



# Minister applauds Zain's Bahrainisation drive

Success stories highlighted at Zain



● **Minister meets national staff**

● **Zain praised for Bahrainisation**

● **Private sector urged to support**

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**M**inister visits Zain Bahrain, praises national workforce  
His Excellency Yousef bin Abdulhussain Khalaf, Minis-

ter of Legal Affairs and Acting Minister of Labour, paid a visit to Zain Bahrain on Tuesday as part of continued efforts to boost cooperation between the Ministry and companies leading Bahrainisation in the private sector.

The visit came in recognition of Zain Bahrain's status as one of the top performers in employing Bahraini nationals during the first quarter of the year. H.E. met with the company's Managing Director Mohammed Abdullah Zainalabedin and a number of senior executives.

**Commending efforts**

During the visit, H.E. reviewed

Zain Bahrain's strategy to attract and retain national talent across departments.

He was briefed on how the telecom operator has embedded Bahraini professionals into its core operations, particularly in the provision of mobile communications services.

The company's approach reflects its confidence in the abilities and dedication of the local workforce.

As H.E. toured the company's departments, he also interacted with several Bahraini employees and heard first-hand accounts of their career journeys. H.E. expressed appreciation for the

supportive work environment that fosters professional growth and contributes to economic development.

**Call for support**

H.E. called on private sector institutions to align with government objectives by prioritising the employment of Bahrainis and creating meaningful career pathways for them. He said doing so would not only help national efforts but also ensure sustainable business success by drawing on the talent and loyalty of the local population.

**Zain's commitment**

Zain Bahrain's Managing Dir-



**Bahrain's National Labour Market Plan 2021-2026 aims to increase the percentage of Bahrainis in the private sector to 85 percent.**

ector affirmed the company's commitment to being a model for private sector involvement in national workforce development. He described employees as the organisation's most valuable asset and highlighted ongoing investments in training, innovation, and digital empowerment to build future leaders.

Zain Bahrain, he said, remains dedicated to promoting sustainable employment and playing a proactive role in the Kingdom's development.

The visit concluded with a reaffirmation of the need for public-private partnerships to continue advancing Bahrain's human capital.



## UK halts trade talks with Israel, summons envoy over Gaza

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**B**ritain suspended free-trade negotiations with Israel yesterday and summoned its ambassador to the foreign ministry in its toughest stance yet against

Israel's conduct in the war in Gaza.

Foreign Secretary David Lammy accused Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government of "egregious actions and rhetoric" over its expansion

of military operations in the Palestinian territory.

During an impassioned speech to Britain's parliament, Lammy also said the UK government was imposing new sanctions on individuals and organisations

involved in settlements in the West Bank.

"The world is judging, history will judge them. Blocking aid, expanding the war, dismissing the concerns of your friends and partners. This is indefensible

and it must stop," he said.

Lammy said Britain "cannot stand by in the face of this new deterioration" in Gaza and was pausing negotiations with Israel on a new free-trade agreement. He said Britain would be

"reviewing cooperation" with Israel under its so-called 2030 roadmap for UK-Israel relations.

"Netanyahu government's actions have made this necessary," Lammy said.