



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received an academic delegation from Thailand, led by Prince of Songkla University (PSU) Vice-President Dr Chutamas Satasook at the Gudaibiya Palace yesterday. The Premier hailed the visit of the Thai delegation which epitomises strong and outstanding relations between the two friendly countries. He described solid ties of cooperation and friendship between Bahrain and Thailand and their perpetual growth at all levels as a reflection of mutual understanding and coordination.



HRH the Premier chairs the Cabinet in the presence of HRH the Crown Prince.

BD15m to boost drugs stock

Premier directs Finance Minister and Health Minister to ensure medicine stocks

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The Cabinet chaired by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, yesterday directed to allocate BD15 million to purchase 650 types of medicines and boost drugs stocks at the Salmaniya Medical Complex and health centres.

The session reviewed the roads, sanitation and buildings projects during the second quarter of this year.

According to a memorandum presented by the Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister, 69 projects, costing BD 138m, are being implemented, 37 projects, worth BD50m, had their tenders awarded, and 24 projects, worth BD32m, have been put out

138
million Bahraini dinars is the estimated cost of 69 different projects implemented by the Works Ministry.

to tender.

The projects include mainly the implementation of the BD7m-first phase of the reclamation of the Muharraq Ring Road linking Diyar Al-Muharraq and Busaiteen, the BD 1.5m Halat Bu Maher road revamp, the construction of the Health Ministry's BD 11.5m long stay care centre in Muharraq and the BD3m Sanabes road revamp.

The session approved two memoranda of understanding (MoU) between Bahrain and France on cooperation in security and high education fields, as recommended by the Ministerial Committee for Legal Affairs, and highlighted in the memoranda presented by the Deputy Premier and committee chairman.

The first MoU aims to strengthen security cooperation and coordination between the two countries in combating terrorism and its funding, in line with their commitment to international conventions and in

order to achieve their common interests.

The second MoU is on cooperation between Bahrain's High Education Council and the French High Education, Research and Innovation in high education in order to enhance their academic relations.

The Cabinet endorsed another MoU between Bahrain's Supreme Council for Environment (SCE) and the UK's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, represented by the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas).

Under the MoU, approved based on a recommendation by the by the Ministerial Committee for Legal Affairs, and highlighted in the memoranda presented by the Deputy Premier and committee chairman, the two sides will enhance their cooperation in marine sciences, marine environment, biodiversity and pollution.

The session reviewed a draft-law, prepared based on proposals by the Council of Representatives, on caring for, training and employing people with special needs, and another on amending the Penal Code promulgated by Decree-Law 15/1976.

The two bills were referred to the Council of Representatives, along with a memorandum on the government's opinion on them.



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