

**Cardi B doesn't plan on getting back with Offset**

Days after American rappers Cardi B and Offset announced their split, the latter has confessed that he misses his estranged wife. Despite, Offset's public pleas for forgiveness Cardi B doesn't want to get back with him. **P13**

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# First comes duty

His Majesty directs lawmakers to fulfil their responsibilities as Fifth Legislative Term begins

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**Manama**

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday opened the first session of the Fifth Legislative Term in the presence of His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier at Isa Cultural Centre.

Speaking on the occasion, His Majesty highlighted the need to take the nation forward by strengthening the bond be-



His Majesty with HRH the Premier and HRH the Crown Prince at the opening ceremony of the new legislative term.

tween legislature and executive.

His Majesty also lauded the Bahraini youth and Bahraini women for the contributions towards the national development.

On the economic front, His Majesty highlighted the need to continue growth by sustaining revenue streams through the diversification of economy.

His Majesty also congratulat-

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MPs and 40 Shura members start their national duties as the Fifth Legislative Term began yesterday.

ed the newly-appointed Shura members and newly-elected parliamentarians.

HM the King stressed that the legislative branch would assume serious national responsibilities, highlighting consensus and cooperation between the two branches are essential to push ahead with the construction and development process to wider horizons in the interest of the homeland

and citizens.

HM the King welcomed the Shura and Representatives' achievements made during the past legislative term, noting their pivotal roles in developing laws and legislation, strengthening the state of constitution and defending the homeland's interests.

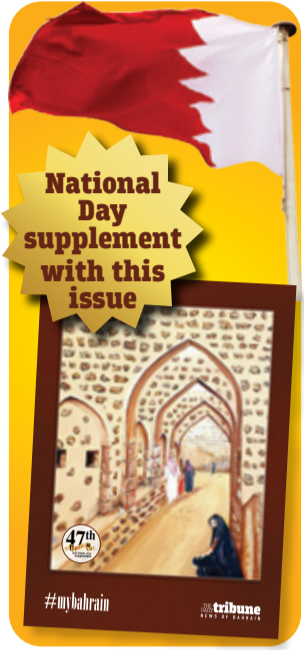
He also commended the role of the municipal councils in improving services provided to citizens.

HM the King took pride in citizens' keenness to promote social unity, appreciating their efforts in various fields and their key role in boosting Bahrain's standing at all levels.

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Members of Shura, Representatives and Municipal councils hailed the royal keenness to promote the democratic approach and support for the legislative branches.

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**National Day holidays declared**

**Manama**

His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa the Prime Minister issued a circular regarding the holiday on the occasion of the Kingdom's 47th Glorious National Day and 19th Anniversary of His Majesty the King's Accession to the Throne.

All the government ministries, directorates and public institutions will close on December 16 and 17, the circular said.

**House head congratulated**

**Manama**

Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty, has sent a cable of congratulations to Fawzia Zainal on the occasion of her election as Chairperson of the House of Representatives for the fifth legislative term.

NEW ROLE

## Woman elected head after hours of House drama

● **Ms Zainal has worked with Bahrain TV for nearly 25 years, during which she held a number of positions, including Acting Director, Head of Programmes and Development and Strategic Planning Consultant.**

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**Tamer Taifoor**

The newly-elected members of the parliament yesterday elected lawmaker Fawzia Zainal as the House chairwoman after an intense drama which exhibited many lawmakers criticising each other as well as the process of selection.

MP Adel Al Asoomi, one of the contenders for the top House post, was the first to criticise the electoral process.

He said the ballot box was kept in such a way that MPs could make out as to who was voting for whom.

Suggesting a secret ballot method to elect the House head, he said the process violated electoral laws.

MP Isa Al Kooheji, another contender for the post, said the



The House witnessed chaotic scenes before the chairwoman was elected.

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MR AL KOOHEJI

ally,” he said.

On the other hand, MP Hamad Al Kooheji said there was no need for a secret ballot and the process did not breach any values of democracy.

The House also elected Abdulnabi Salman as the first vice-chairman and Ali Al Zayed the second vice-chairman (unopposed).

Ms Zainal, who represents fifth constituency in the Southern Governorate, is a leading media personality.

She has worked with Bahrain TV for nearly 25 years, during which she held a number of positions, including Acting Director, Head of Programmes and Development and Strategic Planning Consultant.

In another development, the Shura elected Jamal Fakhro and Hala Ramzi as the first and second deputy through consensus.



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Mr Salman



Mr Al Zayed

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