

# Diplomatic Day marked

His Majesty highlights Kingdom's diplomatic strides



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His Majesty receives senior government officials and diplomats.



His Majesty receives Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Dr Shaikh Abdulla.



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received at Sakhir Palace yesterday Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa who introduced to him members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Bahrain, senior officials and Foreign Ministry

employees marking the Diplomatic Day which is observed on January 14, 2020.

Addressing the audience, HM the King praised the role of Bahrain's diplomacy in boosting the kingdom's relations with other countries and promoting foreign policy on the basis of mutual trust, good neighbourliness and respect of common interests to foster global stability and peace.

The King stressed that the Kingdom's foreign policy has set a "special model" by relying on principles and values stemming from the human culture and the Bahraini personality that is known for its civilised communication with the world with its varied cultures and civilisations.

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macy and flexible and decisive policies which helped confront challenges and solve many crises to assert full commitment and unwavering respect to international laws and conventions.

His Majesty hailed the tireless efforts of the Bahraini diplomatic competencies to maintain the Kingdom's active and interactive role in dealing with Arab and Islamic issues, strengthening its international relations and preserving Bahrain's status as a civilisational beacon of peace, rapprochement and tolerance.

The Foreign Minister extended heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the meeting to mark the golden jubilee of institutional diplomatic work in Bahrain.

He took pride in the Diplomatic Day allocated by HM the



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King to celebrate the diplomatic community in recognition of its remarkable national role in carrying out the royal directives to protect national achievements and interests.

He commended the unwavering royal support to Bahrain's diplomacy which enabled the Kingdom's foreign policy to adopt a unique model based on balance and moderation. He

also lauded the royal reform approach which turned Bahrain into a modern and prosperous country advocating peace and coexistence.

The Foreign Minister underlined the kingdom's well-defined and active foreign policy to boost relations with brotherly countries and allies and work out solutions to may crises.

He underscored the principles of mutual respect, dialogue, constructive coexistence and fruitful openness on which Bahrain's foreign policy have always been based.

He also expressed thanks and respect to HM the King for the trust given to him over the past fifteen years as a Foreign Minister.

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respect to His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier for their tremendous support and valuable directives. He pointed out the inspirational role of Deputy Premier Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, the pioneer of Bahrain's diplomacy.

The Foreign Minister congratulated Dr Abdullatif Al Zayani on being chosen to continue spearheading Bahrain's diplomacy to safeguard the Kingdom's interests and sovereignty.

The Foreign Minister presented HM the King with a commemorative gift on the occasion.

## HH Shaikh Khalid approves prizes for the 'GCC Strongest Man Championship'

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His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, has recently approved the awards of the GCC Strongest Man "Heavyweight" Championship, which is scheduled to be held next April at Bahrain International Circuit.

HH Shaikh Khalid has specified the awards to be USD 130,000 in total; USD 100,000 for the first place winner, USD 20,000 for the second place winner and USD 10,000 for the third place winner.

Commenting on the occasion,

HH Shaikh Khalid stated: "The GCC Strongest Man Championship comes as a continuation of the successes achieved in the previous editions of the championship. The championship was the focus of attention of the media and enthusiasts of strength and endurance sports. This success came after we adopted the integration of traditional games in the championship, with the aim of continuing efforts to preserve the heritage of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the countries of the region."

His Highness called upon the youth in the GCC region to register and participate in the championship. At the same time HH Shaikh Khalid said he is looking forward for achieving



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the goals the championship was launched for and are set by His Highness, such as harnessing sport in support of relationships and strengthening the bonds of love, brotherhood and cooperation between the people of the GCC States.

For its part, the organising committee of the champion-

ship, represented by the Media Office of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, announced that it will pay visits to the brotherly GCC countries, including the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Oman, to meet the youth who are interested in taking part in the championship.

The Media Office of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa also announced that a website has been allocated for the registration for the championship on [www.gccstrongestman.com](http://www.gccstrongestman.com), in addition to launching an official page for the championship on Instagram (@gccstrongestman), in which inquiries will be received through direct messages.

## Co-operation discussed



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, received Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa. The Commander-in-Chief discussed a number of issues related to areas of co-operation and co-ordination between the BDF and Finance Ministry.



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa has praised the outstanding partnership between the public and private sectors to promote the culture of reading and produce a conscious, tolerant and open community. The Deputy Premier was speaking as he received yesterday Board Chairman of Al Ayam Press and Publishing Najeeb Yaqoob Al Hamar, members and the Editor-in-Chief who expressed thanks and respect to him for patronising the opening of the 26th session of Al Ayam Cultural Book Festival which was organised by the institution recently. The Deputy Prime Minister praised commitment of Al Ayam Press and Publishing to organising the festival for more than 25 years, lauding the massive turnout of visitors from Bahrain and abroad. He wished the organisers every success in organising the festival in the future and boosting the cultural scene in Bahrain.