

'AWS centre set to turn Kingdom into key cloud computing player'

AWS centre will contribute to boosting the Kingdom's comprehensive economic development, says HH Shaikh Nasser

Manama

Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport (SCYS) His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday received Vice President of Amazon Web Services' worldwide public sector business Teresa Carlson.

The meeting was attended by SCYS member and Head of the Co-ordination, Implementation and Follow-up Committee Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa and Minister of Youth and Sport Affairs Ayman Al Moayed.

HH Shaikh Nasser stressed that Bahrain has become a major host of large international companies, pointing out the efforts of 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 Pre-



HH Shaikh Nasser receives Ms Carlson.

mier, to boost the Kingdom's status as a favourite destination for those companies in the region.

He added that choosing Bahrain as a centre for Middle East data by Amazon Web Services (AWS) will substantially contribute to boosting the Kingdom's comprehensive economic development and enhancing its status in the technology and cloud computing field.

He noted that this choice will also cast light on the kingdom's civilisational and development achievements.



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He also praised Amazon's joining of "Opportunities" programme, which is overseen by

the Ministry of Youth and Sport Affairs, and keenness to provide Bahraini youngsters with training opportunities in its offices in Bahrain.

Teresa Carlson lauded HH Shaikh Nasser's interest in the activities carried out by Amazon in Bahrain in the technological and cloud computing field, pointing out Bahrain's status as a regional centre in the Middle East.

She also expressed happiness at AWS being an inherent part of Bahrain's national programme "Opportunities", affirming the

company's commitment to work with its partners in the Youth and Sport Affairs Ministry to provide the Bahraini youth with training opportunities.

Amazon Web Services recently announced the opening of the AWS Middle East (Bahrain) region, bringing the cloud giants reach to 69 Availability Zones within 22 geographic regions globally.

AWS has also announced plans for nine more Availability Zones across three more AWS Regions in Indonesia, Italy, and South Africa,

without indicating exact dates.

The cloud firm highlighted that developers, start-ups, and enterprises, as well as government, education, and non-profit organisations can now run their applications and serve end-users from data centres located in the Middle East.

"The cloud has the chance to unlock digital transformation in the Middle East," said Andy Jassy, CEO, Amazon Web Services.

"Today, we are launching advanced and secure technology infrastructure that matches the scale of our other AWS Regions around the world and are already seeing strong demand in the Middle East for AWS technologies like artificial intelligence and machine learning, data analytics, IoT, and much more.

"We are excited to see how our cloud technology will provide new ways for governments to better engage with citizens, for enterprises to innovate for their next phase of growth, and for entrepreneurs to build businesses and compete on a global scale."

Bahrain's Egypt envoy attends Mugabe funeral



Shaikh Rashid at the funeral ceremony of Robert Mugabe.

Harare

The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the Arab Republic of Egypt, Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, took part in a funeral service held for the former President of Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe, in the presence of a number of heads of states and governments.

The Ambassador extended the condolences of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness the Prime Minister, Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince,

Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, to the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Emmerson Mnangagwa, on the demise of the former President.

The body of Zimbabwe's former president Robert Mugabe is being kept in his birthplace, after a sparsely-attended state funeral, media reported.

African leaders hailed Mr Mugabe as a liberation hero, while current Zimbabwean president Emmerson Mnangagwa said "our motherland is in tears".

But most seats in the 60,000-capacity stadium were

empty, BBC reported.

Many Zimbabweans said they would shun the ceremony because of the repression that marked Mr Mugabe's later rule.

The country's economy is in crisis, with soaring inflation and unemployment, and some blame this on the former leader.

"We are happier now that he is gone. Why should I go to his funeral? I don't have fuel," a Harare resident told AFP.

"We don't want to hear anything about him anymore. He is the cause of our problems."

Mr Mugabe's body will be viewed by the public in his rural hometown, Zvimba, on Sunday, local media reports.

Bahrain's parliamentary experience hailed

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Speaker of the Council of Representatives, Fawzia Zainal, has affirmed that Bahrain's 17-year-old parliamentary experience is rich and unique thanks to the unwavering support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, noting that the achievements of the Council of

Representatives reflect the maturity of the Bahraini voters who have become aware of the importance of their effective participation in the elections, being a sacred national duty.

In an interview with the Bahrain News Agency (BNA) ahead of the new session of the Fifth Legislative Term, the speaker expressed pride in the Representa-

tives Council's achievements at the local and international levels, expressing satisfaction with the performance of lawmakers during the first session of this term.

She expressed hope that the second session will bring about more achievements that serve the nation and meet the citizens' ambitions, in line with HM the King's directives in this regard.

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