

HH Shaikh
Isa bin Salman
directs to
develop Labour
Fund's Five-Year
operational
strategy



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KFH launches
new MyHassad
savings scheme
offering
Bahrain's largest
prize pool at BD
5.5 Million



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HM King appoints
undersecretary at
Ministry of Oil

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued Decree (59) of 2025, appointing an Undersecretary at the Ministry of Oil and Environment, based on the proposal of the Minister of Oil and Environment and following the approval of the Cabinet.

Ezz Ahmed Al Mannai, Director of Policies and Strategic Planning at the Ministry of Oil and Environment, shall be appointed Undersecretary of the Ministry of Oil and Environment.

The Minister of Oil and Environment shall implement this decree, which shall come into effect from the date of its issuance and be published in the Official Gazette.

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Security, stability

Interior Minister attends launch of National Strategy to Combat Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing and Weapons Proliferation

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His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Interior Minister, attended the launch of the National Strategy to Combat Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing, and the Proliferation of Weapons (2025–2027), highlighting its critical role in advancing Bahrain's security and strengthening the national economy.

The ceremony, held yesterday at the Public Security Officers Club, was attended by key government officials including the Minister of Finance and National Economy, the Minister of Defence Affairs, the Attorney General, the Minister of Information, and the Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments.

Addressing attendees, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah, also chairman of the Committee for Combating Extremism, Terrorism Financing, and Money Laundering, said the strategy "comes within the framework of the reform and stability approach of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the security, development, and prosperity enjoyed by the Kingdom, due to the directives of the wise government led by His Royal Highness Prince Sal-

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- H.E. GENERAL SHAIKH RASHID BIN ABDULLAH AL KHALIFA, INTERIOR MINISTER

man bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.”

Economic significance

He emphasised the strategy's economic significance, stating: “The National Strategy to Combat Money Laundering, the Financing of Terrorism and the Proliferation of Weapons is an essential complement to building the national economy.”

The Interior Minister also underscored the importance of vigilance and proactive security measures in the digital era, noting, “This requires us to be fully vigilant and closely monitor everything that is happening around us.”

He praised the role of the Financial Intelligence National Centre, led by H.E. Shaikha May bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, for



H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa

its contribution to strengthening national financial intelligence and enhancing effectiveness in combating financial crimes.

Gratitude

General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah expressed gratitude to members of the Anti-Extremism, Anti-Terrorism Financing, and Anti-Money Laundering

Committee, acknowledging their dedication and the Kingdom's distinguished national performance in this sector.

Shaikha May bint Mohammed reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to maintaining the integrity of the financial system and national economic stability through the strategy.

She highlighted the collabo-

orative preparation of the second comprehensive national risk assessment, stating, “Based on the results and outcomes of this assessment, a national action plan was adopted to understand risks and threats, address associated vulnerabilities, and deal with them through optimal allocation of resources to mitigate and combat these risks.”

Strategic objectives

Shaikha May bint Mohammed added that the current national strategy provides an integrated framework with 10 key strategic objectives, emphasising that all relevant authorities must adhere to and implement these goals within the specified period to enhance compliance and financial system integrity.

General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah officially announced the launch of the strategy, noting that it “contributes to strengthening the capacity of relevant authorities to address the challenges associated with these crimes.”

A short documentary on the National Risk Assessment was screened during the event, after which the Interior Minister honoured members of the Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism Committee for their pivotal role in drafting the strategy.

Draft amendment

BD15 monthly transport plan for private-sector workers

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Private-sector workers would receive a monthly transport allowance of at least BD15 under a draft amendment to the Labour Law, with employers exempt where transport to and from the workplace is already provided.

The plan mirrors the public sector, where a minimum BD20 allowance is paid.

The proposal, filed by MP Jalal Kadhem, seeks to add a clause to Law No. 36 of 2012 guaranteeing the allowance for private-sector staff except in cases where the employer supplies transport.

Kadhem said the move is aimed at easing travel costs for employees after years of static pay and higher household expenses, citing rising fuel and



MP Jalal Kadhem

transport prices.

Article 10 of Law No. 36 of 2012 now requires employers to provide “appropriate means of transport” in work areas named by ministerial decision.

Kadhem's draft would add an obligation to pay a monthly allowance of no less than BD15, with an exemption for workers already given transport, while

keeping the duty to provide transport in designated areas.

He said the amendment is intended to improve living conditions and steady employment for private-sector staff, and to narrow the gap in benefits with public-sector employees.

The lawmaker urged support for the change to match current living and economic conditions.

Pots hold hope



Palestinian children hold out their pots in front of a charity kitchen in the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip, amid a UN-declared famine after nearly two years of war. (AFP)