

BDF efforts stressed

HM King Hamad expresses pride in the BDF and its brave servicemen



His Majesty being received at the BDF General Command.



His Majesty chairs a meeting at the BDF General Command.

Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander, yesterday visited the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF)'s General Command.

Upon arrival, HM the King was welcomed by BDF Command-

er-in-Chief, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, and Minister of Defence Affairs, Lieutenant-General Abdulla bin Hassan Al Nuaimi.

HM King Hamad was accompanied by Royal Guard Commander, Major-General HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and Royal Guard's Spe-

cial Force Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

HM the King held a meeting with senior officers, and lauded the success of the previous training season, stressing the need to intensify preparations for the next season in order to enhance the BDF affiliates' com-



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petence.

HM King Hamad expressed pride in the BDF and its brave servicemen, noting that they are a source of inspiration for everyone in Bahrain.

HM the King extended thanks to everyone in the BDF for the tireless efforts they exert to protect the gains and achieve-

ments of the Kingdom and its people, hailing their constant readiness to face any challenges that would put regional security at risk.

HM King Hamad wished all the BDF servicemen, in Bahrain and abroad every success in assuming their duties in Bahrain and abroad.

BTEA holds roundtable session with its tourism partners

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Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) has held a roundtable dis-

cussion to present the results of its representative offices for the First Quarter and to discuss its detailed programme for tourism companies and charter flights

in partnership with the tourism stakeholders.

The event was held at the Palm Hall at the Bahrain Exhibition and Convention Centre bringing

together leading travel agencies and hotels.

The panel discussion focused on the mechanisms by which competitive pricing in charter operations could be enhanced, methods for BTEA to better determine the availability and distribution of hotel rooms, as well as provide additional with for familiarisation trips.

Commenting on the roundtable session and presenting the positive results achieved by the BTEA through the Charter Flight Programme, Hesham Al Sakan, Director of Facilities and Tourism Services at BTEA, revealed, "The Kingdom of Bahrain has received 10,075 tourists from Russia in cooperation with Coral Travel, where the average stay of tourists has reached 9 nights,

total tourist nights is approximately 34,578 nights and the estimated expenditure approximately BD 7,217,730."

Yousef Mohamed Al Khan, Director of Marketing and Tourism Promotion at the BTEA, added, "Our continued meetings and extensive efforts in collaboration with hotels and other tourism partners in the Kingdom have resulted in attracting more tourists to the Kingdom, alongside the tremendous efforts of BTEA's representative offices abroad.

"This has resulted in an increase in the tourist delegations of Bahrain from emerging markets across the world, contributing to the increase in hotel occupancy rates and playing an integral role in developing projects and various tourism activities in order to provide visitors with an integrated and transformative

tourist experience. "

This roundtable meeting comes in line with BTEA'S strategy which aims to promote the Kingdom's tourist attractions and introduce tourists to the rich history of Bahrain as well as showcase the tourism facilities and destinations the Kingdom offers to tourists, thereby further developing its tourism sector and increasing its contribution to the national economy.

The BTEA is continuously working towards achieving its tourism strategy under the slogan "Bahrain. Ours. Yours", which embodies its aim to expand its reach at regional and international levels, as well as implement its plans to stimulate and promote the Kingdom's tourism sector as a major contributor to the national economy and in line with the Economic Vision 2030.



The roundtable session in progress.

Bahrain attends ILO centenary meeting

Geneva

Labour and Social Development Minister and Chairman of the Labor Market Regulation Authority Jameel Humaidan is leading Bahrain's delegation to the International Labor Organisation (ILO) centenary meeting in Geneva.

Bahrain's participation is premised on the Kingdom's keenness on collaborating with the international community in drafting the policies and orientations of the ILO discussed during the meeting.

Bahrain is also keen on supporting labour causes and on discussing the development of employment and the quality of

renewable professions, in light of the rapid changes in the labor markets across the world.

The Kingdom is also interested in the developments of social protection systems globally and the prospects of tripartite dialogue between the parties of production.

Bahrain is also keen on identifying the challenges facing the labor markets and on solutions to the difficulties in the development and production process, thus contributing to the development of developing labor markets through providing the necessary technical support.

At its annual conference that marks its 100th anniversary, the

ILO is seeking to understand what tomorrow's jobs will look like and the ways to protect workers from violence and harassment.

In January, the ILO urged governments, employers and unions to deliver a "human-cent red" agenda for decent work in the coming years based on investing in people's capabilities, places of employment and decent and sustainable jobs.

The report authors warned that the world of work faces "unprecedented transformational change" driven by new technologies such as artificial intelligence, automation and robotics as well as climate change, migration and globalisation.



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