

# Bahrain ‘Guest of Honour’ at St. Petersburg economic forum

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His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bapco Energies, is leading the Kingdom of Bahrain’s official delegation to the 28th St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF 2025).

The event is held in the Russian Federation from June 18 to

21, under the theme “Shared Values: The Foundation of Growth in a Multipolar World”.

Bahrain is participating as the official Guest of Honour at this year’s forum.

The delegation includes His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy; H.E. Aymen bin Tawfeeq Almoayed, Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports; H.E. Dr. Mohamed bin Mubarak Bin Dainah, Minis-

ter of Oil and Environment; H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce; H.E. Ahmed Abdulrahman Al Saati, Bahrain’s Ambassador to the Russian Federation; H.E. Shaikh Ahmed bin Hamad Al Khalifa, President of Customs; H.E. Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, CEO of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat); H.E. Nouf Abdulrahman Jamsheer, Undersecretary for Research and Projects at the Prime Minister’s Office;



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H.E. Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, President of the Bah-

rain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA); H.E. Ahmed Khalid Al Arifi, Chief Executive of the National Communication Centre; H.E. Sara Ahmed Bu-hiji, Chief Executive Officer of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA); H.E. Safa Sharif Abdul Khaleq, Chief Executive of Export Bahrain; and H.E. Mohammed Al Alawi, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer at the Economic Development Board.

Representatives from the pri-

ivate sector are also participating, including members from the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Gulf Air, GFH Financial Group, and Al Salam Bank.

As the Guest of Honour, Bahrain will host a dedicated pavilion serving as a dynamic hub to showcase its position as a regional centre of innovation, culture, and opportunity.

The delegation’s programme includes a range of cultural events and business meetings.

# Focus on health and safety preparations

Eastern Karbabad Matam meets with governorate delegates to discuss Ashoora commemorations

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Rising heat and crowd safety drove urgent discussions yesterday, as organisers of hospitality booths from across Bahrain gathered to prepare for this year’s Ashoora commemorations.

The yearly meeting, hosted by the Eastern Karbabad Matam, attracted delegates from all of the kingdom’s governorates.

Organised by the Jaffaria Waqf Directorate (JWD), the event featured key briefings from the Health Ministry, Civil Defence and the Nabdat Hayat (Pulse of Life) volunteer team.

Civil Defence representative Hassan Radhi emphasised the need for vigilance, particularly with Ashoora coinciding with the height of summer.

## Public awareness

Radhi set out essential safety measures for booths and public spaces, adding that Civil Defence had begun rolling out a public awareness campaign alongside Jaafari Waqf and community groups.

Dr Mohammed Al Awadhi, Public Health Director at the Health Ministry, explained



Jaffaria Waqf Directorate officials and attendees

the healthcare preparations for Ashoora, outlining plans for the Imam Hussain Clinic, awareness campaigns and site inspections.

Ibrahim Mohammed Jawad provided practical guidance on food hygiene, clearly setting out proper methods for preparation and storage to keep the public safe.

## First-aid advice

Trainer Mohammed Ashour, from Nabdat Hayat, shared val-

uable first-aid advice, highlighting the importance of basic life support skills, especially among volunteers responsible for managing large gatherings.

His goal, Ashour noted, was building greater emergency preparedness across local communities.

The meeting ended with organisers invited to share feedback and suggestions, followed by the annual distribution of official renewal stickers for licensed hospitality booths



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- YUSUF BIN SALEH AL SALEH, JAFFARIA WAQF DIRECTORATE (JWD) CHAIRMAN (known locally as madheef).

## Cooperation

Yusuf bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of JWD, thanked the attendees for their continued cooperation, praising their adherence to health and safety standards.

He credited organisers’ dedication for upholding the values associated with Ashoora, adding his appreciation to Eastern Karbabad Matam for again hosting the event.

“This gathering is essential in making certain the commemorations run safely and smoothly,” Al Saleh said, noting the generous backing of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

# Celebrating power of will and determination



H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma with outstanding students  
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The Saudi Bahraini Institute for the Blind celebrated a significant milestone with the graduation of its 30th batch of students, in a ceremony held to honour outstanding learners across various academic levels.

The event was attended by His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, along with a number of senior officials, specialists, and proud family members.

In his remarks, Dr. Juma praised the Institute’s dedication and the impressive achievements of its students, noting that their accomplishments reflect the power of will and determination in overcoming challenges.

“These students have shown that nothing is impossible when driven by resilience and ambition,” he said.

**Quality education**

The Minister also commended the Ministry of Education’s Special Educational Needs Center and public schools that provide inclusive learning environments for students with visual impairments, ensuring they are granted their full right to quality education.

“Blind students are characterised by extraordinary willpower, a strong desire to excel, and the ability to turn obstacles into opportunities,” Dr. Juma added. “Their success stories are a source of pride and inspiration for the entire educational community.”

Mr. Ibrahim Ali Al-Borshid, Assistant Undersecretary for Education, highlighted the important role of the Institute in delivering specialised education and rehabilitation programs that support students’ integration into mainstream schools — programs that have enabled many graduates to pursue and complete higher education degrees.

Echoing this sentiment, Mr. Abdul Wahid Mohammed Al-Khayat, Director of the Saudi Bahraini Institute for the Blind, credited the Ministry of Education for its unwavering support, which he said was instrumental in the achievements of the Institute and its students.

**Commitment**

“The Ministry’s commitment to students with special needs deserves deep appreciation,” he noted.

The ceremony featured a variety of performances and presentations by the students.

## Strengthening legal collaboration



As part of his official visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain, His Excellency Dr. Hab. Marcin Czepelak, Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), conducted a series of high-level visits to several of the Kingdom’s leading legal institutions to deepen cooperation and support the development of international dispute resolution. Dr. Czepelak toured the offices of the Council for International Dispute Resolution of the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR), and the Bahrain International Commercial Court (BICC). During his visit, he was briefed on the state-of-the-art hearing rooms and legal facilities, engaged with staff and interns, and was introduced to the offices of Bahrain’s emerging Dispute Resolution Hub, where the PCA will operate as part of a broader collaborative framework. Accompanied by Professor Marike Paulsson, Secretary-General of the Council for International Dispute Resolution, Dr. Czepelak also held discussions with senior legal representatives.

## Forum on AI in education



Under the patronage of His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bahrain Polytechnic, the institution held its Annual Teaching and Learning Conference (TL2025) at its Isa Town campus, focusing on the transformative role of artificial intelligence (AI) in education. The conference brought together a distinguished group of academics, researchers, and experts from Bahrain and abroad, creating a platform for knowledge exchange and dialogue on the latest innovations and challenges in integrating AI into the educational landscape.