

# Commander-in-Chief chairs Military Pensions Supreme Council meeting

Manama

The Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa chaired the Military Pensions Supreme Council meeting yesterday in the presence of National Guard President His Highness General Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, National Security Agency President Lt-General Adel bin Khalifa Al Fahdel, BDF Chief-of-Staff Lt-General Dhiyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, and Interior Ministry Undersecretary Shaikh Nasser bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa.



The Commander-in-Chief chairs the meeting.

The council discussed general policy accomplishments and management of the Military Pensions Fund including

administrative, technical rules and regulations.

The council also discussed investment plans regarding man-

agement and investment of the military fund moneys.

It also considered general policies of the military pensions fund.

The BDF Commander-in-Chief praised the efforts of the members and general director of the Military Pension Fund.

He urged to continue offering ideas and visions in this field that will ensure the sustainability and development of the military pension fund, preservation of the retirees moneys and setting regulations and laws capable of achievement of such matters and to achieve more benefits.

Assistant Chief-of-Staff for Human Resources Major-General Shaikh Ali bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Chief of Military Judiciary and Cassation Court president Major-General Dr Yousef Rashid Flaifel, Director of Finance Major-General Ibrahim Abdullah Al Mahmoud, and General Director of the Military Pension Fund Brigadier Adel Isa Alzayani, were also present.

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The Parliamentarians yesterday overwhelmingly welcomed the speech delivered by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa marking the opening of the second session of the fifth legislative term.

Hailing the speech of His Majesty, Second Deputy Speaker of the Council of Representatives Ali Ahmed Zayed said the House will expedite the passing of legislations and laws related to welfare programmes meant for citizens.

“The speech delivered by His Majesty during the opening session will serve a roadmap for the authorities to stabilise the progress in the implementation of development measures.

“I urge all parliamentarians to communicate frequently with the citizens so that we could easily find solutions to all problems faced by them. We have a big role to play in the future of the citizens and their children.”

MP Bassem Al Maliki affirmed that His Majesty speech represents the strong support offered to the executive and legislative authorities by the leadership in the interest of the citizens and nations.

Mr Al Maliki said the speech was comprehensive and clear as it covered all aspects of economic development and secu-

rity issues.

He stressed that the directives put forward by His Majesty including the transformation into a digital economy, diversifying sources of income and achieving food self-sufficiency are visions that everyone must work to achieve.

Mr Al Maliki praised the King’s clear support for the legislative authority in building the rule of law and fulfilling the aspirations of citizens and the role played by the legislative authority in protecting the rule of law and issuing legislations that protect citizens and national gains.

Mr Al Maliki pointed out that the House of Representatives will work in the new session to continue to preserve the gains of citizens and strengthen the role of the citizen in the economic work.

MP Mohammed Buhamood said that His Majesty’s speech

## Lawmakers hail His Majesty’s support to the legislature and executive




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at the opening of the second session of the fifth legislative chapter represents a vision and

a roadmap for the executive authority to develop the legislative authority.

Mr Buhamood said the speech was comprehensive, stressing the importance of economic re-

covery and diversifying sources of income, which will undoubtedly reflect directly on the citizens’ welfare.

The lawmaker pointed out that His Majesty’s support for the wise government led by HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and First Deputy Prime Minister Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, will lead to the implementation of Economic Vision 2030.

He said that His Majesty’s praise for the armed forces and the defensive and security readiness they have achieved confirm their high efficiency and spirit in preserving the country’s gains and maintaining security and stability.

Mr Buhamood noted that the House of Representatives will work in this role to continue to maintain and build on the living and economic gains of the citizens.

# NIHR participates in Arab Anti-torture Conference

Cairo

The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) has participated in the “Anti-torture Legislations and Mechanisms in Arab countries” international conference, held in the Egyptian capital Cairo.

In his paper at the event, Dr Malallah Al Hammadi, member of the NIHR commissioners board, outlined the NIHR’s role in the protection of human rights and future aspirations in the Kingdom.

He cited the importance of mutual



Dr Al Hammadi speaking at the conference.

efforts to ensure legislative, administrative and judicial measures are taken to implement the provisions of the relevant agreements.

The conference brought together representatives of governmental, legislative and parliamentary bodies, national human rights institutions, civic organisations and experts from 18 Arab countries, in addition to the UN Human Rights High Commission, regional offices, Arab, African and European diplomatic missions.



**The tasks of the (NIHR) focus on the promotion, development and protection of human rights, in addition to striving to consolidate the relevant values and awareness of such values.**

# AUB participates in ‘Our kids R Gold 6’ Campaign



Ahli United Bank (AUB) hosted a number of kids with cancer patients along with their parents in the lobby of its headquarters in Seef. Their efforts were a part of “Our kids are Gold 6”, a campaign which is a part of Smile Initiative, organised by the Future Society for Youth to provide psychosocial support to kids with cancer and their families. The bank organised a series of events for Smile’s little heroes, which included games and competitions. Many awards were distributed throughout the events in order to bring joy to their hearts, draw a smile on their faces and help them overcome the difficult stages of their disease. AUB also organised an awareness lecture for its staff members on childhood cancer symptoms and prevention. A few key points were mentioned throughout the lecture, like encouraging children to eat healthy food and protecting them from polluted environments, smoking etc.