



Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Work and Youth Affairs, National Security Advisor and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport (SCYS) His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa during a visit to Beacon Private School where he was welcomed by the Board Chairman, members of the Executive Committee as well as the educational and administrative staff, students and citizens. HH Shaikh Nasser listened to a briefing on the educational curriculum as well as the opportunities and options provided by the school. The school's educational and administrative staff thanked Shaikh Nasser for the visit and interest in the educational curricula which aim to develop the youth's capabilities.

BDF fully prepared to protect Kingdom: Commander-in-Chief



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa during a visit to one of the BDF units, yesterday

Manama

Bahrain Defence force (BDF) is fully prepared to face any challenges that may arise to protect the Kingdom and help its people achieve prosperity, said BDF Command-

er-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa.

"The great role of the BDF in protecting the achievements of Bahrain is based on the wisdom and efforts of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the

Supreme Commander," Shaikh Khalifa said as he inspected several military units. The Commander-in-Chief was briefed on the various phases of development of the units.

He expressed satisfaction at the high levels of preparedness

that boost combat and administrative readiness of the force.

Shaikh Khalifa also lauded the dedication and efficiency of the staff in implementing modernisation plans and carrying out their services in various military action locations.



A ceremony to honour the armed forces of Saudi Arabia and the armed forces of the United Arab Emirates, attached to the advance command of the Peninsula Shield Force was held at the BDF. Major General Shaikh Ali bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Assistant Chief of Staff for Human Resources was present. Officers from the Saudi and Emirati forces were granted first-class field service badges and non-commissioned officers and individuals were awarded second-class field service badges. The honours were in recognition of their dedicated efforts within the Peninsula Shield Force that consolidate the strong bonds between the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. Major General Shaikh Ali conveyed the greetings and congratulations of BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikha Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa to the Saudi and UAE officers.



Chief of Staff of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), Lieutenant-General Dheyab bin Saqr Al-Nuaimi, chairing a meeting of the National Defence and Security Committee, at the BDF's General Command yesterday. The committee discussed ways to develop cooperation and strengthen coordination among military and security bodies in the kingdom, as well as consolidate joint military capabilities. Public Security Chief, Lieutenant-General Tariq Hassan Al-Hassan, National Guard Staff Director, Major-General Abdulaziz bin Saud Al Khalifa, Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, Major-General Ghanim Ibrahim Al-Fadhala, Royal Bahrain Naval Force (RBNF) Commander, Commodore, Mohammed Yousif Al-Asam, and several senior BDF officers were present

Seychelles president hails Bahrain visit as promising, historic



Seychelles President visits Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF)

Manama

Seychelles President, Danny Faure, yesterday expressed his delight in visiting Bahrain which he said shares many "commonalities" with Seychelles being an Island nation.

"This is a very good visit, a historic one and we are happy to be here," Faure told Bahrain News Agency. He was visiting the Bahrain Institute of Banking & Finance (BIBF).

Describing Bahrain and Seychelles as "two Island nations", he said, "the future of relations and cooperation between

development as countries, we will continue to develop."

Faure and his delegation attended a banquet hosted in their honour by His Royal Highness Prime Minister's Advisor HH Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

HH Shaikh Salman stressed the importance of exchanging visits between senior officials to expand the prospects of co-operation and achieve common interests.

Separately, Faure, accompanied by Foreign Affairs Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, visited the



Seychelles President visits national museum, theatre



Seychelles President during a visit to national museum

Bahrain and Seychelles look promising."

On Wednesday, His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Faure reviewed bilateral relations and cooperation mainly in the economic, trade and tourism fields.

Agreements were signed for exempting visa requirements for holders of diplomatic, private and official passports as well as enhancing general co-operation.

Besides, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Central Bank of Bahrain and the Central Bank of Seychelles, and another on cooperation in tourism.

During the BIBF visit, Faure was briefed on Bahrain's expertise in the economic and the financial and banking sectors.

On environmental issues, Faure stressed that Bahrain and Seychelles face common challenges. "We will work together, and in terms of our

Bahrain National Museum and the Bahrain National Theatre.

Upon arrival, he was welcomed by the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) President, Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, and senior officials.

The delegates were informed about the Bahrain National Museum's role in hosting artistic and cultural events, wide-ranging sections, artefacts, collectables and history of Bahrain since the Dilmun Civilisation.

The Seychelles President also paid a visit to the 46th Bahrain Annual Fine Art Exhibition, opened yesterday under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, at the Bahrain National Museum and the Bahrain National Theatre.

He also visited the Bahrain National Theatre and was informed about its cultural achievements.