

Kingdom’s diplomatic success strides stressed

Manama

National Security Adviser and Royal Guard Commander, Major-General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday received the newly-appointed Foreign Affairs Minister, Dr Abdullatif Al Zayani, in the presence of Shaikh Ahmed bin Abdulaziz Al Khalifa.

HH Shaikh Nasser congratulated Dr Al Zayani on the precious royal trust bestowed upon him through his appointment to his post, wishing him every success in assuming his duties, and continuing the successes achieved by Bahraini diplomacy in many fields.



HH Shaikh Nasser receives Dr Al Zayani.

HH Shaikh Nasser asserted that the successes of the Bahraini diplomacy reflect His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa’s unwavering interest in such as a vital sector, which, he said, has projected to the world Bahrain’s sober identity and foreign policies.

The National Security Adviser stressed that Dr Al Zayani’s wide ranging experience, which he had acquired through the

government positions he had held or as a Secretary-General of the Gulf Co-operation Council, would enable him to upgrade Bahraini diplomatic work, develop foreign policy and build on the existing great achievements, in accordance with the Kingdom’s fundamentals and policies thanks to which the Bahraini diplomacy has earned worldwide appreciation, respect and confidence.

HH Shaikh Nasser indicated that Dr Al Zayani’s enlightened vision in the diplomatic field would enable him to implement HM the King’s directives aiming to ensure the continuous development of the performance of the Bahraini diplomacy in order

to ensure its sustainability, readiness and ability to cope with all global development.

The Foreign Minister expressed thanks and appreciation to HH Shaikh Nasser for receiving him and congratulating him on his post, pledging that he will do his utmost to implement the royal vision on ensuring the continuity of the Bahraini diplomacy’s successes, as well as on building on its distinguished achievements.

Dr Abdullatif Al Zayani stressed that he would harness his experience for the sake of promoting the values and fundamentals of Bahraini diplomacy to strengthen the world’s respect and appreciation for Bahrain.

New York

Bahrain’s Ambassador to the US, Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, stressed that His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa carried out a series of reforms that made the Kingdom more free, open and representative, reflecting the aspirations of the people of Bahrain which HM has recognised more than two decades ago.

The ambassador was speaking at the round table held by the Rotary Club of New York, to which the ambassador was invited to mark the 19th anniversary of the National Action Charter (NAC).

Shaikh Abdullah said that Bahrain not only has a direct representation through a bicameral parliament, but like the US, it also enjoys an inclusive culture that welcomes everyone and values them for their differences and similarities.

Bahrain is a country to which people have a feeling of belonging, regardless of religion, gender or social background, he stressed.

The ambassador pointed out that the Kingdom today supports the establishment of hundreds of

different religious institutions, including churches, synagogues and temples next to mosques.

He noted the launch of “Kingdom of Bahrain Declaration”, which calls for religious tolerance and peaceful coexistence for all people of the world.

The declaration was launched formally in Los Angeles in September 2017 and has since embarked on a journey around the world and presented to world leaders for their support.

The ambassador stressed that tolerant Bahrain in addition to welcoming people of all religions, is committed to the welfare of men and women and to elevating the status of women.

Women in Bahrain hold senior leadership positions and for in-



Shaikh Abdullah

stance the Speaker of the Council of Representatives is a woman and more than 54 per cent of the advanced positions in the public sector are held by women, he said, adding that Bahrain

welcomes talented people from around the world.

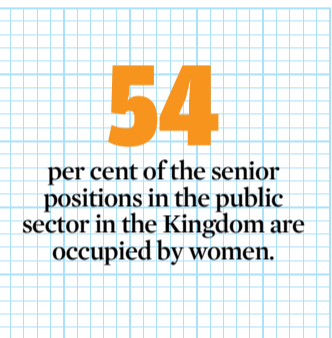
The Ambassador touched on the Bahrain-US Free Trade Agreement (FTA), stating that more than 400 financial institutions are based in Bahrain, availing of the skilled workforce and the proficiency in English as the language of business.

Another major advantage, he noted, is Bahrain’s strategic location that allows easy access to Arab and GCC countries and to new markets and to the forming of sustainable partnerships and promoting lasting friendships.

The ambassador highlighted Bahrain’s pride in being a stable country and its confidence in its capabilities to communicate with the world.

His Majesty’s reforms made Kingdom ‘a free, open and representative nation’

Kingdom’s history as a land of tolerance and coexistence stressed



ing the great efforts made during the past three decades.

“We will celebrate this throughout 2020 with remarkable events,” he said.

Shaikh Abdullah said that Bahrain is one of the first countries to host F1 races in the region, adding that on March 22, ABFSDC will host a ceremony at the embassy to watch the 2020 race hosted by Bahrain.

The Rotary Club of New York granted Shaikh Abdullah their honorary membership.

Rotary International is a voluntary international service organisation, founded in Chicago more than 100 years ago, and Rotary Clubs are open to all races and cultures and without discrimination or prejudice.



Al Noor International School celebrated the National Action Charter Day on 13th February 2020, marking the students’ love, and loyalty towards their country. The students, dressed in a variety of traditional costumes, expressed their joy and pride at being citizens of Bahrain. Present on the occasion were the School Director Dr Muhammad Mashood, Principal Mr Amin Mohammed Ahmed Hulaiwah as well as the Head Teachers, co-ordinators and teachers from the different sections of the school. The event ended with good wishes for all the citizens of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

INOVEST.

Recommendation of Declaration of Dividends

The Board of Directors of INOVEST B.S.C. resolved, at its meeting held on 16th February 2020, to recommend the distribution of dividend for the year ending 31 December 2019 to the shareholders whose names are registered on the company’s register on the Record Date. This is subject to the approval of the company’s shareholders on the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The proposed distribution is as follow:

Bonus Share: 5% of paid-up capital, equivalent to 1 share for every 20 shares held

Event	Date
General Meeting Date (Shareholders’ approval date)	22 nd March 2020
Cum-Dividend Date (Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)	23 rd March 2020
Ex-Dividend Date (First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)	24 th March 2020
Record Date (The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	25 th March 2020
Payment Date (The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)	5 th April 2020

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Arab Children’s Parliament calls for unified Arab education

Sharjah

The Arab Children’s Parliament has called for the establishment of a unified Arab education that will boost standards.

The recommendation was issued following a debate in which the participants in the session held in Sharjah discussed the right of the Arab children to education.

The session addressed child participation in developing education, curricula and textbooks, improving the quality of education, children without schools, talents and children, and the role of education in empowering the child to participate in achieving the sustainable development goals.

“The third session of the parliament addressed issues and challenges related to Arab chil-



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dren, especially those related to their right to education,” Ayman Othman Al Barout, Secretary General of the Parliament said.

“Participants have played an important role in expressing their opinions that aim to promote the establishment of a unified Arab education. We are

confident that the next stage will witness a significant rise in Arab education.”

Members of the Parliament also called to pay attention to the refugee and displaced Arab children and work on providing them with appropriate education.