

## Govt to continue efforts to ensure citizens' welfare

Manama

**H**is Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa affirmed that Bahrain's urban and cultural developments are the result of the relentless efforts exerted by the government that has placed citizens at the core of its focus and has embraced development as a means to achieve their goals.

"Bahrain has been and will remain a generous country, and our people the embodiment of community awareness and civism.

"We have full confidence in our people to keep moving forward with dedicated action in the service of the nation and its progress," HRH Prince Khalifa said as he received Royal Family members and officials, and



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discussed with them issues of national interest.

The sons and daughters of Bahrain, a country that God has blessed with a conscientious people, are the main pillar of its

progress, he added.

Thanks to all people who have contributed and exerted efforts for their homeland, HRH the Premier said as he highlighted the citizens' feelings of love and

loyalty to the country and their determination to exert more efforts to preserve the security and stability of the Kingdom and to optimise its achievements in various areas.

HRH Prince Khalifa discussed with the audience Bahrain's deep-rooted rich heritage and archaeological sites, and stressed the need to protect and highlight their features.

HRH Premier called for continuing to pay attention to the old areas and to preserve their splendour and names that reflect the numerous and rich contributions of the people of Bahrain.

# Anti-Saudi stances rapped

House of Representatives slams US Congress' allegations against Saudi Arabia

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**T**he Representatives Council asserted in a statement yesterday full support to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia against the recent untrue allegations by the US Congress.

It slammed them as an unacceptable interference in the kingdom's internal affairs which is categorically rejected as it hampers the international efforts to boost regional security and stability.

The statement pointed out the international efforts and the efforts of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Minister of Defence HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud to promote development, peace and security.

The Representatives Council expressed regret over the allegations by the US Congress, stressing that those allegations will never discourage the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's leadership to continue its programmes to bol-



The session in progress yesterday.

ster regional and international security and stability.

It also praised the historic and leading role of the kingdom at all levels since its establishment by its founder late King Abdulaziz bin Abdulrahman Al Saud.

It affirmed that those efforts

underscore the advanced regional and international status of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the support given to it by brotherly and friendly countries.

The Representatives Council underscored the importance of the regional and international

efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in fighting all forms of terrorism, reiterating support to it in all procedures taken to foster regional security and stability.

In related development yesterday, Saudi Arabia hit back at the

US after Congress issued baseless allegations.

The Saudi Ministry for Foreign Affairs issued a statement, saying the move was a 'blatant interference' that 'undermined the Kingdom's regional and international role'.

## Poetry night set

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**S**ir Syed Educational and Cultural Society Bahrain is organising an International Mushaira and Kavi Sammelan, a highly popular literary event.

The event, which is to be held on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at the Cultural Hall of National Museum Complex, will witness renowned poets from India offering a special treat for poetry enthusiasts.

Speaking to Tribune, Sharique Ahmed, society member said, "The event is hugely popular among the expatriate community here.

"Eminent poets from India like Dr Kumar Vishwas, Dr Rahat Indori, shall grace the event, along with Ms Saba Balrampuri, Mr Iqbal Ashar and Dr Na-deem Shad.

"The intent behind such literary events is to foster close and strong relationships between different languages and culture."

## 'Supporting Saudi is Arab, Muslim duty'

Riyadh

**I**nformation Affairs Minister Ali Al Romaihi has affirmed that supporting Saudi Arabia against the offensive media campaign, is an Arab and Islamic duty.

This came on the sidelines of the meeting hosted by Saudi Information Minister Dr Awad bin Saleh Al Awad with Arab counterparts, marking the selection of Riyadh as the Capital of Arab Media for 2018-2019.

The minister stressed that there are media outlets supported by regional countries that seek to undermine the capabilities of the Arab countries and are working restlessly to destabilise the region.

The minister praised the leading role played by Saudi Arabia, under the leadership of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al

Saud, and HRH Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Saudi Arabia, to preserve the security and stability of the region and to deter the foreign media meddling in our communities.

The minister expressed sincere congratulations to Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and HRH Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Saudi Arabia, on the selection of Riyadh as the Capital of Arab Media.

He pointed out that this selection coincides with Saudi Arabia's presidency of the Standing Committee of the Arab Media, and the Kingdom's presidency of the Executive Office of the



Mr Al Romaihi speaks at the meeting.

Arab Information Ministerial Council, adding that this reflects the Kingdom's strategy role in coordination of joint Arab media work, and its revitalization

in all fields, wishing the Saudi Information Minister Dr Awad bin Saleh Al Awad success in boosting the pan-Arab media progress.

The minister hailed the Saudi media's balanced policies aimed to preserve the Arab countries identity and capabilities, con-

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front the dangers and challenges facing the media in the region.

This makes Saudi Arabia the worthy leader of the Arab media, especially in view of the present challenges facing the region that necessitate mustering the Arab joint efforts, and a comprehensive vision to upgrade the Arab collective media setup.

He pointed out that Saudi Arabia is the home and robust castle of the Arabs to tackle the challenges and dangers threatening the region.