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The World Bank Human Capital Project meeting in progress.



Shaikh Salman at the meeting.

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In this regard, he added that these are key pillars to grow and sustain effective human capital and drive economic growth.

The Minister of Finance and National Economy explained that the Kingdom is one of the leading countries in education and continues to develop the education sector to contribute to achieving outcomes based on creativity, innovation and the development of national cadres.

He also pointed out that the results achieved in the health sector were the result of a series of innovative and ground-breaking projects to improve public health, which contributed to maintaining the Kingdom of Bahrain's distinguished position in global human development indicators.

The minister underscored Bahrain's commitment to women's advancement, underlining the central role the Supreme Council for Women plays in furthering women's advancement alongside other inter-governmental authorities and reinforcing the contribution of women to the Kingdom's national development.

Washington

Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa stressed the importance accorded by Bahrain to investing in citizens in all its development projects.

He underlined absolute belief that national competencies are the real assets of the kingdom, pointing out the outstanding status of Bahrain in international indices.

He also underscored the Kingdom's keenness to boost investments in all vital sectors to promote growth as well as economic and social sustainability in the development march spearhead-

ed by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The Minister of Finance and National Economy was speaking during his participation in the annual meeting of the World Bank Human Capital Project, on the sidelines of the Bahraini delegation's participation in the meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group in Washington.

The minister affirmed the Kingdom's qualitative strides in the health and education sectors, being two pillars in the development and sustainability of active human resources.

He pointed out the initiatives adopted by Bahrain to stimulate investments in the health and

educational sectors to boost economic growth and create jobs.

He also stressed the Kingdom's leading status in education, pointing out celebration of the centenary of regular education in Bahrain this year and the kingdom's ongoing efforts to develop the sector.

The Minister of Finance and National Economy pointed out the Kingdom's health achievements and inauguration of many modern projects to optimise services and maintain Bahrain's outstanding status in human development indices.

He also asserted the care given by the Kingdom to women empowerment, pointing out the efforts of the Supreme Council

for Women (SCW) in this respect.

Separately, the minister participated in the World Bank Human Capital Project meeting in

Washington DC, as part of the Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors of the World Bank Group (WBG) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

During the session, Shaikh Salman highlighted Bahrain's unique value proposition within the region, based on human capital, robust and dynamic regulation, and regional connectivity.

Shaikh Salman stressed that Bahrain has placed human capital at the heart of national development efforts for decades, emphasising Bahrain's high rankings in this respect, in addition to its commitment to accelerating sustainable socio-economic development.

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Bahraini loses plea in hospital bill case

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The High Civil Court has rejected the appeal of a Bahraini man, ordering him to pay BD9,000 to a private hospital to settle the bill for his wife's treatment.

The defendant told the hospital that his company would pay for the treatment provided to his wife.

However, that didn't happen, prompting the hospital to file a case against the defendant.

The Court of First Instance ruled in the hospital's favour, but the defendant challenged its verdict, insisting that his employers promised him that they would settle the fee.

The High Civil Court rejected his appeal, stating that the defendant didn't file a case against the company to force it to live up to its pledge, which serves a proof that there wasn't any arrangement between them to pay the bill.

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The High Civil Court said that the hospital presented a copy of the bill issued to the defendant, whose signature was at the bottom of the document.

And the latter didn't deny having his wife treated at the hospital for which he has to pay BD9,000.

"Therefore, the defendant has to cover the cost of the treatment as his appeal was rejected," the High Civil Court pointed out in its ruling.

Alleged rioter faces trial

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The High Criminal Court has begun hearing the case of a 24-year-old man accused of throwing a tear gas canister at a group of people.

The defendant wasn't initially arrested after fingerprints were extracted from the device, according to Prosecutors.

But his DNA cells were found on it during further tests, which proved his involvement in the crime, the Prosecutors added.

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VICTIM

"We were sitting in Aker. We are a group of friends who always gather in one place, but were stunned when a man passed by his car and pelted the canister at us without any reason.

"We couldn't see his car's number plate due to the heavy smoke after the attack," one of the victims told Prosecutors.

The defendant was charged with possessing a weapon without a licence.

New AmCham board



The American Chamber of Commerce - Bahrain (AmCham Bahrain) has announced the successful election of its new Board of Directors at its Annual General Meeting (AGM), which was held at the Wyndham Grand Bahrain Bay. Presided over by Qays H Zu'bi, President of AmCham Bahrain, in the presence of its outgoing Board of Directors, esteemed members, US Ambassador Justin Siberell, and guests, the AGM focused on highlights and successes from the past year and look at the strategy for continuing to enhance AmCham's presence and value proposition for members. The new 15 member board will serve for the 2019-2021 period and comprises a diverse group of business leaders representing Bahraini and American businesses.