

Royal commendation for protecting public money

HM the King receives National Audit Office President who submits 12th NAO Report

● His Majesty receives Northern Governorate citizens

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has hailed the efforts exerted by the National Audit Office (NAO) head and staff to protect public money, optimise the use of all resources and ensure sound spending in compliance with the highest standards of integrity and transparency.

This came as HM the King received yesterday, at Al Sakhir Palace, NAO President Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, who submitted the 12th NAO Report (2020/2021).

His Majesty lauded the NAO-led role in assuming its duties and maintaining its independent work which contributes in enhancing the performance of ministries and government bodies.

Shaikh Ahmed highlighted the office's achievements since its inception thanks to the directives and royal care of HM the King.

He updated HM the King on the NAO future development projects and plans to expand control services, including



HM the King receives the NAO Report from Shaikh Ahmed

digital shifts, efficient use of technology and investigative auditing.

The NAO head pointed out that the body's oversight work included various economic, social, service, health and environmental sectors, in addition to conducting oversight tasks on strategic and important topics in light of the developments of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

Thanks and gratitude

His Majesty King Hamad also received yesterday a number of citizens from the Northern

Governorate.

They greeted HM the King and expressed deepest thanks and gratitude for the royal care and directives to set up major development, service and housing projects in the Northern Governorate.

His Majesty welcomed them all, commending the Northern Governorate citizens' dedicated efforts to build the nation and active development contributions.

He expressed his delight at holding such meetings which embody amity and loyalty and stem from authentic Arab traditions and Bahrain heritage



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which binds all people as a closely-knit family.

HM the King hailed loyal citizens' patriotic stances down historic eras, paying tribute to men and women who left their mark on nation-building efforts.

Bahrain, HM the King said, has always been known, down its longstanding history, as a beacon of civilisation, moeration, humanitarian role and openness to the world.

Dr Abdulla Mansour Al Radhi and Jihane Mohammed recited two poems before HM the King, who thanked them for their contributions on national occasions.

Last day today for Filipinos to register for overseas voting

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Today is the last day for Filipinos in the Kingdom of Bahrain to register for overseas voting.

The Philippine Embassy is calling on Filipinos who would like to vote for the May 2022 Philippine national elections to visit its premises in Mahooz.

Personal appearance at the embassy is required for registration.

Details or biometrics will be captured and those who want to register must bring along a photocopy of valid passport. For seafarers, seaman's book is required aside from a copy of the Philippine passport.

The embassy is urging eligible Filipino voters to come forward and exercise their right and duty to choose future leaders before overseas voting registration comes to a close.

The next Philippine general elections – set to take place

on May 9, 2022 – will select the successor of current President Rodrigo Duterte, as well as the next vice-president, 12 senators and a party-list representative.

Overseas voters may cast their votes at the embassy from April 10 to May 9 next year.

Those interested in the overseas voting registration should contact the embassy for details on how to proceed. More details can also be found on the embassy's official website: <https://manamape.dfa.gov.ph/>

Meanwhile, the embassy has stressed the importance of strictly following safety precautions and health protocols against the coronavirus (COVID-19) within its premises.

It constantly advises Filipinos who will come to the embassy to wear face mask, observe social distancing, avoid large crowds, and get vaccinated to prevent the spread of the deadly virus.

Arab woman arrested for operating health organisation without licence

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The General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science has arrested a 28-year-old Arab woman for providing services and managing a health organisation without a licence.

An investigation into received information led to

identifying and arresting the woman and the confiscation of medical equipment.

As a result, the organisation was closed by the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA).

Legal proceedings were taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

Steady growth of Bahrain-France ties and cooperation lauded

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Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal has lauded the depth of the Bahraini-French relations thanks to the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and President Emmanuel Macron.

She stressed that the steady growth of the bilateral relations has contributed to broadening horizons of joint cooperation for their best interests.

The Speaker made the statements while receiving yesterday the French Ambassador to Bahrain, Jerome Cauchard, in the presence of First Deputy



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Speaker Zainal receives Ambassador Cauchard

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Zainal affirmed the Representatives Council's keenness to enhance its cooperation with

the French National Assembly, through the exchange of expertise and experiences.

The Speaker expressed thanks to the French Republic for its positive stances, and praised Ambassador Cauchard's role in further extending the solid bridges of cooperation between the two countries and bolstering bilateral cooperation during the coronavirus pandemic, wishing him further success.

The envoy expressed delight at the meeting, stressing his country's keenness to broaden areas of cooperation with the kingdom.

He commended the efforts exerted by Team Bahrain, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, wishing the kingdom further progress and prosperity.

Justice Minister chairs GCC meeting



Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa chaired the seventh meeting of the ministers responsible for Islamic affairs and endowments in the GCC countries, held remotely yesterday. Shaikh Khalid bin Ali welcomed the GCC ministers, stressing the importance of enhancing cooperation and exchanging expertise in the field of Islamic affairs to support and develop the Islamic endowments sector so as to increase its contributions to the sustainable development process.

Staff Director patronises specialised officers' courses graduation



National Guard Staff Director Major General Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Saud Al Khalifa patronised a graduation ceremony for one of the specialised courses for officers. The director of staff distributed certificates to the graduates and presented the National Guard shield to the outstanding officers. He affirmed the interest and full support of National Guard President His Highness General Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander, to develop the training system to the latest military technologies to perform national duties efficiently to meet the aspiration of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander.