

'Furas' programme, 'a great step' for empowering Bahrain's youth

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The 'Furas' (Opportunities) programme to provide young Bahrainis with vocational training announced by the Personal Representative of HM the King for Charity Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, is a new and innovative breakthrough for investing in Bahraini youth.

The programme is also an opportunity for young Bahrainis to develop their skills and abilities, highlight their capabilities, and contribute to providing the labor market with qualified and

competent people, Speaker of the Council of Representatives Fawzia Zainal said.

"Youth represent the wealth of the country and its assets to achieve the vision of the Kingdom of Bahrain 2030 within the expanded Bahrain Team. They are crucial to achieve the objectives of the comprehensive national development progress under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa," she said.

Lauding the efforts exerted by HH Shaikh Nasser to develop the youth sector, the Speaker said the parliament fully supported the initiatives to enhance the creativity, aptitudes and capabilities



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to empower young people to enter the labor market, reinforce national achievements and accomplish further progress and prosperity for the Kingdom.

Designed by the Youth and Sports Affairs Ministry, the programme aims to provide youngsters with opportunities to obtain grants and train in

companies.

HH Shaikh Nasser had underlined His Majesty King Hamad's directives to provide training opportunities for Bahraini youth and promote them as the first priority in the labour market through competence building and partnership with companies.

The 'Opportunities' scheme is part of the youth and sports development programme 'Estijabah'.

The youth of the Kingdom can log on to the portal estijabah.mys.gov.bh and register to find suitable training opportunities.

Companies have also been urged to enter the portal and post training opportunities.

Drone attacks on Aramco condemned

Jeddah

The foreign ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member countries condemned in the strongest terms and unanimously the targeting of two Saudi Aramco plants in Abqaiq and Khurais in the east of the Kingdom.

OIC Secretary General Dr Yousef bin Ahmed Al Othaimen said in a statement today that the ministers expressed their condemnation of the terrorist incident.

He cited the official statements issued by member states, non-members and regional and international organisations that condemned these attacks which destabilise security and stability of the Kingdom and the region, targeting the global energy supplies and the global economy.

He added that the ministers expressed their countries' solidarity with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in all measures taken to confront terrorism and maintain its security and stability, praising its pivotal role in combating terrorism.

Separately, His Highness the Amir Shaikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah strongly condemned attacks Sunday on Saudi Arabia's crude oil facilities in Abqaiq and Khurais on the previous day.

This came in a phone call made to Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz, in which His Highness the Amir expressed his full support to Saudi Arabia and reiterated rejection to all kinds of terrorism.

Drones targeted Aramco plants in Saudi Arabia early on Saturday triggering fires. The teams of industrial security at Aramco Company put out fires that erupted at two plants of the company in Abqaiq and Khurais, Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported.

Bahrain-Kuwait relations discussed

Vienna

On the sidelines of the 63rd International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference in Vienna, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Head of the National Committee on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons as well as their Destruction, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa, and her accompanying delegation met with the Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to the Republic of Austria and Permanent Representative to the International Organisations in Vienna, Sadiq Marafi.

The meeting noted strong bilateral brotherly relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the State of Kuwait and reviewed the Kuwaiti experience with the IAEA in building capacities in the fields of health,



Dr Shaikha Rana and her accompanying delegation with Mr Sadiq Marafi.

environment, agriculture, water resources enhancing scientific research and monitoring radioactive leaks.

The meeting also discussed and evaluated a number of important regional agreements within the framework of the

IAEA.

Kuwait will be a member of the IAEA Board of Governors from September 2019 for two

years. Its candidacy has received considerable support from the Middle East and South Asian countries.

BKS lines up grand Onam events



Mr Pillai, Mr Raghu along with other BKS members at the press conference.

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The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam has lined up grand events named 'Shravanam 2019', marking the Onam festival.

On October 4, the grand Onam feast will be served under the supervision of renowned chef, Pazhayidam Mohanan Namboothiri.

The official inauguration of 'Srvanam 2019' will take place on September 19, 2019 at 7.30 pm. Kerala legislative assembly

speaker, P Sreeramakrishnan will be the chief guest and former education minister of Kerala, M A Baby will be the guest of honour.

On the same day, Swaralaya Devarajan Award and BKS Brahmaandhan Award will be presented to the Indian singing sensation Hariharan and playback singer Madhu Balakrishnan respectively.

Vipin Devasya and Shine Joy will be honoured with BKS Young Outstanding Entrepreneur Award, C P Varghese with

BKS Outstanding NRI Award, Khalid Jumawith Indo-Bahrain Friendship Award and Abdul Majeed Theruvath with BKS Business Icon Award 2019.

Prominent leaders, Alphonse Kannanthanam (former Indian Minister) and K C Joseph (former minister, Kerala State) will join the celebrations and cultural programmes on various days. Cultural programmes related to 'Shravanam 2019' will come to an end on 27 September, where Ramesh Chennithala (Opposition leader, Kerala Legisla-

tive Assembly) will be the chief guest. South Indian nightingale, K S Chitra's concert will be the main attraction of the day.

A chain of cultural programmes has also been arranged to entertain the public during these days of celebration. Popular Indian singers like Hariharan, Madhu Balakrishnan, Harishankar, Naresh Ayyar, Najeem Arshad, Rakesh Brahmanandan, Sithara, Durga Viswanath, Teenu Tellece will entertain the public from 19 to 27 September.

Other artistes of fame, Soorya Krishnamoorthy, Aatukal Balasubramanyam, Shamna Kasim and Bollywood Hollywood fame Neerav Bavlecha and team have also been lined up for musical, dance and cultural extravaganza.

The doors of samajam are widely open for the public to enjoy the programmes, BKS officials said, at a press conference held yesterday. BKS President P V Radhakrishna Pillai and General Secretary M P Raghu attended.

Air India employee mourned



Shahid Akhtar

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Shahid Akhtar, an employee of Air India in the Kingdom, passed away yesterday at All India Institute of Medical Science in New Delhi. He was 54.

Mr Akhtar, who hails from Motihari in East Champaran district of the Indian state of Bihar, was working with Air India Reservation and Ticketing Counter since 2002.

His immediate survivors include wife and three daughters.