

## Proactive, integrated measures to enhance Kingdom civil security



HRH Prince Salman visits the Al-Madar Center at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted Bahrain's ongoing efforts to enhance civil security in light of the rapidly evolving regional landscape.

He noted the importance of taking proactive and integrated measures across all levels.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he visited yesterday the Al-Madar Center at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Upon arrival, His Royal Highness was received by HE Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs and a number of the Ministry's senior officials.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister affirmed that the Kingdom, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, remains committed to resolving crises through dialogue and diplomacy, and supports all regional and international ef-

forts that promote peace and stability.

### Commitment

His Royal Highness emphasised the Kingdom's commitment to a comprehensive approach to civil emergency management, which includes strengthening institutional readiness, enhancing the efficiency of relevant agencies, fostering inter-agency coordination, and deepening cooperation with allied nations to safeguard shared interests and regional stability.

During the visit, he reviewed the Center's progress and its role in supporting the Ministry's coordination with Bahrain's diplomatic and consular missions abroad, particularly in advancing the Kingdom's foreign policy objectives and reinforcing national security.

His Royal Highness commended the efforts of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Al-Madar Center, praising their contribution to the Kingdom's diplomatic goals.

## Promoting independent arbitration and mediation

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Bahrain is committed to fostering an environment that supports independent arbitration and mediation, which enhances fairness, stability, and sustainable development.

This was reaffirmed by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as he met yesterday with His Excellency Dr Marcin Czepelak, Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, at Riffa Palace.

HRH Prince Salman underscored the Kingdom's continued efforts to strengthen its



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister with H.E. Dr Marcin Czepelak

partnerships with countries and arbitration-related institutions, in line with the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to position the country as a leading global hub for ar-

bitration.

His Royal Highness highlighted the vital international role of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and emphasised Bahrain's dedication to enhancing

cooperation with global judicial and arbitration bodies across all levels.

He also emphasised the importance of exchanging expertise and best practices serves to reinforce Bahrain's standing as a trusted partner in promoting international judicial initiatives and peaceful dispute resolution, and contributing to global efforts toward fairness and development.

Czepelak expressed his appreciation for His Royal Highness's commitment to advancing cooperation with the Permanent Court of Arbitration, noting that such efforts contribute to shared objectives.

# Bahrain Celebrates Eye Surgical Breakthrough

### Bahrain's first Preserflo surgery

### Glaucoma care gets safer

### Dr. AlMeer returns with mission

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A cutting-edge eye surgery has opened a new chapter in Bahrain's medical history, with the successful implantation of the country's first

Preserflo MicroShunt, a device transforming the treatment of glaucoma.

The milestone procedure was performed by Dr. Ahmed AlMeer, a Bahraini eye surgeon who recently returned from Canada after completing advanced training.

Conducted at Dr. Haifa Eye Hospital, the surgery marks Bahrain's entry into a global shift towards safer and less invasive glaucoma treatments.

Dr. AlMeer said he felt confident as he held the tiny Preserflo device in his hands, aware of the significance of the moment.

"I had already performed this surgery many times abroad, so I



Dr. Ahmed AlMeer

felt well-prepared. What I felt more than pressure was a deep sense of responsibility," he said.

Glaucoma, a chronic eye disease that can lead to irrevers-

ible blindness, is traditionally treated with trabeculectomy, a procedure that involves creating a larger drainage opening in the eye.

This method often results in longer recovery times and increased risk of complications.

The Preserflo MicroShunt, however, is a minimally invasive glaucoma surgery (MIGS) device just 8.5 mm in length.

It creates a controlled outflow for fluid, reducing intraocular pressure with minimal disruption to the eye's anatomy.

According to Dr. AlMeer, this translates to quicker healing, fewer complications, and better comfort for patients.

# Laurels Celebrates NIOS Success Stories

Flexible education models win student and parent trust

### NIOS sees rising success

### Students post strong results

### Centre promotes inclusivity

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More students in Bahrain are proving that success doesn't have to come from a mainstream classroom.

Laurels Centre for Global Education has announced that its latest batch of Grade 12 students under India's National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) have cleared their board exams, many with standout results.

The milestone reflects a quiet shift in how academic achievement is viewed across the Kingdom.

NIOS, originally created to support those who needed a second chance at education, is gaining traction among students who want a more flexible and personalised learning model.

"I congratulate the students and assure them of the high quality of our tutorials," said



Aujoy Kumar: 79%



Meraj Ali: 78%



Fathima Hiba: 76%



Noshan Naeem Ahmad: 75%



Shefester: 74%



Sayad Fizan: 73%



Ibrahim Mohamed: 72% examinations and college admissions in India, Canada, US and Europe."

### New path forward

"These results speak volumes about what can happen when students are given space to learn at their own pace," said the Centre Head at Laurels. "NIOS is no longer just an alternative, it's



Sulthana Mohammed: 65% becoming a preferred route for many."

Students like Aujoy Kumar, who scored 79%, and others including Meraj Ali at 78%, Fathima Hiba at 76%, and Noshan Naeem Ahmad at 75%, are setting a new benchmark for academic comeback stories.

Each result is a reflection of resilience, support, and the val-

Established in 1989 by India's Ministry of Education, NIOS offers open schooling worldwide, and Laurels Centre has been delivering its programmes in Bahrain for years, helping students access flexible, globally recognised education beyond traditional classrooms.

ue of stepping outside the one-size-fits-all schooling system.

### Beyond results

The centre recently hosted a celebration for students, marking not just the end of a school year but the beginning of new academic and professional aspirations.

Many graduates are now preparing for college applications and further training.

With new enrolments open, Laurels Centre is doubling down on its mission to provide student-led, inclusive education through the NIOS programme.

For more information, contact the centre directly at 36458340.