

HM King and HRH Prince Salman thanked by Philippines President

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received a cable of thanks from President Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines in reply to their congratulations on his country's Independence Day.



HM the King



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister



President Duterte

Continued pace of economic recovery

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Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa has pointed out that the recorded economic indicators were comparative to the levels recorded during the year 2019 – before the outbreak of the pandemic, which reflects the continued pace of economic recovery.

In the real estate sector, the number of building permits issued in August of this year 2021 exceeded the levels recorded during the same period in 2019 by 64.4%.

The total construction area for the licences issued during the month of August amounted to about 448,000 square metres, an increase of 151.6% over the year 2019.

The minister noted the increase in cashless transactions due to the pandemic, as the results were reflected in the

levels of sales at points of sale.

He said that total sales increased last August by more than 55% from their levels in the same period in 2019, coinciding with the return of commercial activity during the month of August 2021.

In the trade sector, the value of international exports of national origin increased by 103% during August 2021 compared to the same month in 2019. International imports grew by 16%.

In domestic trade, a total of 627 new commercial registers were issued to companies during August 2021, an increase of 28.8% compared to the same month in 2019.

In a statement yesterday, Shaikh Salman outlined the significant growth in various sectors thanks to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's directives to launch the stimulus package to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

HM King supports global peace

Memorandum to restructure several government agencies approved

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The Cabinet has affirmed His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's initiatives that support international efforts to uphold international security.

Marking yesterday's International Day of Peace, the Cabinet highlighted the Kingdom of Bahrain's unwavering support for efforts to enhance global peace.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chaired the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace.

It asserted the importance of strengthening the legal and legislative mechanisms that combat money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

In this regard, the Cabinet welcomed the Basel Anti-Money Laundering Index's finding, which ranks Bahrain as the first



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister at the Cabinet meeting

in the Arab region.

The Cabinet welcomed the outcomes of the visit made by His Majesty King Hamad to Egypt, which included a meeting with the President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi.

The meeting further strengthened bilateral relations and joint coordination on international issues and developments.

The Cabinet approved the following memorandums:

1. A memorandum by the Civil Service Council regarding the restructuring of several government agencies to improve

efficiency and performance.

2. A memorandum by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs regarding three draft decree laws that are part of a development package to improve legislation.

3. A memorandum by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs ratifying the Arab Customs Cooperation Agreement, which aims to enhance joint cooperation between Arab customs administrations and further strengthen coordination in the economic and trade fields.

4. A memorandum by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs regarding a draft law approving the "legal" system amending some provisions of the unified customs legal system for GCC countries.

5. A memorandum by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs regarding a draft decision to amend some provisions of the executive regulations of the Civil Service Law.

6. A memorandum by the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the third periodic report of the Kingdom of Bahrain on the progress made in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to be submitted to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Cabinet took note of ministerial reports including the outcome of the fifth meeting of GCC Ministerial Committee for Education, 21st meeting of GCC Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (chaired by Bahrain), and 31st meeting of GCC Agricultural Cooperation Committee.

Cooperation commended



Speaker Zainal with Finance Minister Shaikh Salman

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Periodic meetings and joint coordination between the government and the Representatives Council is vital to cater to citizens' needs and support the national economy.

This was emphasised by Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdulh Zainal as she received yesterday

Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, in the presence of the Undersecretary for National Economy, Amna Ahmed Al Romaihi.

The Speaker praised cooperation between the executive and legislative branches to fast-track the comprehensive development march led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Solid Bahrain and UAE bilateral ties and cooperation discussed



Minister Al Zayani



Minister Shaikh Abdullah

Foreign ministers hold phone conversation

Focus on several issues of mutual concern

Ways to strengthen coordination tackled

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Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani and UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International

Cooperation Shaikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan discussed relations between the two countries and affirmed shared keenness to enhance them.

They also reviewed in a phone conversation the efforts exerted to strengthen cooperation and coordination on several issues.

Al Zayani hailed the UAE's contributions to reinforcing human rights, resulting in its prominent status, and noted the role of the UAE in promoting development, security and peace in the region.

He wished the UAE continued progress and prosperity.

The two ministers also discussed several issues of common interest.

Interior Ministry participates in Arab Coordination Mechanism for Disaster Risk Reduction meeting



A delegation from the Ministry of Interior has participated in the third session of the Arab Coordination Mechanism for Disaster Risk Reduction in Cairo. The session discussed mechanisms for disaster risk reduction and the guide for health risks and its implementation, and reviewed preparations for the Fifth Arab Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction to be held in Morocco in November. Director of the Protection and Safety Directorate and Head of the Executive Office of the National Committee of Disaster Management Colonel Dr Mohammad Khalifa Al Bughadir noted the national strategic vision for disaster management and risk reduction in Bahrain that stresses the importance of combined action to manage and limit disasters risk and exchange expertise.

Kingdom condemns Houthi attempted attack in Red Sea

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Bahrain condemned the attempted attack by the Iranian-backed terrorist Houthi militia using two explosive-laden boats in Salif in the Red Sea.

The Foreign Ministry affirmed that the terrorist act reflects the Houthis' adamant intent to threaten navigation and undermine regional stability and security.

It hailed the efficiency and vigilance of the Coalition Forces Supporting Legitimacy in Yemen, which were able to intercept

and destroy the boats.

It called upon the international community to shoulder its responsibility in condemning these acts, stressing the need for concerted international efforts to deter these terrorist militias and put an end to their violations.

Solidarity with Russia

Bahrain condemned the shooting at Perm University in Siberia in the Russian Federation, resulting in the death and injury of several people.

The Foreign Ministry extended its condolences to the families of the victims and to the Russian people and government, wishing a speedy recovery to those injured as a result of this cowardly act.

It affirmed Bahrain's solidarity with the Russian Federation in its efforts to confront violence, extremism, and terrorism.

It reiterated the Kingdom's unwavering position in rejecting violence and extremism in all its forms and regardless of its motives.



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