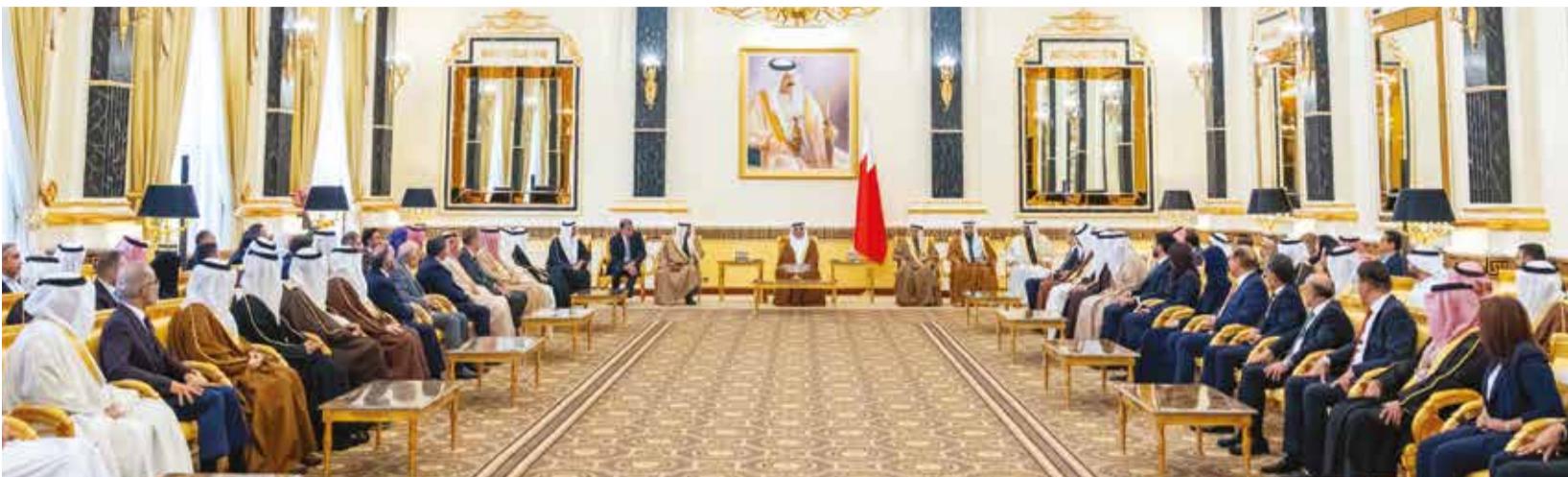


HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets with the Kingdom's leading citizen employers



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday met with representatives of the top 100 institutions that have employed the most Bahrainis in 2025, at Gudaibiya Palace.

During the meeting, His Royal Highness highlighted that creating quality job opportunities for Bahrainis remains a priority, implemented through programmes and initiatives that strengthen national workforce participation in the Kingdom's development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister reaffirmed the national commitment to continuing to invest in social services that support Bahraini citizens.

His Royal Highness emphasised that the private sector is a key partner and driver in achieving the Kingdom's economic development goals, particularly through creating jobs for Bahrainis and enhancing the labour market to meet the Kingdom's aspirations.

In implementation of His Royal Highness' directive to the Ministry of Labour, three job opportunities were offered to all job seekers registered with the Ministry, with 5,078 citizens employed under the initiative to date. These outcomes have played a vital role towards strengthening the Kingdom's labour market for the last year, which showed that 26,963 Bahrainis were employed, achieving 108% of the annual target of employing 25,000 Bahrainis annually. New entrants to the labour market reached 9,149 Bahrainis, representing 114% of the annual target of having 8,000 new Bahrainis entering the labour market.

Additionally, the Cabinet tasked the Ministry of Labour with increasing efforts that aim to employ 25,000 Bahrainis during 2026,

ensuring that 10,000 of these are new entrants to the labour market during the same year, through strengthening existing partnership and cooperation with the private sector.

His Royal Highness expressed his appreciation to all the companies and institutions for their contributions in employing Bahrainis, commending their cooperation and affirming that they are an essential part of Team Bahrain, thanks to their support of all programmes that serve the interests of the Kingdom and its citizens.

HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad expressed his pride in the ongoing and longstanding partnership between the public and private sectors, which has historically contributed to strengthening the Kingdom's development.

His Royal Highness stressed the importance of continuing this collaboration to further advance the Kingdom's development and deliver tangible benefits for the Kingdom and its citizens.

For their part, the owners of the companies and institutions present expressed their gratitude for His Royal Highness's support of the private sector and his commitment to strengthening public-private sector partnerships to achieve the Kingdom's aspirations.

His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Deputy Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, and several senior officials also attended the meeting.