

HM King highlights Bahrain's rich marine wealth

● His Majesty takes part in Sports Day

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa affirmed that the Bahrain archipelago is endowed with abundant marine resources that support sport, livelihoods and the national economy, including pearls and fish stocks.

He emphasised that exploring, developing and investing in these resources in the near future would serve the best interests of Bahrain and its people.

HM the King made the re-



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marks as he participated in marine sports on the occasion of Bahrain Sports Day yesterday.

His Majesty underscored the

importance of the day in promoting sport as a way of life and

reinforcing values of belonging and pride in national identity.

Pleasure

On this occasion, HM the King expressed his pleasure at joining in marine sport on National Sports Day. He noted that sea-based activities have long been regarded by the people of Bahrain as a traditional and widely practised sport.

His Majesty's participation highlights his ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of sport across all segments of society, encouraging citizens and residents to adopt healthy lifestyles and to benefit from the Kingdom's rich natural resources, thereby enhancing quality of life, positivity and national cohesion.

HRH Prince Salman affirms Bahrain-UAE strategic partnership

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His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, emphasised the importance of advancing the strategic partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the UAE to serve mutual aspirations.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, at the Beach Palace in Abu Dhabi.

The meeting took place as part of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's visit to the UAE.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted the depth of Bahrain-UAE re-



HRH Prince Salman meets with HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed



His Royal Highness is welcomed by His Highness Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the UAE's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior

His Majesty's wishes for the UAE and its people for continued growth and prosperity.

In return, HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed conveyed his greetings to HM the King, as well as his best wishes for Bahrain and its people for continued growth and prosperity.

His Royal Highness and the President of the UAE exchanged greetings on the upcoming holy month of Ramadan, and wished peace upon the Arab and Islamic nations. During the meeting, avenues to further strengthen cooperation between the two countries and issues of common interest were discussed.

Bahrain condoles with Morocco over flood victims

● Sympathy and solidarity

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed the Kingdom of Bahrain's sympathy and solidarity with the Kingdom of Morocco, following the floods that swept through several areas due to heavy rainfall, resulting in a number of deaths and injuries. The Ministry further expressed the Kingdom's deepest condolences and sympathy to the government and the Moroccan people, as well as to the families of the victims, wishing the injured a speedy recovery and safety for all residents.

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skill investment

Tamkeen spends BD23.4m on training of over 17,000 Bahrainis as 5,000 secure jobs

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Tamkeen has said it trained more than 17,000 job-seekers between January 2024 and November 2025 at a cost of about BD23.4 million, as it looked to help Bahrainis into work and raise the skills of the local workforce.

In a reply to a question from MP Basema Mubarak, the Labour Fund said more than 5,000 Bahrainis found jobs after finishing training through Tamkeen-backed hiring and wage support schemes.

Tamkeen said these post-training job figures cover only people hired through its employment support and wage support programmes, and do not include those taken on by the public sector or those hired

without such support.

Schemes

It said its employment and wage support schemes, led by the National Employment Programme and the wage support programme, supported more than 40,000 Bahrainis over the same period, with spending topping BD254 million.

More than 6,700 private-sector firms, across different sectors and sizes, also received support.

The fund said its training offer covered jobseeker training, on-the-job training, apprenticeships and other schemes.

To check whether people stay in work after support ends, Tamkeen said its oversight team contacts programme beneficiaries to confirm they are still employed.



MP Basema Mubarak

Based on those who responded, it said 88 per cent of workers backed through the National Employment Programme stayed in their jobs after the support period ended, while 12 per cent did not remain in the same role.

It linked those exits to moves into government jobs, job changes within the private sector, and the end of fixed-term contracts. Tamkeen said complaints

linked to pressure to resign, along with reports of unfair dismissal, are referred to the Ministry of Labour for investigation and verification, with the usual steps taken where unfair dismissal is proven.

The fund said it deals with breaches based on their type.

Violations

Administrative breaches, such as breaking support rules or its own policies, are handled under its approved violations bylaw for suppliers and beneficiaries, with penalties that can include recovery of funds, a ban on receiving support for a set period, or both.

Cases with suspected criminal elements—such as illegal or fictitious hiring, or wage manipulation—are referred to the bodies in charge, while Tamkeen said it keeps the right to apply

administrative penalties once those bodies issue a decision.

It said it detects cases through inspections, refers proven cases to the Public Prosecution, recovers support sums, and bars offending firms from future support.

Breaches

It added that all breaches fall under the violations bylaw, which lists offences and the penalties tied to them.

Tamkeen said its oversight department works to protect Bahraini workers from unfair dismissal by requiring firms to follow Bahrain's labour law.

Where unfair dismissal is confirmed by the Ministry of Labour or the labour courts, it said the fund can recover support or bar the firm from further support, in line with the violations bylaw.