discipline that ensure the students to pass these academic years with excellence and without academic difficulties.

Dr Al Nasser urged students to remain committed to all academic regulations that prevent them from falling under the threat of academic warning and then the final dismissal from the university.

During their tour of the exhibition held by the Deanship of Student Affairs in Hall 18 at the University's headquarters in "Every student is guaranteed Sakhir, the new students were introduced to all the facilities they need to help them achieve their achievements during the

> Today, the university will welcome new students in the faculties of Business Adminisnology, Applied Education and Bahrain Teachers College as part of the Academic and Ser-

