

'Staunch partners' in nation building

Shura Council discusses more than 100 decrees, drafts and law proposals during 30 sessions

● **Tangible achievements made through cooperative relationship between executive and legislative branches**

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The Shura Council has discussed more than 100 decrees, draft and law proposals, as well as projects, during the fifth legislative's third ordinary session.

There were a total of 30 sessions, 29 of which were regular and one was extraordinary.

This was based on the statistics and official data issued by the Council's General Secretariat.

Twelve law decrees were approved by the parliament during the third session. The parliament and its committees discussed 61 draft laws, nine final accounts, and 20 law proposals.

The draft laws received the highest percentage of the total topics discussed by the Council, reaching 60 percent, followed by proposals for laws at 19 percent. The percentage of decrees in laws reached 12 percent, and final accounts 9 percent of the total topics.

There were 29 draft laws and 32 projects referred from previous sessions. Thirteen projects were approved, and the House of Representatives was notified of them for referral to the government.

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The Shura Council session in progress

chairmanship of Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, and the House of Representatives, under Speaker Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal, agreed to reject nine draft laws. The Council returned 11 projects to the House of Representatives.

There are seven draft laws still being studied by the Council committees, while nine draft laws are ready for discussion at the Council in the next session.

The Council completed discussions on seven final accounts, and their reports were submitted to the government. Two final accounts are still under consideration by the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee.

It also approved eight proposals for laws, which were referred to the government, reaching 40 percent of the total proposals for laws. Five proposals are still under discussion and research by the relevant committees.

The Council has one report ready for discussion about a law proposal that had already reached the relevant committee.

The proposals for laws that the Council submitted to the government included the following: strategic stocks of goods, establishment of the Supreme Council for Medical Studies, organisation of the activities of sports centres and academies, and amendment to Clause (a) of Article (99) of the Labour Law.

In the private sector, the proposals for laws that the Council submitted to the government included the following: promulgation by Law No. (36) of 2012 and its amendments, establishment of a Center for Settlement and Resolution of Sports Disputes in the Kingdom of Bahrain, amendment to the text of Article (21) of the Court of Cassation Law promulgated



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by Decree Law No. (8) of 1989, and its amendments, and concerning stem cells, as well as the establishment of the Public Authority for Food Security.

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Prominent Bahraini businesswoman wins ILO post in election

● **To represent West Asian Business Group for three-year term**

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Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) board member Sonya Janahi has been elected unopposed as International Labour Organisation (ILO) alternate member to represent West Asian Business Group for a three-year term (2021-2024).

She won the majority of votes of the ILO member states which took part in the election process during the coordination meeting of Arab business owners in West Asian countries, which was held yesterday.

Janahi thus becomes the first Arab businesswoman to feature in the ILO board, reflecting Bahraini women's strides as well as regional and international standing.

It is also a tribute to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the King and Supreme Council for Women (SCW) President, for their support.

In a statement, Janahi extended thanks to the SCW, hailing Bahraini women' local, regional and international standing.



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She praised the pivotal role played by HRH Princess Sabeeka to empower Bahraini women across all sectors and allow them to benefit from the national economic strides.

She also commended the BCCI board for supporting her to win the ILO board membership which, she said, reflects Bahrainis' determination and potential to hold international leadership positions.

BCCI also congratulated Janahi on this international achievement, praising Bahraini women's string of successes.

Holder of a master's degree in strategic marketing from the University of Hull, the United Kingdom, Janahi is ranked among the prominent influential personalities in the Arab and international arenas.

Man trapped under the rubble rescued



A man was pulled out from under the rubble after part of an apartment building's roof collapsed. Emergency patrols and the Security Directorate rushed to the scene in Manama and successfully rescued the victim who was immediately taken to the hospital for treatment. According to the Civil Defense Forces, residents were evacuated and six vehicles near the area removed for safety reasons.

Bridge development project on target for completion

● **Site located on Umm Al Saad Street, south of Sitra**

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About 35% of works on the 17th Bridge development project on Umm Al Saad Street, south of Sitra, has been completed.

The foundation, casting and reclamation works for the main parts of the first bridge are almost done.

The Director of Roads Projects and Maintenance Department at the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Engineer Sayed Badr Alawi, expects the project to be completed during the last quarter of this year.

The remaining works include replacing the current



Construction work in progress

bridge with two bridges and adding a lane in each direction; the first bridge with two lanes in the northeast direction towards Shaikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah Street; and the second bridge with two lanes in the southwest direction towards Bandar Al Dar in order to meet the requirements of develop-

ing Umm Al Saad Street in the future.

Eng. Alawi pointed out that the work also includes converting a number of service lines, improving lighting, providing channels for ground services, installing steel and concrete barriers, providing traffic signs, and painting land lines to raise

the level of traffic safety.

It is part of a series of important projects in the road sector due to its connection with the existing expansion work of the Bahrain Petroleum Company refinery, and its strategic and national importance to the Kingdom and Bapco.

It will also provide the necessary space under the bridge to extend other lines of the plant development project.

Bapco refinery, in addition to the bridge, will have a greater width of 28 metres to create a space for the future expansion of the street to three lanes in each direction. It will serve the industrial areas next to the bridge, and a number of people in that area, such as residents of Umm Al Bayadh.

The project was awarded by the Board of Tenders to Sayed Kazem Al Dirazi and Sons Contracting Company, with a total value of BD792,992.

Bahrain Ambassador to Italy meets FAO officials



Bahrain Ambassador to Italy Dr Nasser Muhammad Al Balushi met remotely Sasha Ko Oshima, Deputy Director of the Land and Water Division at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and Lionel Dabadi, Senior Officer of Fisheries and Aquaculture in the Office, among other officials. Dr Al Balushi stressed that achieving food security is one of the Kingdom's priorities, praising the efforts of the FAO to achieve this and eradicate hunger, malnutrition and poverty in the world. He also noted the importance of cooperation between the Kingdom and FAO regarding the development of the food and agricultural sector, specifically in food security strategy, livestock, fishing and breeding, and statistics.