

95% Seek Scholarships

Top students to be honoured

- 95% already registered
- Review starts post deadline
- August meeting for toppers

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A surge in student applications has seen 95 percent of eligible candidates register for government scholarships this year, the Ministry of Education confirmed. The figure marks the highest-ever turnout for the programme and comes as the Ministry prepares for a merit-focused meeting with top-performing students before scholarship results are announced next month. His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, said the response reflected students' deep commitment to shaping their academic future and praised their interaction with the Scholarships and Grants Services portal. The Ministry clarified that students still have time to apply, with the registration portal remaining open for two more months to allow applicants to secure university admission



H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma offers. Dr. Juma assured students that the Ministry would remain flexible in supporting their application process during this period. Once the registration deadline closes, the Student Scholarships and Grants Centre will begin classifying and evaluating the applications. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic merit, with priority given to students with the highest grades. H.E. the Minister emphasised that transparency and fairness will guide the allocation process. H.E. said the Ministry is committed to helping students meet their educational aspirations through a system grounded in equity and clarity. In a move to recognise academic excellence, the Ministry will convene a special meeting with high-achieving students in early August, just before the official announcement of scholarship placements.

From Paris to Manama

France and Bahrain Celebrate a Golden Friendship



Senior officials H.E. Nabil bin Yacoub Al Hamar, Advisor to HM the King for Media Affairs; H.E. Fatima bint Jaffer Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism; H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications; and H.E. Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, Speaker of the Parliament attend the event along with ambassadors and diplomats from various countries

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A Festive Bastille Day, was marked with grandeur and diplomacy at the Sofitel Bahrain, where French Ambassador, His Excellency Eric Giraud-Telme, delivered a powerful speech celebrating the deepening ties between France and Bahrain. In his address, Ambassador Giraud-Telme reflected on a year of significant milestones in the France-Bahrain relationship, emphasizing shared values, mutual respect, and a commitment to global peace and development. One of the most symbolic moments of the past year was the official visit of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to Paris. During a meeting with President Emmanuel Macron at the Élysée Palace, both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to



H.E. Eric Giraud-Telme, France Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, speaks at the event

strengthening cooperation in key sectors such as energy, infrastructure, defense, and transportation. Ambassador Giraud-Telme emphasized the importance of cultural diplomacy and the promotion of the French language in Bahrain. He described culture as a “bridge between nations” and highlighted several ongoing initiatives supporting education, arts, cinema, fashion, and pro-

fessional training. French businesses have shown growing interest in Bahrain, with major delegations visiting the Kingdom in recent months. Institutions are actively supporting partnerships in tourism, finance, and infrastructure. The Ambassador spoke firmly on global issues. He reiterated France's call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, the release of hostages, and humanitarian access. He also reaffirmed France's support for Ukraine in its defense against Russian intervention, in line with international law and the UN Charter. UN Security Council Partnership Ambassador Giraud-Telme congratulated Bahrain on its recent election to the United Nations Security Council, stating that France looks forward to working side by side with

Bahrain starting January 2026. “We share many common views on international peace, diplomacy, and development,” he said. A Festive Bastille Day The evening was more than just diplomatic — it was a celebration of French culture and friendship. Guests were treated to French cuisine, music, and a unique artistic showcase that included elements of artificial intelligence. A special short video was also presented, symbolizing the creative and forward-thinking spirit of the Franco-Bahraini partnership. “There are countless reasons to choose France – for business, for education, for culture and for innovation. Our friendship with Bahrain is based on trust, and it continues to flourish with each new chapter we write together.” Ambassador told The Daily Tribune.

Exchanging labour expertise



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) received a Qatari delegation led by Kholoud Saif Al Kubaisi, Executive Director of the Workers' Support and Insurance Fund, accompanied by Dr. Abdullah Al-Muhannadi, Legal Advisor, to the Expatriate Workers' Protection Centre. The visit aimed to learn about the Kingdom of Bahrain's efforts in supporting and protecting expatriate workers. Noora Isa Mubarak, LMRA's Deputy CEO for Enforcement and Protection and a member of the National Committee for Combating Trafficking in Persons (NCCTIPs), highlighted the strong ties between Bahrain and Qatar and the importance of exchanging expertise to support joint efforts. The meeting discussed key initiatives launched by the Kingdom, including the issuance of International Bank Account Numbers (IBAN) for every worker in the Kingdom, which helps to facilitate and document the electronic payment of wages.

Drug traffickers arrested


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The Anti-Drug Directorate of the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science, in cooperation with Customs Affairs, has arrested several individuals in separate incidents for attempting to smuggle and possess over 7 kilogrammes of narcotic substances, with an estimated street value of approximately BD121,000. The Directorate explained that upon receiving information related to the incidents,




Suspects with the seized evidence

ligence gathering and evidence collection. These efforts led to the identification and arrest of the suspects, who were found in possession of the narcotics. The seized substances were confiscated, and all necessary legal procedures were taken, with the cases referred to the Public Prosecution. The Criminal Media Division stressed the importance of strengthening community partnerships in raising awareness about the dangers of drug abuse.



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