

Training programme on information technology

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The training programme aims to build the capabilities of information technology officials in public sector institutions to enable them to develop and implement information technology strategies according to the needs of their institutions and in line with the government strategy and the national programme for digital transformation.

The programme includes training participants to follow methodologies and use tools to design and develop strategies to increase their aptitudes to keep pace with change and achieve qualitative addition to government information technology projects.

It consists of about 100 training hours and a programme to prepare trainers in the same field.

The committee also approved the digital transformation plan for the services of the ministries and authorities of Bahrain in light of its follow-up to its decision regarding government agencies speeding up in preparing their plans for e-transformation.

The committee reviewed the status of e-transformation



The goal is to make Bahrain a leading destination regionally in the digital economy

of government services and the services that have been completed, including 578 out of 1,581 government services while 66 different government e-services were completed in 202 and financial transactions grew by 80% to reach about 2.7 million financial transactions totaling about BD353 million until last September.

They were the result of providing alternative channels for payment and of launching electronic invoices.

HH Shaikh Mohammed directed the iGA to complete the study of the remaining government services within the e-transformation programme.

The authority should also propose the implementation of future plans for them according to their importance and priority within a specific timetable in coordination with the Services Development Committee.

HM King support for Yemen hailed

Cairo

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's efforts to support legitimacy in Yemen have been praised by Yemeni Shura Council Chairman Dr Ahmed Obaid bin Daghr.

This came during an official discussion session held between Arab Parliament Speaker Adel bin Abdulrahman Al Asoumi and Dr Daghr who lauded Bahrain's unwavering stance in defending legitimacy in Yemen in regional and international gatherings and providing humanitarian aid to the Yemeni people.

Bahrain was one of the first countries which joined the coalition to support legitimacy in Yemen, end the coup of the terrorist Houthi militias, and recover the institutions of the legitimate state.

Dr Daghr commended the unlimited support provided by Bahrain to Yemen, under the leadership of HM King Hamad and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime



HM the King



Dr Daghr

Minister.

He praised the dedicated efforts of Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) and its participation in the Arab Coalition to Support Legitimacy in Yemen.

Dr Daghr also lauded the efforts of Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Board of Trustees Chairman of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation, to help the Yemeni people and implement humanitarian and developmental projects in the liberated Yemeni governorates.



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19,838 Bahrainis are employed under national programme 2.0

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A total of 19,838 Bahraini citizens have so far been employed in the private sector under the second edition of the National Employment Programme until 14 October.

Labour and Social Development Minister Jamil bin Muhammad Ali Humaidan extended his deep thanks and praise to all companies that contributed to the integration of citizens into the labour market in the Kingdom.

He stressed the importance of providing Bahrainis, particularly the youth, with job opportunities as part of the government's initiatives to make them the first choice for employment.

The ministry is determined to continue national efforts to increase the pace of employment in light of the Kingdom's gradual economic recovery from the pandemic.

The programme aims to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of the services provided, as well as invest in the national competencies and develop them professionally, through improving training and adapting its output to the real needs of the labour market so as to make Bahrainis the employees of choice in the private sector.

The National Employment Programme 2.0 also provides incentives aimed at increasing the pace of employment, through increasing the incentives provided to employers and job-seekers.

These include supporting the salaries of the citizens in the private sector, and increasing the support provided by the Unemployment Fund for the unemployed.

Humaidan stressed the ministry's keenness to develop the systems at private training centres.

Two jailed for smuggling drone into Bahrain

● Six months in prison

● Third suspect fined BD500

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Two men were sentenced to six months in prison, while a third man was fined BD500 for smuggling a drone into the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Public Prosecution announced.

The three are said to have smuggled the drone into Bahrain, which is classified as illegal to possess, and their wrongdoing was reported to police by customs officials.

Consequently, the defendants were captured and questioned.

"They confessed to smuggling the drone and they failed to provide any document confirming that they had a licence to possess it," the Public Prosecution added.

They were charged with possessing illegal goods and they were tried before the Lower Criminal Court.

Royal decree on oil and gas tasks and competencies of relevant authorities

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday issued Decree 108 of 2021, amending Article (1) of Decree 105 of 2021 on defining the competent authorities in accordance with Law 10 of 2006 regarding some tasks and competencies of the relevant authorities in oil and gas and the amendment of some provisions of Decree-Law

42 of 1999 on the establishment of Bahrain Petroleum Company.

According to the decree, the second paragraph of Royal Decree 105 shall be replaced by the following:

"As an exception to the provisions of the first paragraph of this article, the Oil and Gas Holding Company shall be the competent authority responsible for appointing the boards of directors of companies that

carry out business related to the oil industries and wholly owned by the state, and to select government representatives in the boards of directors and general assemblies of companies in which the state contributes a share in their capital.

The Oil and Gas Holding Company shall also be the competent authority stipulated in Article (2) of Law 10 of 2006 regarding some tasks and com-

petencies of the relevant authorities in oil and gas and the amendment of some provisions of Decree-Law 42 of 1999 on the establishment of Bahrain Petroleum Company."

The Prime Minister and ministers, each in their capacity, shall implement the provisions of this decree, which comes into force immediately and will be published in the Official Gazette.

Solid Bahrain-UAE ties 'unique model' in bilateral agreements

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The well-established relations between Bahrain and the UAE represent a unique model in the level of agreements between the two countries and peoples under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and UAE President His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

This was emphasised by Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal who received UAE Speaker of the Federal National



Speaker Zainal with Speaker Ghobash

Council (FNC) Saqr Ghobash yesterday.

They discussed ways to develop joint parliamentary work and cooperation between the two legislative branches in the two countries by devising new methods and developing new measures that ensure the development of parliamentary and legislative work.

Zainal stressed the keenness of the legislative branch in Bahrain to boost cooperation with legislative assemblies in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

countries, which will contribute in upgrading legislative capabilities, develop joint systems, and support development in the region.

Ghobash praised Bahrain's steady development progress under the leadership of His Majesty the King and affirmed the Bahraini-Emirati relations are a model of continuous cooperation.

He expressed UAE's keenness to enhance legislative cooperation in various fields and support Bahrain in all matters.

BDF holds graduation ceremony



Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) held a graduation ceremony for specialised officers following their success in courses. Assistant Chief of Staff for Human Resources, Major-General Shaikh Ali bin Rashid Al Khalifa was present. A briefing was given on the courses and the Assistant Chief of Staff for Human Resources presented certificates to the officers and awards to the laureates. He hailed the dedication of the graduates and trainers throughout the courses.