

AI Strengthens Legislative Efficiency, Bahrain Tells IPU

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The Bahraini parliamentary delegation highlighted the growing role of artificial intelligence (AI) in legislative work during a virtual session organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) under its Youth Parliamentary Empowerment series.

The discussion focused on how AI can enhance legislative efficiency, improve parliamentary processes, and support young lawmakers through advanced analytical tools.

Speaking at the event, H.E. Dala Jasim Al Zayed, Chair of the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee at the Shura Council and member of the IPU Committee on Respect for International Humanitarian Law, presented Bahrain's experience in adopting AI within parliamentary work.

She said AI has become a key enabler in strengthening legislative processes and improving institutional performance. She outlined several applications, including improving access to comparative legislation, supporting analysis of reports and documents, assisting in drafting speeches and parliamentary questions, and enhancing par-



liamentary diplomacy through briefing preparation and translation services.

Al Zayed also pointed to Bahrain's broader digital transformation efforts, including AI-driven cybersecurity systems, cloud-based infrastructure, and a five-year AI and digital strategy. She noted the development of digital platforms for managing legislative knowledge and documentation.

She highlighted Bahrain's achievements, stating that the Shura Council ranked first in the Arab world and 13th globally in the Inter-Parliamentary Union's Digital Maturity Index. She also noted that the Council of Representatives received ISO 42001:2023 certification for AI management systems.

Emphasizing capacity building, she stressed the importance of training programs to strength-

en the use of AI in parliamentary work. She also confirmed that Bahrain is working on legislation to regulate artificial intelligence to ensure its safe and responsible use.

She concluded that AI remains a supportive tool in parliamentary processes, while ethical and legislative responsibility continues to rest with humans, calling for greater international knowledge exchange among parliaments.

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- H.E. DALA JASIM AL ZAYED

Cleaning operations centre activated for Ashura season

The Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture launched the Main Operations Centre for Cleaning Services in the capital and conducted field inspections of cleanliness preparations across Manama ahead of the Ashura season 1448 AH.

Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak reviewed readiness plans during visits to several key locations, main streets used for religious processions, and several ma'atams, as part of efforts to ensure enhanced municipal services during the season.

The field tour included senior officials, such as Sheikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Saleh Taher Tarada, Alia Youusif Yahya, and Brigadier Dr. Ammar Mustafa Al Sayed, along with representatives of ma'atams and relevant officials.

The minister emphasized that the visit reflects the government's commitment to



strengthening municipal services during Ashura, through intensified cleaning operations, increased resources, and ensuring rapid response teams are in place to maintain public cleanliness and service efficiency.

RHF congratulates Dr. Abdulrahman Al Neham on winning Ibn Khaldun Scientific Research Award



The Acting Secretary-General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF), Eng. Ebrahim Dalhan Aldoseri, received Dr. Abdulrahman Ahmed Al Neham, Senior Educational Specialist at the Foundation, to congratulate him on winning first place in the 2026 Ibn Khaldun Scientific Research Award.

The award results were announced at the closing ceremony of its inaugural edition, organised by Mustaqirah Foundation under the patronage

of Dr. Diana Abdulkarim Al Jahrami, Secretary-General of the Higher Education Council. The event was held at Awal Hall, Gulf Hotel, under the theme “The Family in the Digital Space.”

The first edition of the award attracted 104 researchers from nine countries, highlighting efforts to promote scientific research on contemporary family issues and address the effects of digital transformation on society.

Dr. Al Neham was recognised for his research titled “Digital

Addiction and Its Relationship with Psychological Well-being Among a Sample of Orphans in the Kingdom of Bahrain.” The study examined the impact of digital addiction on the psychological and social well-being of orphans aged 13 to 17 years under RHF care, offering practical recommendations to enhance support programmes and services.

Southern Governorate reviews public needs and service priorities

Participants praise ongoing engagement and responsiveness from the Governorate

Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa received several members of the Council of Representatives, community leaders, dignitaries, and representatives of civil society organisations from the Southern Governorate at the Governorate Council, in the presence of Brig. Gen. Hamad Mohammed Al Khayyat, Deputy Governor, along with several officers and officials.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Governor welcomed the attendees, emphasising the importance of strengthening communication with citizens and addressing their development needs, in line with the vision of Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the support of Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa. He highlighted the importance of direct engagement with citizens' views and proposals to support security, service, and



social development priorities.

He noted that the Southern Governorate continues to reinforce its approach of direct communication with residents and follow up on suggestions and observations received through electronic channels and smart platforms provided by the Governorate, as part of ongoing efforts to improve public services and meet com-

munity expectations.

The Governor also stressed continued coordination with relevant government entities to address citizens' needs and implement development and service projects across various areas of the Governorate, contributing to improved service quality and sustainable development progress.

BDF Reviews Combat Readiness Across All Units



The Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, held a meeting with several senior officers of the Bahrain Defence Force. Lieutenant General Dhaif bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, Chief of Staff of the Bahrain Defence Force, attended the meeting.

At the beginning of the meet-

ing, the Commander-in-Chief was briefed on the levels of combat readiness and military preparedness across all arms and units of the Bahrain Defence Force.

He emphasized that, by the grace of God and under the continuous support and patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain and Supreme Commander

of the Armed Forces, the BDF continues to witness further development and modernization in line with structured preparedness plans and advanced training programmes.

He also highlighted the ongoing progress of the force in achieving high levels of efficiency and advanced combat readiness, supported by the latest weapons systems and modern defence technologies.

New Training Program Strengthens Fight Against Human Trafficking



The Anti-Human Trafficking and Public Morals Protection Directorate at the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science has organized the sixth training course for frontline personnel to strengthen national efforts in combating human trafficking.

The program was held in cooperation with the Public Prosecution and the Protection and Social Compliance Center at the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA), with 30 trainees from various departments of the Ministry

of Interior and other relevant entities participating.

The initiative is part of ongoing efforts to enhance national capabilities in addressing human trafficking crimes and aligns with recommendations outlined in the U.S. State Department's report on the issue.

The training covered a range of specialized topics, including Bahrain's efforts in promoting human rights, the legal definition of human trafficking, its elements, and the concept of victims. It also addressed methods for identifying victims, protection procedures, and the

legal safeguards provided under national legislation.

Participants were briefed on the role of the Public Prosecution in combating such crimes, as well as the LMRA's responsibilities in victim protection and follow-up on related complaints.

The course also highlighted the importance of media and public awareness in preventing human trafficking, particularly by exposing common fraud and deception techniques used by perpetrators on social media platforms to recruit and exploit victims.