

BDF Chief Discusses Cooperation with New German Envoy



Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), held a meeting with the newly appointed German Ambassador, His Excellency Henning Georg Simon. The Commander-in-Chief welcomed the Ambassador and discussed key initiatives to enhance bilateral relations and joint coordination between Bahrain and the Federal Republic of Germany. The talks focused on strengthening the friendly ties and exploring further cooperation across various sectors. Sheikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa wished the Ambassador success in his new diplomatic duties, emphasizing the Kingdom's commitment to its partnership with Germany.

Newly Renovated Abu Ghazal Park Inaugurated in Manama



His Excellency Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, officially inaugurated the renovated Abu Ghazal Park in the Capital Governorate. Spanning 5,642 square meters, the renovation is part of the Ministry's initiative to upgrade public facilities and enhance urban greenery. The park now features state-of-the-art playgrounds, modern fitness equipment, a refurbished fountain, and an updated lighting system. To boost environmental appeal, the Ministry increased the number of trees and expanded green cover. During the ceremony, the Minister emphasized that the project aims to provide high-quality communal spaces that foster a healthy lifestyle for residents.

Bahrain and Lebanon Discuss Strategic Security Cooperation



Bahrain's Minister of Interior, HH Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, hosted Lebanese Minister of Interior and Municipalities, Ahmed Hajjar, to discuss enhancing security coordination. During the meeting at the Police Fort, Shaikh Rashid reaffirmed Bahrain's support for Lebanon's sovereignty and stability. The discussions focused on strengthening joint Arab security efforts and improving performance to face regional challenges. Both ministers emphasized the importance of exchanging expertise and developing modern mechanisms for cooperation. Minister Hajjar praised the strong bilateral ties and expressed his keenness to modernize joint security initiatives.

IYCC Bahrain Announces New National Leadership for 2026-27



The Indian Youth Cultural Congress (IYCC) Bahrain has elected its new national office bearers for the 2026-27 term during a meeting held in Salmaniya. Richie Kalathureth was unanimously elected as President, alongside Salim Abuthalib as General Secretary and Shafeeq Saifuddin as Treasurer. The new executive team includes Vice Presidents Stephy Mannikarott and Shafi Wayanad, Joint Secretaries Ranjith Mahe and Sharath Sashi Kannur, and Assistant Treasurer Sandeep Sasindran. Additionally, Ranjith Perambra, Jameel Kannur, Anoob Thankachan, Mohammed Ashiq, and Alan K. Isaac were appointed as Conveners for various departments. Shabeer Mukkan and Sunil Vilayappally will serve as Internal Auditors. The election proceedings were overseen by Shibin Thomas, Ranjith Mahe, and Benzi Ganiyud.

FED Bahrain Receives Wheelchair Donation for Members



The Fraternity of Ernakulam District (FED) has acquired a wheelchair for the use of its members and their families. The equipment was donated by Ladies Wing member Manju and her husband Vinu to mark their daughter Vaiga's fourth birthday. The handover ceremony, held at the BMC Hall, was presided over by President Stevenson Mendes. Secretary Sunil Babu and Ladies Wing Secretary Jishna Ranjith officially accepted the donation. Organization officials noted that the wheelchair would be a significant help for elderly parents and others with mobility needs visiting Bahrain. FED leaders Claudy Joshi and Carlin Christopher also spoke at the event, highlighting the importance of such community-focused welfare initiatives.

Friends Association of Thiruvalla Hosts Grand Christmas-New Year Celebration



The Friends Association of Thiruvalla (FAT) organized a grand Christmas and New Year celebration in Bahrain, marked by festive spirit and cultural performances. The event was presided over by President Robi George. The keynote address and Christmas message were delivered by Father Jacob Thomas Karaikkal. General Secretary Anil Palayil welcomed the attendees, and Program General Convener James Philip extended the vote of thanks. Patrons and leaders including Sreekumar Padiyara, Binu Biju, and Jobin Cherian offered felicitations. A highlight of the event was the distribution of prizes to cultural program participants by Advisory Board members, including Biju Thomas and Saji Cherian. The celebration, coordinated by Vice President Blessen Mathew and other officials, saw enthusiastic participation from members and their families, strengthening community bonds.