

Modernisation drive to continue: HM King

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday vowed to continue Bahrain's modernisation march and development drive to help citizens progress and thrive.

HM the King was receiving Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) President Gabriela Cuevas Barron at Al-Safriya Palace.

Outlining Bahrain's pioneering democratic and parliamentary strides ever since the reform project was launched in the



His Majesty the King with Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) President

Kingdom, HM the King lauded strong cooperation between the Council of Representatives and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, stressing the importance of such visits in bolstering joint cooperation and exchanging parliamentary and democratic expertise and practices.

His Majesty further hailed the election of a Bahraini woman as the Speaker of the Council of Representatives and commended Bahraini women for succeeding in attaining a high status.

"In Bahrain, we live as a close-

ly-knit family that welcomes people from all over the world with utmost hospitality that stems from long-standing traditions", said HM the King, wishing the IPU president success during her visit to take stock of Bahrain's home-grown democracy.

The IPU president expressed delight at meeting HM the King and visiting the Kingdom of Bahrain.

She commended Bahrain's development and progress, hailing parliamentary strides and women's political participation.



Deputy Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa receiving Kuwaiti Ambassador to Bahrain Shaikh Azzam Mubarak Al Sabah, Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps. HH Shaikh Mohammed reviewed the brotherly relations between the two countries, and ways to boost cooperation in various fields.



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa during a visit to one of BDF units to review military administrative and combat readiness as well as technical preparations. The Commander-in-chief was briefed by the unit commanders about the progress of training and preparations as part of development plans.



Housing Minister Bassim Al Hamer with Member of Parliament (MP) Essa Alkooheji. They discussed various topics concerning Muharraq's fourth constituency, citing the cooperation between the Housing Ministry and the Council of Representatives on the implementation of housing programmes in the interest of the citizens.



Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa receiving Bahraini Ambassador to Japan, Ahmed Mohammed Al Dosseri. The meeting reviewed security cooperation between the Kingdom and Japan and ways of opening new horizons of joint work.



The Minister of Industry, Commerce & Tourism Zayed R. Alzayani during a discussion with the Group Chairman & CEO of A.R. Al Sane Group and Sons Jameel Abdul Razzaq Al Sane and a number of board members, in presence of Undersecretary of Industry Affairs Osama Alorrayedh. They reviewed a number of topics related to economic and commercial development in the Kingdom stressing the importance of this sector in revitalizing the trade movement in the country.



The National Guard's Staff Director Major-General Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Saud Al Khalifa with US Military Attaché to Bahrain, Col. David C. Wallin. They discussed boosting the ongoing cooperation as well as various topics of mutual concern.

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HRH the Prime Minister's Adviser HH Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa receiving Acting Charge d'Affaires of Brunei Darussalam, Noorul Huda Ahmad. HH Shaikh Salman commended the envoy's efforts in bolstering the ties between the two friendly countries

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