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## **Improve competitiveness** of telecom sector: HRH CP

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is Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa yesterday stressed the need for telecommunications companies to prioritise service, product and infrastructure development to improve the sector's competitiveness.

This came as the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister received vesterday the newly appointed Chairman of the Bahrain Telecommunications Company (Batelco), Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, at Gudaibiya Palace.

Highlighting the major role omy, HRH CP underlined the ef- and the Ministry of Telecom- national best practice," Prince ed the meeting.



HRH Crown Prince during his meeting vesterday with Batelco Chairman at the Gudaibiya Palace

vanced regulatory framework. been instrumental in ensuring

fectiveness of the Kingdom's ad- munications and Transport has Salman told Shaikh Abdulla. "The work of the Telecommu-that Bahrain's telecoms sector Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Board played by the sector in the econ- nications Regulatory Authority remains an example of inter- member of Batelco, also attend-

Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa bin



BDF Commander-in-Chief of Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa visiting a BDF unit, as part of an inspection visit to various unit to ensure the units combat and administrative readiness



Interior Minister Lt-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa with Director-General of King Fahad Causeway Organisation Fahad Mohammad Al Dawood yesterday. The meeting discussed most important projects of the organisations in the coming years, including increasing the capacity of the procedures areas, fee gates on both sides and green lanes for trucks on Bahrain's side. The Minister highlighted the importance to tackle traffic jams that occur on the causeway and the need to harness modern technology, including the solar energy.

### SDG: Bahrain's progress hailed

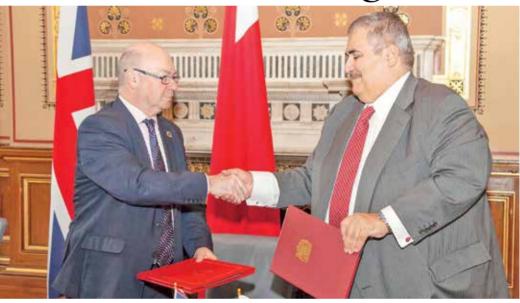
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m ahrain's\ keenness\ to}_{
m strengthen\ international}$ cooperation with the UN and specialised agencies in the field of Sustainable Development Goals was praised yesterday by the UN officials.

This came as the Cabinet Affairs Minister Mohamed Ibra-



### Bahrain-UK for stronger ties



Shaikh Khalid and Alistair Burt during a meeting in London

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bin Mohammed Al Khalifa yesterday hailed the strong historic for all. relations between the King-Kingdom.

The minister, currently on a with Bahrain at all levels to Council for Environment in

importance of continued coop- of enhancing them and under-Minister of Foreign Affairs, eration between international scored the importance of the Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed partners to protect stability and Bahraini-British Joint Working security for a safer environment

Burt affirmed the keenness of A Memorandum of Underdom of Bahrain and the United the United Kingdom to develop standing was signed on the ocits strong historical relations casion between the Supreme

The minister also stressed the the two kingdoms and means Group's meeting in pushing forward joint action.

him Al Mutawa met with Liu Zhenmin the United Nation (UN)'s Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, in the presence of Housing Minister Bassim Al Hamer.

The meeting was held on the

The Cabinet Affairs Minister with UN's Liu Zhenmin during a meeting

Policy Forum in New York.

The UN official praised Bah- in the field of SDGs. Separately, sidelines of the presentation rain's first voluntary report on the minister also held meeting of the Kingdom of Bahrain's its progress in this field, stress- UN Under-secretary General Sustainable Development Goals ing the keenness of the Coun- and Executive Director of the (SDGs) National Report, at the cil to provide all the assistance UN Human Settlements Pro-UN Economic and Social Coun- and expertise to Bahrain in any gramme (UN-Habitat) Maimucil (UNECOSOC)'s High-Level way that would achieve further na Mohammed Sharif.

progress in for Bahrain's goals

visit to the United Kingdom, serve the interests of the two Bahrain and the Department was holding a meeting with the friendly countries and peoples. for Environment, Food and Minister of State for the Middle East at the UK Foreign and other issues of the region. Commonwealth Office, Alistair Burt.

Shaikh Khalid commended the significant role played by ish Joint Working Group held and highlighted the importance ister of Foreign Affairs, and of the British Naval Support Fa- Alistair Burt. cility in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the region in general.

### **Joint Working Group**

Separately, the Bahraini-Britthe United Kingdom in coun- its meeting yesterday under the the Transportation and Teltering terrorism in all its forms co-chairmanship of the Min- ecommunications Minister,

The meeting discussed the progress of relations between ior officials

The two sides also discussed Rural Affairs (DEFRA) in the United Kingdom represented by the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS).

> Present at the meeting were Kamal Ahmed, Public Security Chief, Major General Tariq Al-Hassan and a number of sen-

### More housing project on way in the Kingdom with private sector, says Housing Minister

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More housing projects will be launched in the kingdom in association with the private sector, said Housing Minis- alities. ter, Bassim Al-Hamar.

ment with the UN Development (SDGs).

Programme to revise Bahrain's housing policy and develop an effective, efficient and sustainable housing and land sector in line with new economic re-

The meeting held under the Speaking while participating auspices of the UN Economic in a panel discussion held with- and Social Council was on the in the Ministerial Meeting of sidelines of the kingdom's presthe High-level Political Forum entation of its first Voluntary (HLPF) in New York, the min- National Review (VNR) on the ister also said that the ministry Implementation of the 2030 had signed a cooperation docu- Sustainable Development Goals



Housing MInister during UN-Habitat's panel discussion in New York, yesterday

Themed 'Together for Inclusive Cities and Safe Human Settlements', the panel discussion was organised by the UN-Habitat to follow up on member countries' efforts to implement SDGs.

Al-Hamar stressed Housing Ministry's interest in implementing the 11th sustainable development goal (SDGs) highlighting the construction of Salman Town, Khalifa Town, East Hidd Town, East Sitra Town and the Al-Ramli.