

Isa Town marks golden jubilee

Southern Governorate has prepared a line-up of events and festivities marking the golden jubilee



Shaikh Khalifa with senior government officials and dignitaries at the event.



Shaikh Khalifa speaks on the occasion.

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Under the patronage of Southern Governor, Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, the Southern Governorate yesterday held a celebration marking the golden jubilee of the Isa Town.

The event was held at the hall of the Isa Town Sports Club, in the presence of officials and local citizens.

In a statement, the Governor

said that thanks to the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, as well as the support 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.

The Southern Governorate is witnessing an unprecedented progress boom in various development fields, the Governor

said. He asserted that the November 13 is a special national occasion as it marked the date of the opening of the first housing project at the GCC level and in Bahrain, which is "Isa Town", a town that is known for its dedication and effective contribution to the kingdom's progress march.

He expressed pride in the existence of a town that carries the name of the late Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the then

Amir of Bahrain, who, he said, followed up closely on the urban project, and gave directives to officials to harness all potentials to build an integrated model town.

The governor extended sincere thanks and appreciation to the Interior Minister, Lieutenant-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, for his interest and directives to strengthen the pillars of security and stability across the Southern Governorate.

He also highlighted Isa Town's achievements in various fields since its establishment.

The celebration also featured a speech by the Housing Ministry's Undersecretary, Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, who stressed that Isa Town stands witness to the interest of HM the King in housing, and the keenness of the government, led by HRH the Prime Minister, to launch new urban communities and towns.

Bahraini poet, Fathiya Ajan,

read a poem in love of Isa Town. After that, Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali inaugurated the slogan of the 50th anniversary of Isa Town.

The event also featured a historical film highlighting the establishment phases of Isa Town, and its opening by the late HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

It is to be noted that they Southern Governorate prepared a line-up of events and festivities marking the Golden Jubilee of Isa Town.

Adnoc to supply first cargo for LNG terminal

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The country's liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal will be supplied with its first cargo from Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (Adnoc), the Minister of Oil and Chairman of the board of directors in National Oil and Gas Authority (NOGA) Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa has said.

He said that negotiations with the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company has come to a conclusion as the company offered "the best price".

"We have an LNG terminal in Bahrain that is going to be commissioned next year and our first commissioning cargo is going to be imported from Adnoc, they gave us the best price," he said.

"We're trying to develop our indigenous gas, we have new discoveries. We're working on the geology, we're drilling wells onshore."

He added that no other cargoes have been awarded yet.

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With a capacity of 0.8 Bcf/d, the LNG project is situated at Khalifa bin Salman Port facility. The Bahrain LNG project is financed through a combination of debt and equity on a 75:25 debt to

equity ratio.

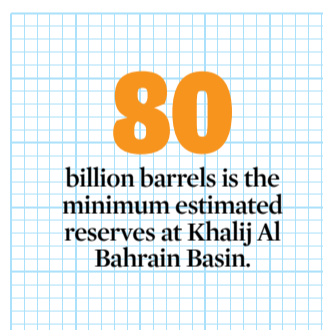
"There have been discussions about potentially connecting to the gas grids of GCC countries," the minister said.

Speaking about the efforts to attract oil companies, he said, "To attract them we offered G2G without being linked to a concession cost and one of the companies that was interested is Eni and they've been working with us for a full year."

"It was a smart strategy because they're now ready to sign a concession based on the full year. The concept certainly allowed international oil companies to come in when the oil prices were low for the last three to four years when there was very little exploration happening in the world."

The minister had previously assured that production of the newly discovered oil is viable, shooting down speculations that the extraction and production costs from the new field would be too high for it to make financial sense.

"Bahrain has an advantage of



position, the oil needs to be in the right spot, and there are some sweets spots that we can take advantage of. We think it's viable, but it needs capital, this is why we are looking for international investors," Shaikh Mohammed said in June.

The newly discovered tight oil at Khalij Al Bahrain Basin amounts to at least 80 billion barrels.

Although the production costs at the shallow offshore field at Khalij Al Bahrain Basin is yet to be determined, the low costs achieved by US companies in the extraction of oil is encouraging, according to the minister.

Tribute to Sir Syed Ahmed Khan

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Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association Bahrain (AMUAB) will hold an event at Golden Tulip Hotel on November 16 to honour renowned Indian educationalist, scholar, social reformer and visionary Sir Syed Ahmed Khan.

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan founded Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), one of the top Indian universities, in the year 1875.

Speaking to Tribune, Dr Sharique Ahmed, General Secretary of AMUAB, said, "AMU has a wide network of alumni scattered all over the world and celebrate their founder Sir

Syed Ahmed Khan's birth anniversary with great enthusiasm in every part of the world."

"The event shall be graced by some illustrious guests from India and Bahrain including Shura Council member Dr Fatima Abdul Jabbar Kooheji, Anubhav Sinha, a noted Bollywood director and Shakil Ahmad Azmi, Chairman of Ibn Al Hytham School Bahrain."

"This invitational event, expected to be attended by over 200 plus alumni and their families, will feature speeches by the invited guests."

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, one of the architects of modern India was born on October 17, 1817 in Delhi and started his career as a civil servant.

Syrian refugee turned Hollywood singer may visit Bahrain

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From a Syrian refugee to a Hollywood singer, inspirational artist Vivian Nouri is planning her Middle East and North Africa tour for the future, which will include Bahrain.

Vivian has worked with Grammy-award-winning producer Brian Kennedy, Rihanna and Lady Gaga. Originally from Kurdistan, Nouri's family was granted asylum in New Zealand when she was three.

Speaking to Tribune, Nouri said, "Talks of a Middle East tour, are in the pipeline. The



Vivian Nouri

Middle East has been an immense source of inspiration, and I look forward to performing in Bahrain one day and experiencing the culture, hospitality and rich history of the Kingdom."

Labour strides stressed



The Kingdom's commitment to combat discrimination in the labour market was highlighted at an international conference held in Bangkok. The four-day conference on "Migration, Trafficking in Persons, and the Asian Diaspora" was organised by the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) at the Church of Christ Auditorium in Bangkok. CCA General Secretary Dr Mathews George Chunakara and Bahrain YMCA President Soman Baby attended the conference. They highlighted the series of measures undertaken by the Kingdom to combat discrimination in the labour sector. Above, Mr Soman, second from left, and Dr Chunakara, fifth from left, with other delegates who attended the conference.