

Judicial systems, housing priority projects reviewed

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His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, yesterday visited the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning.

These visits reflect the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The visits are part of the continued follow-up on the fourth edition of the Government Priorities Framework, approved by the Cabinet and overseen by the Government Executive Committee, chaired by HRH Prince Salman.



HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa presides over a meeting, in the presence of H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa and key officials

His Highness was accompanied by His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, and H.E. Hamad bin

Faisal Al Malki, the Minister of Cabinet Affairs.

Efforts

During the visit to the Minis-

try of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman reviewed the ongoing efforts to expedite the completion of transaction and litigation

procedures.

His Highness affirmed that such efforts contribute to strengthening the justice system and achieving the highest levels of efficiency.

He also reviewed plans to develop mosques across all governorates of the Kingdom.

Initiatives

While on the visit to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning, HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman followed up on the progress of initiatives and housing programmes implemented under the Government Priorities Framework.

This reflects the government's commitment to enhancing the quality of vital services provided to citizens.

The Minister of Justice and Islamic Affairs and Endowments

and the Minister of Housing and Urban Planning reaffirmed their commitment to advancing the visions of HM the King and implementing the directives of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Dedication

They emphasised their dedication to enhancing judicial systems, further developing mosques and continuing to advance housing projects, services, and programmes that respond to the needs of citizens.

They also expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation to His Highness the Minister of the Prime Minister's Court for his visits, and for His Highness's steadfast commitment to monitoring the progress of projects aimed at realising the Kingdom's national goals.

Strategic concession agreement



His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, the Chairman of Bapco Energies, witnessed the signing of a strategic concession agreement between the Ministry of Oil & Environment and Bapco Energies, with EOG Resources Bahrain Awali W.L.L., a subsidiary of the United States independent oil and gas exploration and production company, EOG Resources, Inc. (EOG). The signing ceremony was held in the presence of Dr. Mohamed bin Mubarak Bin Dainah, Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs; Mr. Mark Thomas, Group CEO of Bapco Energies; and Mr. Joseph Korenek, President of EOG Resources International, Inc., alongside others from both organizations. The partnership underscores Bapco Energies' role in fostering strategic alliances that enable the development of the Kingdom of Bahrain's natural resources.

LMRA Board of Directors restructured

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued Decree (54) of 2025 restructuring the Board of Directors of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA), based on the proposal of the Prime Minister and following Cabinet approval.

The Board shall be restructured under the chairmanship of the Minister of Labour, and

its members include: Sahar Rashid Abdulrahman Al Mannai, Fatima Abdulghani Ismail, Adnan Abdulwahab Ishaq, Brigadier Abdulaziz Abdulrahman Al Doseri, Mohammed Abduljabbar Mahmood Al Kooheji, Sonia Mohammed Janahi, Yousif Ahmed Hassan Ahmed, and Alaa Hassan Abdulrahman. Membership on the Board shall be for a term of four years, renewable.

Worker's appeal rejected

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A worker's bid to overturn a deportation order was rejected by the High Administrative Court because he lodged his case after the 30-day legal limit.

The court said the challenge was out of time and therefore inadmissible.

The dispute began when he

applied to renew his residency in Bahrain and was instead served with a decision ordering his permanent removal.

He challenged that decision by filing a grievance with the Ombudsman and Protection Centre, asking for the deportation to be cancelled.

The grievance was refused and the administrative notice of deportation remained in place.

Employment security

Proposal calls for permanent job support scheme for workers with disabilities

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A proposal to create a fixed employment support scheme for people with disabilities in Bahrain's public and private sectors has been placed before Parliament.

The plan sets out full salary coverage for the first two years, followed by permanent state funding of 75 per cent of wages, even if the employee changes jobs.

It is intended to counter reluctance among some employers to hire people with disabilities and to ensure steady access to work.

Dignity

"This proposal is about giving people with disabilities a fair chance to work, to contribute, and to live with dignity," said MP Jalal Kadhem. "The state has a duty to create equal opportunities and this scheme is a step towards that."

The proposal would bring together the Ministry of Labour, the Civil Service Bureau, the Ministry of Social Development and Tamkeen, the Labour Fund.



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It also includes training programmes geared to the abilities of disabled jobseekers and the demands of the market, with the aim of securing their long-term place in the workforce.

Stability

"This is about ensuring lasting support," Kadhem said. "We are proposing a fixed system that guarantees stability and sends a clear message to employers that disabled citizens must be included in Bahrain's development."

The memorandum attached to the proposal cites Article 4 of the Constitution, which affirms justice, equality and equal

opportunity as pillars of society, and Article 13, which requires the state to provide work for citizens.

It also points to the principles of Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030.

Masure

Kadhem added that the measure would encourage recruitment in both state bodies and private companies while giving disabled workers a stronger role in economic and social life.

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and in society," he said.

The proposal has been referred to Parliament for study by the relevant committee.

AI workshop launched by French Embassy as part of Youth City 2030

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The French Embassy to Bahrain, in partnership with the Ministry of Youth Affairs, has launched a workshop on artificial intelligence as part of the Youth City 2030 initiative, empowering young innovators to shape the AI-driven future.

Titled "The Transformative Power of Artificial Intelligence in Entrepreneurship" and running from August 17 to 20, the program is designed to equip young Bahrainis with strategic skills to harness AI for business growth and innovation.

Twenty young Bahraini tech enthusiasts are participating in this hands-on, hackathon-style



Bahraini tech enthusiasts take part in workshop

workshop.

Applications

Under the guidance of a French AI expert, participants will build a real AI-powered start-up project while exploring

practical, future-focused applications of AI across business, healthcare, finance, and other strategic industries.

France, a leading force in AI, recently hosted the Artificial Intelligence Action Summit, a

global forum bringing together government officials, researchers, civil society, and entrepreneurs.

The summit secured significant investments in AI infrastructure and innovation, while establishing a roadmap for inclusive and trustworthy AI.

This workshop builds on that momentum, promoting international expertise-sharing and supporting the economic transformation AI can bring.

Trustworthy AI

President Macron said: "We believe in innovation, acceleration, and investment, but also in trustworthy AI that strengthens international unity."