

Mission accomplished

Parliament Affairs Minister hails fruitful executive-legislature cooperation during 5th Legislative Term

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Parliament Affairs Minister Ghanim bin Fadhl Al Buainain has lauded the cooperation between the executive and legislative branches during the Fifth Legislative Term that has contributed to attaining major legislative achievements. This has contributed to achieving the goals of the comprehensive development march, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and supported by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime

Minister, he said. With regard to legislative affairs, Al Buainain indicated that the legislative branch had approved 47 decree-laws, 70 bills submitted by the government and 18 bills submitted by the legislature, in addition to 85 proposed laws referred to the government, noting that they have covered numerous vital sectors. Concerning the oversight field, Al Buainain reported that 773 questions had been submitted, eight investigation committees had been formed, six public debates had been held, and 533 proposals had been submitted

to the government. Regarding the government's response to the proposals submitted by the Council of Representatives, the minister said that the government had responded to as many as 427 proposals out of the 533 referred to it by the Representatives Council during the Fifth Legislative Term, adding that responding to the remaining ones is underway, in accordance with the established constitutional deadline. In the same context, Al Buainain explained that the representatives of government departments had been keen to

attend the meetings and provide the two chambers of the National Assembly with written responses in order to show their position on the various bills discussed by the relevant committees. He said that the Shura Council and the Representatives Council had received written responses to 87% and 89%, respectively, of their total requests. Meanwhile, the Council of Representatives received written responses to 94% of the total requests related to its oversight work during the same legislative term, he added.

Bidding farewell



The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, received yesterday the Deputy Head of the United States Mission to Bahrain, Margaret Nardi, on the occasion of the end of her tenure, in the presence of the US Ambassador to the Kingdom, Stephen Bundy. During the meeting, the Minister praised the relentless efforts exerted by Nardi throughout her tenure, and her positive contributions to strengthening the historical relations and the solid strategic partnership between the two friendly countries at various levels, wishing her continued success. Nardi expressed her thanks and appreciation to the Minister and all officials for their constant support, and their keenness to consolidate bilateral cooperation and strategic partnership for the benefit of both countries and peoples, wishing Bahrain further progress and prosperity. The meeting was attended by the Chief of American Affairs, Ambassador Shaikh Abdulla bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and the Chief of Strategic Affairs, Ambassador Nancy Abdulla Jamal.

Legal oath ceremony



The Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) held a legal oath ceremony, in accordance with Article (26) of the Judicial Authority Law for a group of new judges. His Majesty King Hamad bin isa Al Khalifa had issued Order (16) of 2022 appointing them as judges at the High Civil and Sharia Court. SJC Vice Chairman, Court of Cassation President Abdulla bin Hassan Al Buainain, welcomed the new judges, wishing them success in their work and urging them to exert all efforts in order to contribute to the consolidation of the principles of justice and law enforcement.

Security issues



Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa received retired General Sir Nicolas Carter, former British Chief of the Defence Staff, in the presence of Public Security Chief Lieutenant-General Tariq bin Hassan Al Hassan. The Minister welcomed retired Gen. Carter, who arrived on a visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain, to exchange viewpoints. He hailed deep-rooted historic relations binding the two friendly countries, stressed mutual keenness on further bolstering joint ties towards achieving common interests. They also discussed security issues and regional developments.

Doctoral thesis



Secretary-General of the Higher Education Council and Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Higher Education, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa, received Dr Layla Faisal Al Halwachi, who presented a copy of her doctoral thesis obtained from Brunel University. Shaikha Rana congratulated Dr Laila on the doctorate degree that reflects the efforts of young Bahrainis in reinforcing their scientific qualifications and contributions in scientific research.

Book donation

University of Bahrain (UoB) President Dr Jawaher bint Shaheen Al Mudhahki received at the university premises in Sakhr yesterday Japanese Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain Miyamoto Masayuki, who donated a number of books and scientific resources to the university's libraries. Dr Al Mudhahki lauded the initiative of the Japanese Embassy to donate books to the university to enrich its libraries with the latest literary and intellectual productions and supply students, academics and researchers with diverse academic references and resources. The meeting was attended by Deputy President for IT and Administrative and Financial Affairs Service, Dr Osama Abdullah Al Jowder, and Dean of the College of Literature, Dr Abdulaziz Mohammed Bouliha.



Bahrain-Ethiopia relations



Acting Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Consular and Administrative Affairs, Ambassador Khalil Yaqoub Al Khayat, received yesterday the Consul General of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Awall Wagriss Mohammed, who handed him his consular license to carry out his duties in the Kingdom. The meeting reviewed the relations of joint cooperation between Bahrain and Ethiopia, as well as ways to facilitate procedures and consular services to meet the common interests of both countries and the two friendly peoples.

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