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HM King receives four new ambassadors' credentials



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received the credentials of four new ambassadors to the Kingdom and praised the strong bilateral relations between Bahrain and their respective countries. The new ambassadors – (Left) His Excellency Henning Georg Simon, Germany; (Top) H.E. Shmuel Revel, Israel; (Bottom, left) H.E. Arif Yusuf Saleh, Palestine; and (Bottom, right) Her Excellency Shereen Shanika Dissanayake, Sri Lanka – were presented during a ceremony held at Sakhir Palace yesterday. HM the King exchanged welcoming remarks with the ambassadors and highlighted the advanced level of cooperation between Bahrain and their countries across all sectors. He also wished them continued success in their diplomatic missions to strengthen ties of friendship and cooperation with the Kingdom. The ambassadors conveyed greetings and appreciation from their heads of state, wishing His Majesty good health and happiness, and further progress and prosperity for the Kingdom and its people. They also reaffirmed the positive relations between their countries and Bahrain across all fields.

HM King Hamad back from summit

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa returned to Bahrain yesterday from Egypt after leading the Kingdom's delegation to the Sharm El Sheikh Summit for Peace and witnessing the signing of the Gaza ceasefire agreement.

HM the King's participation came at the invitation of Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi.

Upon departure from Sharm El Sheikh Airport, HM King Hamad was bid farewell by Dr. Ahmed Fouad Hanno, Minister of Culture of Egypt, and H.E. Fawzia bint Abdullah Zain-al, Ambassador of Bahrain to Egypt.

HRH Prince Salman appoints Education Ministry director

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday issued Edict (64) of 2025, appointing a director in the Ministry of Education, based on a proposal by the Minister of Education.

Dr. Intissar Qaaed Al Banaa shall be appointed as Director of Educational Operations for Region (3) at the Ministry of Education, succeeding Fatima Shaheen Jassim Al Buainain.

HRH Prince Salman issued Edict (65) of 2025, appointing Dr. Intissar Qaaed Al Banaa as director at the General Secretariat of the Higher Education Council.

Bahrainis FIRST

Parliament bans hiring of expat workers in private sector where more than 30 unemployed locals are available

- Plan to ensure qualified citizens get job priority

Mohammed Darwish
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Parliament yesterday approved an urgent proposal to ban the hiring of non-Bahrainis in private-sector jobs where more than 30 unemployed Bahrainis are available, referring the decision to the government in the same sitting.

The proposal requires the Ministry of Labour and the relevant bodies to enforce the restriction and to create a mechanism for identifying job titles that meet the threshold.

According to the text, the ban applies to roles where the number of unemployed Bahrainis exceeds 30, while authorities must also monitor occupations once that figure passes 50.

The measure is intended to ensure that Bahraini jobseekers are given first access to employment opportunities when enough qualified nationals are



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available.

The proposal was introduced by MP Abdulwahid Qarata and supported by First Deputy Speaker Abdulnabi Salman, Second Deputy Speaker Ahmed Qarata, Mahmoud Fardan and

Ahmed Al Salloom.

It draws on Article 13 of the Constitution, which states that work is a duty upon every citizen and that the state must guarantee employment and fair conditions.

Community drives afforestation



His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa underscored the significance of community partnership as a core pillar of the National Afforestation Plan, emphasising the importance of adopting environmental initiatives such as afforestation and implementing proper environmental practices. HH Shaikh Mohammed made the remark as he planted a tree at Riffa Palace, in the presence of several officials, to mark National Tree Week. On this occasion, His Highness outlined the importance of environmental initiatives, particularly National Tree Week, as a cornerstone of the Kingdom's efforts to preserve the environment and ensure the sustainability of its resources. These efforts align with the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. HH Shaikh Mohammed commended the community's awareness and collaborative participation in various initiatives, recognising their efforts in advancing the Kingdom's environmental aspirations. He was briefed on the progress of the National Afforestation Plan and the Bahrain Mangroves Initiative.

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