

Bahrain greets Amir of Kuwait

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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, sent cables of congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, on the second anniversary of his accession.

Muharrraq Nights festival promises fun for families

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The fourth edition of the Muharrraq Nights festival continues to present a programme combining educational and entertainment activities, coinciding with Celebrate Bahrain 2025.

Events are held across the historic streets and alleys of Muharrraq, extending along the Pearling Path, and target families and visitors of all ages.

The festival places particular focus on children's activities, with designated spaces hosting educational, artistic, and handicraft workshops, alongside interactive, entertainment, and musical experiences aimed at developing creative skills through hands-on learning.

Children's initiatives include "Fatima Story and Dollhouse" at Al Ghus House, offering interactive storytelling, and the "Hoopa: Heroes Adventure Hall" play space at Badr Ghulum House and Turabi House.

Jehan Saleh Studio is providing drawing and colouring sessions at Al Sabt Building, while Sophia Bookstore is offering educational programmes for children of different age groups.

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Labour Ministry to honour outstanding private sector workers

Under HM King's royal patronage

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Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Ministry of Labour will hold the 40th annual ceremony to honour outstanding and ex-

emplary workers in private sector establishments on Wednesday.

The event coincides with the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day celebrations and the 26th anniversary of His Majesty's accession to the throne, and the accompanying national events.

The ceremony will recognise a range of distinguished categories, including leaders in employing Bahrainis, outstand-



HM the King

ing managers, a distinguished labour pioneer, the best small enterprise, workers with disabilities, and workers in the informal economy.

It will also honour employees across key sectors, including oil and gas, manufacturing, transport and logistics, information and communications technology, banking, insurance, construction, tourism, arts and

entertainment, trade, social activities, healthcare, education, and real estate.

The annual ceremony reflects the Kingdom of Bahrain's commitment to recognising national competencies, encouraging dedicated workers, and promoting a culture of excellence and productivity across all sectors, in support of comprehensive development and the national economy.

Al Areen Reserve renamed after Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed



On the occasion of the 54th Union Day of the United Arab Emirates, His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has decreed that Al Areen Reserve be named the Mohammed Bin Zayed Nature Reserve, in honour of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE. The reserve features a visitors' section showcasing the region's native animals and birds, alongside a conservation area dedicated to protecting the Bahraini oryx and the Arabian oryx. The royal decree reflects HM the King's appreciation for the UAE President's efforts in strengthening the deep-rooted fraternal and historical ties between Bahrain and the UAE, as well as His Highness's enduring affection and support for Bahrain and its people.

Sustainable progress

HRH Prince Salman's vision and leadership shape Bahrain's bright future

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MP Dr Maryam Al Dhaen said Bahrain's recent gains across science, healthcare and the economy were being driven by the vision of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for a sustainable future.

She said the Kingdom was making rapid progress in scientific, health, economic, tourism and investment fields, which she linked to the development pushed by HRH Prince Salman.

MP Al Dhaen credited HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister with promoting a team-first culture, sharpening government performance and strengthening co-operation between the executive and legislative branches.

"This approach has helped speed up delivery and produce tangible results on the ground," she said.

Indicators

The lawmaker said Bahrain's improved performance indicators were rooted in long-term planning, backing Bahraini talent and improving how public bodies work, with sustainability built into public policy and the citizen placed at the heart of development.

She pointed to schemes such as the Government Workforce Development Programme and the Government Innovation Competition (Fikra) as part of efforts to improve performance and raise results.

MP Al Dhaen said Bahrain had stepped up work in science, research and innovation by developing academic programmes, building ties with international universities and research centres, and supporting national talent, as part of a shift towards a knowledge-based economy built on innovation and technology.

Research

She also pointed to progress



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in space science, saying research capacity linked to the sector had been developed, with work aimed at uses in telecoms, climate and environmental sustainability.

"The move towards space sciences shows strategic awareness of the field's importance," she said.

On healthcare, she said the system had advanced through improved facilities, medical skills and the use of modern technology.

Care

She described the Bahrain Genome Project as a key step in advanced care, with a role in preventive medicine, earlier diagnosis and treatment plans suited to the genetic make-up of Bahraini society.

The legislator said the focus on genomics formed part of a wider push to use research and advanced technology to improve quality of life and strengthen Bahrain's role in

precision medicine and health research.

On the economy, MP Al Dhaen said Bahrain had strengthened its position as a financial and investment centre through balanced policy, simpler procedures for investors and efforts to widen income sources by raising the share of non-oil sectors in GDP.

Challenges

She said this had helped sustain growth despite regional and global challenges.

The lawmaker added that foreign direct investment had grown, driven by investor trust in Bahrain's business environment, a clear economic direction, the Kingdom's location and developed infrastructure.

MP Al Dhaen said the results provided a base for further development, building on gains and meeting citizens' expectations, while supporting Bahrain's long-term development goals.



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