

# Industrial Development Drive

Minister underscores commitment to strengthening industrial sector and supply chain

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Minister of Industry and Commerce, Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, conducted an inspection tour of Salman Industrial City in Hidd, where he visited companies under Kingdom Group, part of "New Holding," officials said.

The minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting the industrial sector and strengthening its role in sustainable economic development, supply chain resilience and national competitiveness.

During the visit, senior officials from Kingdom Group received him, including its vice chairman, group managing director, chief executive officer and operations manager.

Minister Fakhro stressed the importance of developing local industries, increasing production capacity and enhancing industrial security, while support-



ing efforts to improve efficiency across the sector.

He was briefed on the group's operations, expansion plans and upcoming projects, and toured production facilities to review manufacturing processes, quality standards and operational

performance.

Company officials reiterated their commitment to supporting Bahrain's industrial development goals and improving productivity in line with national economic priorities.

New Holding oversees a

diversified portfolio of industrial and construction companies in Bahrain, operating across sectors including asphalt, cement, concrete, ready-mix, sand washing and chemical solutions through a centralized governance structure.

## BD5,400 Fine, Three Years Jail Over Expired Food

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The Public Prosecution announced that the court sentenced a restaurant and bakery owner to three years in prison and fined her BD5,400 after convicting her of selling expired food products and violating health and commercial regulations.

The Sixth Lower Criminal Court also ordered the confiscation of seized food items linked to the case.

According to prosecutors, officials from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce uncovered the violations during routine inspections at two bakeries and beverage outlets owned and managed by the defendant.

Inspectors found expired food products unfit for human consumption, as well as items lacking mandatory labeling.

Investigations also revealed that the woman produced and sold bakery and confectionery products from her home without obtaining the required permits or health approvals.

The Public Prosecution said prosecutors visited the establishments, heard witness testimonies and reviewed inspection findings before referring the case to court.

Authorities noted that the defendant had previously been convicted in a similar case, receiving a three-year prison sentence and a BD7,200 fine.

## Shura Council launches AI training platform

Tool designed to assess skills and personalise learning paths



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The General Secretariat of the Shura Council has launched an artificial intelligence-powered self-learning platform aimed at enhancing employee skills and supporting the development of Bahrain's parliamentary work system.

The platform is an integrated training system that assesses employee competencies, identifies development needs, and provides personalised learning pathways for Secretariat staff.

The initiative forms part of preparations for the 2027-2031 strategic plan, which envisions

the transition toward a "smart parliament," in line with directives from H.E. Ali Bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman Of Shura Council.

Officials said the platform aims to strengthen human resources efficiency and improve institutional performance by enhancing professional, administrative and technical skills, aligning with modern standards and practices in parliamentary work.

It was launched as part of new training mechanisms incorporating artificial intelligence, overseen by the Human and Financial Resources Directorate, in cooperation with a specialised technology company and in the presence of officials and staff.

## "Justice and Security Must Work Together"

Justice Minister Praises Interior Minister's Speech in Abu Dhabi

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Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, Nawaf bin Mohammed AlMa'awda, praised the opening remarks delivered by the Interior Minister at a global security forum in the United Arab Emirates.

Minister Al Ma'awda commended Lieutenant General Sheikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Bahrain's Interior Minister, for his speech at the Global Sustainable Security Summit, saying it reflected a "forward-looking national vision" rooted in an understanding of evolving global security challenges.

He stressed that stability in the Gulf region remains a key pillar for both regional and international peace, adding that effective security systems must go hand in hand with justice institutions.

"Sustainable security cannot be achieved without effective justice, and justice cannot be protected without professional security institutions," he said, according to a statement.



The Justice Minister also noted the Interior Minister's focus on rapid technological change and digital transformation, which he said are reshaping modern security concepts around readiness, rapid response, and risk anticipation.

He highlighted growing transnational threats such as cybercrime and organised crime, calling for stronger regional and international cooperation, as well as improved coordination and intelligence-sharing between specialised agencies.

## When Experience Becomes a Book



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His Excellency Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of Shura Council, received journalist and author Ahmed Abdullatif Al-Bahar, praising his contributions to administrative thought and professional documentation.

During the meeting, Al-Bahar presented his book "Administrative Situations", which documents more than 200 managerial cases drawn from over 30 years of professional experience across various workplaces.

Al Saleh commended the book's content, noting that it offers valuable practical in-

sights that help develop administrative concepts and strengthen institutional performance. He said such works enrich the national library and support the transfer of professional knowledge to future generations.

He also described the publication as a useful reference that can enhance the skills of administrators and professionals across different sectors, wishing the author continued success in his future work.

For his part, Al-Bahar expressed pride in meeting the Shura Council Chairman, praising his support for cultural and intellectual initiatives and his encouragement for writers to document real-life professional experiences.

## India Names Ambassador to Bahrain

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Dr. Pradeep Singh Rajpurohit has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Ministry of External Affairs of India announced on Thursday.

Dr. Rajpurohit, served as High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, will take up his new assignment in Manama, the ministry said in a statement.

India and Bahrain share longstanding diplomatic and economic ties, supported by a large Indian community residing in the kingdom and strong cooperation across trade, investment, and consular



## Community Building



The Ateneo School of Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship (ALSE) Alumni Association marked a key milestone with its first alumni gathering and officers' election held at Crowne Plaza Bahrain on 15 May 2026. The event brought together members from Batches 133 and 145, reflecting the growing unity and engagement of the ALSE community in the Kingdom. With around 80 alumni in Bahrain, the gathering highlighted a shared commitment to leadership, collaboration, and professional growth. The evening was marked by strong camaraderie and a collective vision to build a more connected and supportive alumni network for future initiatives.