

HM King Hamad appoints new human rights commissioners

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued Royal Order (26) of 2025 appointing members of the Council of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights.

Under Article I, the following shall be appointed as members



HM the King

of the Council of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights:

First: Full-time members: Ali Ahmed Alderazi, Dr. Malallah Jaffar Al Hammadi, Mohammed Jumaa Fazea, and Maha Saleh Al Shehab.

Second: Part-time members: Dr. Hamad Ibrahim Al Abdullah, Daniel Mark Cohen, Rawdha

Salman Al Aradi, Shaikha Hamdi Al Sheiba, Dr. Shaima Abdullah Jumaa Mohammed, Abdullah Khalifa Al Thawadi, and Muna George Koro.

Their term of office shall be four years.

Under Article II, this Order shall come into effect from the date of its issue and be published in the Official Gazette.

New ministry director named

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, issued Edict (53) of 2025 appointing a director at the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, based on a proposal by the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture.

Under Article (I), Amani Khamees Mohammed Al Doseri shall be appointed as Director of the Acquisition and Compensation Directorate at the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, succeeding Yusuf Mohamed Juma Al Qassab.

The Minister of Municipal-



HRH Prince Salman

ities Affairs and Agriculture shall implement the provisions of this edict, which shall come into effect upon its issuance and be published in the Official Gazette.

France, Bahrain Boost Film Ties

Embassy-backed challenge to return next month

● Second edition announced

● Scholarship to ESRA Paris

● Cross-cultural film training

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The cultural bridge between Bahrain and France is set to grow stronger as the Bahrain Film Festival and the Embassy of France to Bahrain launch the second edition of the 48h Film Challenge, running from September 11th to 13th.

Supported by Bahrain's Ministry of Information and the renowned French film school ESRA, the event blends competition with intensive training, drawing on the expertise of French and Bahraini cinema professionals.

Organised ahead of the 5th Bahrain Film Festival, the challenge targets Bahraini nationals and residents aged 18 to 30, regardless of experience level. Participants will receive preliminary workshops in script-writing, directing, editing, and production before embarking



on the two-day filmmaking sprint. They will work under the guidance of French cinema experts, including Camille Varenne, programmer and jury member of the Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, and multi-award-winning French-Moroccan film-

maker and actor Ayoub Layoussifi.

The completed films will be showcased at the Bahrain Film Festival from October 30 to November 4, with the winning team announced at a special closing ceremony.

The top prize is a fully fund-

ed one-month summer school at ESRA's Paris campus in July 2026, including flights, accommodation, and tuition. Organisers say the scholarship offers a unique opportunity to gain first-hand experience in the French film industry and build international networks.

Youth City 2030 celebrates International Youth Day



H.E. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, H.E. Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, and H.E. Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez at the event

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Youth City 2030 celebrated International Youth Day, held under the theme “Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond”, in the presence of His Excellency Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, H.E. Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez, Chief Executive of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), and several officials.

H.E. Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth Affairs, expressed pride in the contributions of Bahraini youth, which reflect their awareness, ambition, and creativity.

She noted that the celebration embodies appreciation for their determination and innovation, and confidence in their role in building the Kingdom's future.

Commitment

The event underscored Bah-

rain's commitment to empowering youth and fostering their leadership across sectors to advance sustainable development.

Activities showcased talents and innovations, including the launch of the first Young Farmers' Market in Bahrain, organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture and the National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD), to support local agricultural production and promote food security.

Other initiatives featured the “From Farm to Table” tasting experience, sustainability projects such as “My Clean Plate” and “Zero Waste & Plastic Cure.”

The event also featured presentations of Injaz Bahrain projects and announced the winning companies of the 2025 Young Entrepreneurs Competition.

Bahrain Makes Asian Youth Games History in October

● First indoor opening ceremony

● EWB to host 11 sports

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Bahrain will make sporting history this October by hosting the Asian Youth Games' first-ever indoor opening ceremony, under a new agreement between Exhibition World Bah-

rain (EWB) and the Games' Executive Committee.

The deal, signed yesterday at EWB's Sakhir venue, ensures the facility will stage the indoor ceremony and 11 of the 24 sports on the programme when the Games come to the Kingdom for the first time from October 22 to 31. The event will be held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The signing was attended by Her Excellency Sara Ahmed Buhiji, CEO of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) and Chairperson of EWB;



Mr. Yousef Duaij and Mr. Alan Pryor sign the agreement in the presence of H.E. Sara Ahmed Buhiji and H.E. Faris Al Kooheji

and His Excellency Faris Al Kooheji, Secretary General of the Bahrain Olympic Committee. The agreement was signed by Mr. Yousef Duaij, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the third Asian Youth Games, and Mr. Alan Pryor, General Manager of EWB.

Buhiji said the Games would welcome thousands of young athletes from across Asia to compete at the highest level, describing EWB's facilities and location as “an ideal stage for showcasing the spirit of sportsmanship, unity, and excellence”. She said

hosting the Games would “solidify our position as a world-class venue for international sporting events and an ideal venue for indoor championships”.

Al Kooheji said the partnership reflected the integration of efforts between national institutions to enhance the Kingdom's image as a host for major events. “We take pride in this distinguished national landmark, offering world-class infrastructure that will deliver an exceptional experience for both athletes and spectators alike,” he added.