



Bahraini artist Bader Al A'ali showcases his painting "Protector of Bahrain" during the "Love and Loyalty" exhibition.

'Love and Loyalty'

33 artists present works inspired by Bahrain and its leadership

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Thirty-three Bahraini artists came together at the Alumni Club for the "Love and Loyalty" exhibition, celebrating national identity, unity, and devotion to Bahrain through art. The exhibition was inaugurated on May 19 in the presence of Shaikh Khalid bin Humood Al Khalifa and featured a wide range of artistic styles reflecting emotional and cultural connections to the kingdom. Artist and organiser Bader

Al A'ali said the exhibition was inspired by love and loyalty to Bahrain, adding that participating artists were united by a shared sense of patriotism. His artwork, titled "Protector of Bahrain," portrayed His Majesty the King as a guardian watching over the nation and its people.

Other participating artists highlighted themes of gratitude, unity, and hope for the future. Ali Al Fardan described participation in the exhibition as a national duty, while Ali Y. Ahmadi presented a watercol-

our work recalling scenes of national unity during the 2011 events at Al-Fatih Square.

Meanwhile, Dr. Zainab Muhammad Nasser used the colours of the Bahraini flag to symbolise peace, love, and unity, saying her work reflected a collective journey towards togetherness.

The exhibition highlighted art's role as a platform for expressing national pride and shared values, with artists reaffirming Bahrain's place in the hearts and creative expressions of its people.



Bahrain, Sri Lanka seek deeper collaboration



Labour Minister and Minister of Legal Affairs, Yousif bin Abdulhussain Khalaf, met Sri Lanka's ambassador to Bahrain, H.E. Ms. Shanika Dissanayake, to discuss ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation. During the meeting, the two sides reviewed relations between Bahrain and Sri Lanka and explored several issues of mutual interest, according to the ministry. Minister Khalaf underlined the importance of the longstanding friendship and cooperation between the two countries across various sectors, stressing Bahrain's commitment to further enhancing ties to support shared interests.

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Abdulla Mohamed Alahmed, CEO of the Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (Derasat), received H.E. Ambassador Stephanie Hallett to discuss knowledge partnership and research cooperation. The meeting featured a roundtable discussion attended by several Derasat researchers and Embassy members, during which Bahrain-U.S. relations were discussed to further enhance cooperation between Derasat Center and the U.S. Embassy in areas related to studies, research, and the exchange of expertise.



Bahrain strengthens global cultural outreach: Shura Chairman

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Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of the Shura Council, said Bahrain continues to strengthen its international presence in promoting cultural diversity and human dialogue, reflecting the kingdom's commitment to tolerance, coexistence and sustainable development.

Speaking on the occasion of the International Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, Al Saleh said Bahrain's initiatives in civilizational dialogue and human rapprochement reflect the vision of



Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh

King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in positioning the kingdom as a model of cultural openness and pluralism.

He also praised the support of Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa in advancing national pro-

grammes aimed at promoting tolerance, constructive dialogue and social harmony.

Al Saleh described cultural diversity as a key pillar for building cohesive societies and encouraging innovation and progress, noting that Bahrain's rich heritage and respect for different cultures have reinforced its reputation as a model of peaceful coexistence.

He added that Bahrain's parliamentary diplomacy continues to strengthen dialogue and cooperation with parliaments worldwide, supporting regional and international stability and development.

Public Events Hall Proposed for Southern Governorate

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A public events hall for residents of the Southern Governorate has been approved by Parliament's Services Committee, after MPs were told families in the area lacked a low-cost venue for weddings and other gatherings.

The proposal, lodged by MPs Dr Ali Al Nuaimi, Ali Saqer and Mohammed Salman Al Ahmed, asks the government to build the hall through the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Works and the Ministry of



Dr Ali Al Nuaimi, MP

Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture.

The hall would be used for weddings and other social events by residents of the constituency, which the proposal

says has seen continued population growth without a matching supply of public halls.

MPs behind the plan said private hall rents had risen, leaving families with heavier costs when arranging weddings and other occasions. A public venue, they argued, would give residents a fitting place nearby and ease the strain on household budgets.

The Ministry of Social Development told the committee that it had checked its records of government property and found no vacant land owned by the ministry in the seventh constituency or in nearby areas.

Bahrain and Cyprus Strengthen Ties



His Excellency Engineer Wael bin Nasser Al-Mubarak, Minister of Municipalities and Agriculture, received His Excellency Dr. Andreas Iliadis, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the Kingdom of Bahrain, in an official meeting that underscored the warm and growing ties between the two nations. During the meeting, Minister Al-Mubarak warmly welcomed the Cypriot Ambassador, emphasising the significance of the bilateral relationship between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Republic of Cyprus. He highlighted the steady progress and development witnessed across various fields, particularly in the municipal and agricultural sectors, and reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to further advancing cooperation in ways that serve the shared interests of both countries.



RHF Supports Orphans

The Royal Humanitarian Foundation, in cooperation with Armada, owner of the "Riva" brand, distributed Eid Al-Adha clothing to a number of the Foundation's beneficiaries. The initiative benefited 200 girls, who selected their Eid essentials from the "Riva Kids" branch at The Avenues Mall.

