

Yanbu and Jubail reflects Saudi's industrial strategy: Minister

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Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani, the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, hailed the establishment of Yanbu and Jubail Industrial Cities, managed by the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu, as a 'success' of the grand industrial strategy rolled out by Saudi Arabia.

The ministry also valued the crucial role of the Royal Commission in supporting investments and managing industrial cities, and creating investment attracting areas.

Al Zayani said this during a visit to the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu, on the sidelines of his participation in Saudi Arabia's first-ever Future Minerals Summit.

The Jubail and Yanbu are amongst the 'largest' industrial complexes around the globe, which the commission aims to make the first choice for investors in the petrochemical and energy-intensive industries - the main contributors to growth and



In pictures, the minister during a visit to the Yanbu and Jubail Industrial Cities in Saudi Arabia

economic development.

The CEO of the Commission, Dr Ahmed bin Zaid Al Hussein, and senior officials received the minister upon his arrival in Jubail Industrial city.

During the visit, Al-Zayani and Dr Al-Hussein toured the factories of Al-Itihad Industries Company Ltd, Khaled Al-Zahid and Sons Company, Al-Zamil Food Factory, and the Jubail Industrial Area. The companies delivered presentations on their operations and services.

The minister also listened to

a briefing on the work mechanisms of the authority established by King Khalid Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

RCJY was established on 21 September 1975 by a Royal decree of the late King Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al Saud as an autonomous organization of the Saudi Arabian Government. The Decree laid the foundation to convert the place into an important industrial area with a separate budget.

Dr Al Hussein said the authority was responsible for the over-

all planning and development of Jubail and Yanbu as two industrial regions.

He said they established the Jubail Industrial City as an independent city and were responsi-

ble for all civil services, such as education, health, security, and the municipality.

The meeting further reviewed ways to exchange expertise and experiences and benefit from

them in planning and developing the industrial cities in Bahrain.

The minister stressed the importance of such visits and meetings to benefit and exchange bilateral experiences.



Held at the King Abdulaziz International Conference Centre, the Future Minerals Forum is the first Saudi government-led initiative that features a diversified international and organizational representation with more than 2,000 delegates and attendees from 95+ countries.



Gulf Children's Day: Shura Committee sheds light on the rights of Children

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Caring for children and ensuring their rights are among the top priorities of the Gulf Cooperation Council States, said Dr Ebtessam Mohamed Saleh Al-Dalal.

The Head of Women and Child Affairs Committee of the Shura Council also praised the achievements of the GCC states in enacting legislation and laws providing a suitable environment for the upbringing and growth of children on the occasion of the Gulf Children's Day celebrated each year on 15th January.

In a statement, the committee pointed out that Bahrain, under



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the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, had given special attention to children and ensured them legislative and legal rights to health, education, housing, and other services.

The committee also shed light

on the "Child Law" "The Family Law" and "The Child Restorative Justice Law."

Dr Al-Dala said the government headed by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, had taken

measures to provide a decent life for children and raise them in a suitable environment.

The meeting also highlighted the crucial role played by the Supreme Council for Women headed by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibra-

him Al Khalifa, wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Council.

The committee said that Bahrain, in the coming period, will witness more joint projects that benefit the children of the member states.

US warns Russia could be prepping for war

● NATO says it will sign cyber cooperation pact with Kyiv

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Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Friday Russia hoped security talks with the United States would resume, but this would depend on Washington's response to Moscow's proposals.

"We categorically will not accept the appearance of NATO right on our borders, especially so given the current course of the Ukrainian leadership," he said.

Asked what Moscow meant by threatening this week to take "military-technical action" if talks fail, Lavrov said: "Measures to deploy military hardware, that is obvious. When we take decisions with military hardware we understand what we mean and what we are preparing for."

Russian Defence Ministry footage released by RIA news agency showed armoured vehicles and other military hardware being loaded onto trains in Russia's far east, in what Moscow called an inspection drill to practice deploying over a long distance.



The Board of Trustees of the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence held its first periodic meeting for this year under the chairmanship of Dr Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa. Dr Shaikh Khalid congratulated His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, on the 25th anniversary of the National Guard and Bahrain Diplomatic Day. Dr Shaikh Khalid welcomed Abdulwahab bin Yousef Al Hawaj, the new Deputy Chairman of the centre's Board of Trustees and Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the centre's new Secretary-General.



Education Minister Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi received Council of Representatives member MP Ahmed Al Ansari and briefed him about development programmes and projects. They discussed educational services at the diplomat's constituency.