

for democracy



They hail Bahrain's parliamentary journey which began in 2002



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We have many candidates who have achieved milestones in various fields and I am pretty sure that the upcoming Parliament will be the best in history in terms of efficiency and accountability to the people

TALAL AL MALOOD

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Let's all perform this task effectively and wisely so that we have the best policymakers who are capable of drafting laws that will serve good to the citizens

SAUD ALI AZEEZ

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This is one of the proud moments of my life. The next parliament must focus more on the youth of this nation as they are the future. The Kingdom's youth are the brightest in the region and they have unmatched capabilities

MOHAMMED BILAL

the Parliament has a substantial role to play in the nation's progress. "While 58pc of participants said that their MPs did not care much about the voters, 42pc responded otherwise. The disapproval and approval percentages were 55pc and 45pc respectively for the municipal

council members."

The survey also found that 62pc of the citizens expressed their satisfaction over the performance of the previous councils. The voters consider employment as the most serious topic during the upcoming elections, according to the opinion poll. This was followed by infrastruc-

ture development. The opinion poll highlighted that the major qualities the voters would seek in their representatives were honesty, competence, education and decent background. Most of the respondents were optimistic about the future parliament and municipal councils.

‘A tough day’ for poll agents

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The Election Day turned out to be a tough day for poll agents who were leaving no stone unturned to make sure that their candidate came with flying colours.

The day was a culmination of all the efforts they have exerted since the beginning of last month when their candidates declared their candidatures.

"It was really tough. But I loved the journey as an agent for my candidate Barea Faraj," said Salman Mohammed, a Bahraini in his early twenties.

He said he is really proud to be part of the democratic process. "By



Salman Mohammed stands beside the poster of his candidate Barea Faraj being a poll agent, we are doing our duty towards the nation. We have been spearheading the campaign for our candidate by forming various teams.

"We grouped ourselves into social media teams, door-to-door campaign teams and strategic planning teams to facilitate the right communication of campaign agenda."

Mr Salman said he was motivated to support Ms Faraj owing to her extensive experience with the Ministry of Education. "Our candidate has been serving the Ministry of Education for over 25 years and this matters a lot to us youth. She

can formulate the right education policies that will be beneficial for the youth.

"We have a very young team of volunteers as we understand that education is the best way to grow," he added.

The poll agents were yesterday seen engaging in last-minute efforts to ensure that their candidate emerges victorious.

Jassim, another poll agent, said he was waiting for this day to perform the task of polling agent. "It has been really interesting and amazing to be part of the campaign team as we are delivering our democratic duties."

Electoral teams were seen distributing pictures of candidates and their electoral programme even after voting began, reported AlAyam



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There is no loser in today's elections, as everyone is a winner. For all Bahrainis, candidates and voters are contributing to bringing about a new Bahraini success story, whose results are awaited by everyone, out of their belief in the necessity of political popular participation in the decision-making process.

SHAIKH KHALID BIN ABDULLA AL KHALIFA, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE

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The citizens' active participation in the parliamentary and municipal elections is vivid proof of Bahrain's progressing democratic march under the reform project of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. The massive turnout of Bahraini voters since the early hours of the day reflects full awareness of their political rights and national responsibilities to choose their representatives for the Council of Representatives and municipal ones.

SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES FAWZIA BINT ABDULLAH ZAINAL



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The people of Bahrain have performed their national duty to contribute to the nation-building process towards achieving more comprehensive development. Citizens' awareness is the basis for success in the various stages of the development process that Bahrain is witnessing for a better present and future for all. It's important to continue the national achievements of Bahrain led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY MINISTER SHAIKH SALMAN BIN KHALIFA AL KHALIFA

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The kingdom is witnessing an electoral celebration ahead of the launch of the Sixth Legislative Term, under the comprehensive development process, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. The keenness of citizens of all ages to gather in front of polling stations and participate positively in the electoral process reflects their awareness of the importance of performing the national duty for the best interests of the country and its people

MUNICIPALITIES' AFFAIRS AND AGRICULTURE MINISTER, WAEL BIN NASSER AL-MUBARAK

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A polling centre was allocated to COVID-19 patients in the general polling and counting centre at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre to ensure that they exercise their right to elect their parliamentary and municipal representatives. All precautionary measures had been put in place to ensure the safety of all those present at the centre, through the provision of a highly-equipped clinic with qualified medical personnel.

HEALTH MINISTER, DR. JALILA BINT AL-SAYED JAWAD HASSAN

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A massive voter turnout has been recorded since the first hours of the elections at the local and general polling stations. The citizens have confirmed their strong commitment to the democratic process through their remarkable presence at polling stations and intensive participation in the elections.

JUSTICE, ISLAMIC AFFAIRS AND ENDOWMENTS MINISTER, NAWAF BIN MOHAMMED AL-MAAWDA

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The tremendous efforts exerted by all the authorities in charge of the elections ensure the success of the electoral process.

HIS HIGHNESS SHAIKH MOHAMMED BIN MUBARAK AL KHALIFA