

Ambassador Abdullah Abdullatif Abdullah of Bahrain to Germany met the Deputy Director-General of Human Rights, International Development and Social Affairs at the German Foreign Ministry, Helga Margarete Barth. Discussions focused on efforts to confront the Coronavirus pandemic, Bahrain's efforts to immunise society, and support citizens and economic sectors via a financial package. They also discussed issues related to the promotion and protection of human rights.



## Bahrain determined to fight violence against women: Parliamentarians tell Interparliamentary meeting



Dr Ibtisam Muhammad Saleh Al-Dalal Ahmed Mahdi Al-Haddad

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Bahrain is committed to eliminating violence against women and all forms of discrimination including domestic violence, Bahraini parliamentarians told an international parliamentary strategic dialogue.

The parliamentarians also told the Inter-Parliamentary Union that the Kingdom has a National Strategy for the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence.

The move came as Dr Ibtisam Muhammad Saleh Al-Dalal, the chairman of the Women and Child Affairs Committee of the Shura Council, and Ahmed Mahdi Al-Haddad, the Human Rights Committee chairman, took part in the International Parliamentary Strategic Dialogue on Violence against Women and Girls during Corona.

Dr Al-Dalal and Al-Haddad confirmed that the Kingdom had taken many steps to end domestic violence.

Bahrain, they said, maintains a database and statistics to monitor and follow up domestic violence cases through an advanced electronic platform.

"This programme has enabled the authorities to follow up the cases and give victims

access to health, psychological and social services provided by state institutions.

Dr Al-Dalal and Al-Haddad also told the meeting that the programme works to strengthen the national strategy for advancing Bahraini women 2013-2022.

"It will assist Ministry Interior officials, civil society organisations, and media partners in combating domestic violence."

The Supreme Council for Women headed by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeha bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King, launched the National Strategy for the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence.

They also pointed out that the National Strategy complies with the seventeen goals for sustainable development.

"This strategy is designed to secure and promote the rights of Bahraini women, combat all forms of violence against them, and meet the requirements of Bahraini women. (2013-2022) and strengthening family and community contact."

The meeting discussed the contributions made by Bahraini women in combating the deadly pandemic, with the National Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and at the front lines.

## Al Fadil elected to Arab Observatory for Human Rights



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Ali bin Saleh Al-Saleh, Speaker of the Shura Council, congratulated Dr Jihad Abdullah Al-Fadil, Chair of the Council's Services Committee, for becoming a member of the Board of Trustees of the Arab Observatory for Human Rights of the Arab Parliament.

The speaker wished Dr Al-Fadhel all success in representing the legislative authority in the observatory.

The Observatory, Al Saleh said, ensures human rights at the Arab level, and promotes the values and principles of human rights in Arab nations.

Al Saleh said her legislative experiences would help her perform well in the position.



Labour and Social Development Minister and Labour Market Regulatory Authority board Chairman Jameel Humaidan discussed ways to enhance bilateral cooperation during a meeting with the Chairman of the Bahrain Jurists Society, Dr Abduljabbar Ahmed Al Tayeb. They discussed ways to spread legal awareness in labour and social protection.



President of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, received at the "Green Corner" in Muharraq, Shaikh Abdulla bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Bahrain's Ambassador to the United States. Shaikha Mai commended the efforts exerted by Shaikh Abdulla bin Rashid to enhance the Bahrain-US relations, stressing the importance of cooperation of all parties to promote the kingdom's cultural and civilisational image. BACA President pointed out that the Bahrain-US cultural cooperation has resulted in diverse events and activities that contributed to enriching the local cultural movement over the past years. The ambassador expressed his constant readiness to cooperate with BACA to strengthen cultural relations between the two friendly countries.

Ayman bin Tawfiq Al-Moayyad, the Youth and Sports Affairs Minister, chaired a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hope Fund established to support projects and initiatives for youth. The directors discussed ways to hone Bahraini talents and contributing to the national economy. The board also discussed plans to involve the national competencies in all sectors as strategic partners. The members exchanged proposals and ideas to achieve the Hope Fund's goals. Hope Fund has Shaikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Khalifa representing the private sector, Abdullah Jihad Al Zain and Ahmed Yusef Talib representing the Office of the Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, Abdulrahman Abdullah Al Shafei representing Bahrain Bourse Company and Samir Zuhair Antoun Auji and Ali Habib Ahmed Qassim representing the private sector as members.



Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, affirmed the continuous parliamentary support for infrastructure development and public services to provide quality job opportunities for Bahraini youth during a virtual meeting.



The Governor of the Northern Governorate, Ali bin Sheikh Abdul Hussain Al-Asfour, called for developing joint initiatives and projects with Businesswomen Association to support Bahrain's women empowerment drive. The governor was receiving a book on the association's "20 Years of Success" from the Business Women Association, Ahlam Janahi. The book details the activities and achievements of the association twenty years after its establishment.