



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday received Royal Family members and senior state officials, with whom he reviewed a number of local and international issues at Gudaibiya Palace. HRH the Premier praised the vital role played by sisterly Saudi Arabia, under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, to strengthen the pillars of security and stability across the region. HRH the Prime Minister reiterated Bahrain's firm stance in support of Saudi Arabia and against whoever attempts to target its security and stability.



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has stressed that the Bahraini people has been, throughout history, known for its solidarity and cohesion within the one-family spirit, lauding Bahrainis' keenness to contribute to their nation's progress, security and stability. "We need to uphold such noble values, and maintain communication among the members of the same society. The ultimate goal of everyone should be to ensure that our nation reaches the highest levels of progress and prosperity," HRH Premier said. The Premier made the statements while receiving, at the Gudaibiya Palace yesterday, Dr Ali Jaffar Al Aradi and some members of his family, who extended to him deepest gratitude and appreciation for condoling with them over the death of the late Mohsen Jaffar Al Aradi.



Commander-in-Chief of Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday received Director General of the Royal Family Council Shaikh Salman bin Khalid bin Mohammed Al Khalifa. He welcomed him and discussed with him various issues.

## Kingdom's democratic achievements stressed

Assistant Foreign Affairs Minister hails Kingdom's pioneering democratic achievements

● Mr Al Dossari noted the establishment of several independent national councils, agencies and institutions to protect public rights and freedoms.



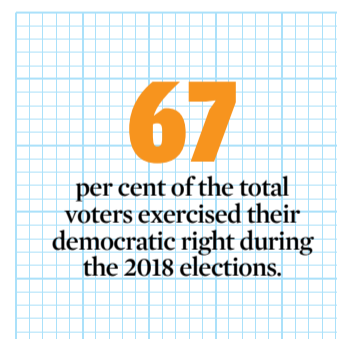
Mr Al Dossari

lic affairs by the citizens, men and women, and their right to exercise of full political rights, including the right to vote and candidature, in accordance with the Constitution and NAC.

He noted that this comes within the framework of a protective and supportive system of political, economic, cultural and social rights and freedoms, including freedom of opinion and expression, the freedom of the press, media and religious freedoms.

He also cited the people's right to establish, form and join civil and political associations and trade unions, within the framework of equity and equal opportunities for all without discrimination based on sex, race, religion, origin or belief.

He highlighted that the while the parliament is in its fifth legislative term, political reforms have continued since 2002 through a forty member-House of Representatives, free and fair parliamentary elections and full judicial supervision, noting the high popular participation which reached over 67 per cent in 2018. He added that members with expertise and high competence were appointed to the Shura Council, in order for the parliament to be able to represent the entire nation and let citizens exercise their powers, enact legislation and oversee the work of the executive authority.



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Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdullah Al Dossari hailed Bahrain's pioneering democratic and human rights achievements since the launch of the reform and civilisational project of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

He referred to the National Action Charter (NAC) endorsed in 2001 by 98.4 per cent of the citizens to establish the rule of law and institutions on the foundations of transparency under a modern constitutional monarchy.

The assistant minister expressed his pride that the Kingdom of Bahrain has joined the civilised world to celebrate the International Day of Democracy on September 15, marked this year under the theme of "Participation, in implementation of the UN General Assembly's September 2007 resolution.

He commended the success of the Bahraini model of democratic transformation with free national will, and an unparalleled popular consensus on the policies of good governance within the framework of the separation of the three legislative, executive and judicial authorities, and co-operation in accordance with the Constitution.

The assistant minister stressed the Kingdom of Bahrain's distinguished constitutional and legal mechanisms guaranteeing popular participation in pub-

## Bahrain Television in expansion drive

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Bahrain Television has unveiled an ambitious lineup of programmes tailored to appeal to all segments of the Bahraini society and foreign communities in the Kingdom.

The programmes include daily talk shows, trends and social media developments, local, re-

gional and international economic, social and political issues, parliament news coverage, light stories, personalities and profiles, capacity building, children, entrepreneurship, folktales and folklore and documentaries.

The new grid will be launched this month.

With this new expansion drive, Bahrain Television un-

derlines its deep commitment to broadening and improving the TV modern landscape, providing premium content, presenting the latest news, disseminating valuable information, offering entertainment that suits the preferences of the entire family and serving the communities, a statement issued by the Ministry of Information Affairs said.



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