



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday received Royal Family members and senior state officials at Gudaibiya Palace. HRH the Premier lauded the tremendous efforts exerted by sisterly Saudi Arabia to serve Hajj pilgrims and enable them to perform Hajj rituals easily and comfortably. HRH the Premier stressed that Saudi Arabia, under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, will remain entrusted with taking care of the Islamic sacred places, being the only country that is capable of assuming that responsibility, affirming that its love and distinguished status in the hearts of Muslims are deepening in recognition of its services to Islam and honourable supportive stances in defending the Arab and Islamic nations.

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lative branches reflects a strong will to achieve the aspirations of the Bahraini people.

He affirmed the government's open-door policy to tackle national issues, asserting the need for all to share responsibility to serve the nation and citizens.

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Kingdom's security and stability and boost citizens' welfare.

He praised the efforts of members of the Representatives Council to promote national work and upgrade the legislative system to keep abreast of contemporary changes and the Kingdom's growth in all fields.

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tion between the executive and legislative branches to meet citizens' aspirations.

He urged to preserve hard-won gains and build on them for a more prosperous present and future.

HRH the Prime Minister praised the role of members of the Representatives Council in reaching out to citizens and ca-

tering to their needs, stressing keenness on such meetings to assess citizens' needs and facilitate the government's work in serving them.

He underscored the importance of dealing with regional and global challenges and fast-track national work to ensure sustainability of development.

The MPs expressed heartfelt thanks and respect to HRH the Premier for his continuous support, commending his open-door policy and encouragement to handle all issues of concern to citizens.

They conveyed to him the citizens' gratitude for his valuable directives to carry out projects nationwide.

They also congratulated him on the Norwegian "Guest of Honour 2019" award and the United Nations' proclamation of April 5th as an International Conscience Day in response to his initiative, describing the achievements as a reflection of the high international status and respect enjoyed by HRH the Premier.

Military ties discussed



Defence Minister Lieutenant-General Abdulla bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, yesterday received General Kenneth F McKenzie, Commander of the US Central Command and his accompanying delegation. The minister praised the strong relations between Bahrain and the US in the military field and defence co-operation.

28 cows killed over 'disagreement with MP'

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In a strange incident, 28 cows were allegedly poisoned to death at a farm located in the Northern Governorate yesterday.

According to sources, the crime took place at MP Ahmed Al Damestani's farm in Hamala, where one cow was initially found dead and "by the time a veterinarian reached the farm other cows would also die one after the other".

The MP stated that the incident was premeditated as the cows kept inside a barn on the other side of the farm weren't



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harm, suggesting that "someone was behind the crime".

However, he refused to accuse anyone at the moment, confirming that the matter was reported to the police, which has launched a probe.

According to Mr Al Damestani, the cows were worth more than BD30,000.

The sources suggested that the MP was targeted because he's leading a campaign to rectify the violations at farms, barns, stables and cowsheds in the area.

They said initial information show that the poison was mixed with the water, drunk by the

cows.

Footage showing the cows falling to the ground one after another at the farm went viral online.

The incident created a wave of anger among social media users, who criticised escalating a personal disagreement to the killing of innocent animals.

They called for the quick arrest and trial of the culprits.

MP Ahmed Al Damestani is the parliamentary representative of the seventh constituency in the Northern Governorate, which covers the villages of Qurraya, Hamala, parts of Janabiya and Buri.

Tamkeen backs BDFEX 2019

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Tamkeen will be the strategic partner of a key business development forum to be held in the Kingdom.

Pro Act International Consultancy, Bahrain and United Gulf Industrial Consortia, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are organising the First Business Development Forum and Expo (BDFEX-2019) "Trends and opportunities in Healthcare Industry", in strategic partnership with Tamkeen Labour Fund.

The event, being held on 23rd-24th October, under the patronage of Lieutenant General Dr Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health, deals with attracting international and regional corporations, SME's investors and entrepreneurs to explore new business opportunities and investments to maximise the local content of manufacturing and services in GCC region.

Tamkeen's Chief Executive Dr Ebrahim Mohammed Jan-



Dr Janahi

ahi said "with Tamkeen's main purpose to promote and sustain diversity in key sectors of the economy and promote opportunities for growth and productivity, we're pleased to be the strategic partner for this forum."

Dr Janahi confirmed that this agreement is part of Tamkeen's objectives towards supporting the private sector's institutions and offering promising opportunities for diversification of our key economic sectors as well as increasing productivity in line with Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030.