

## HM King awards UK Ambassador Order of Bahrain



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received Alastair Long, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

His Majesty the King expressed Bahrain's pride in its close strategic relations and longstanding historical part-

nership with the UK, built on many years of coordination and fruitful cooperation at all levels. His Majesty highlighted the mutual commitment to further developing these ties in a manner that serves the shared interests and objectives of both countries.

In recognition of Ambassador Long's efforts in strengthening and advancing relations between

the two countries, His Majesty awarded him the Order of Bahrain (First Class).

For his part, Ambassador Long expressed gratitude to His Majesty the King and his pride in receiving the decoration. He commended His Majesty's role in advancing the strong partnership and longstanding friendship between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Kingdom.

## Diabetes Summit Set for October

Experts to discuss prevention, treatment and healthy lifestyle strategies

The second Bahrain Diabetes and Obesity Conference (BDOC) will be held on October 1-2, 2026, under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The event, organised in cooperation with Education Plus, will bring together local, regional and international experts to explore the latest developments in diabetes and obesity management, prevention methods and healthcare strategies.

The Bahrain Diabetes Society and Education Plus signed



an agreement to organise the conference. The agreement was signed by Lieutenant-General Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health and Chairman of the Bahrain Diabetes Society, and Dr. Amin Abdullah, General Manager of

Education Plus. Dr. Shaikh Mohammed highlighted that the conference reflects Bahrain's efforts to address non-communicable diseases through research, awareness programmes and cooperation between health and academic institutions.

## Al Hajri Honors Winners of Fifth Quran Interpretation Competition



Shaikh Dr. Rashid bin Mohammed bin Futais Al Hajri, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Islamic Endowments Affairs, honoured the winners of the fifth Quran Interpretation Competition at a ceremony held in Manama.

The competition, open to citizens and residents across Bahrain of all age groups, male and

female, aims to encourage deeper reflection and understanding of the Holy Quran.

Dr. Al Hajri highlighted that organising the competition is part of ongoing efforts to strengthen awareness of Quranic meanings and rulings, while also encouraging religious academic research within society.

He noted that this fifth edi-

tion forms part of a broader academic programme dedicated to supporting Quranic study and interpretation.

During the ceremony, Dr. Al Hajri honoured the winners in recognition of their commitment and efforts in pursuing religious knowledge, wishing them continued success in their academic and spiritual journeys.

## A reaffirmation of loyalty and allegiance to Bahraini leadership by the Hajen Group of Companies

Hajen group, represented by the Managing Director Mr. Babar Nadeem, executive management, and employees, reaffirmed their loyalty and allegiance to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, expressing gratitude for the Kingdom's continued progress and prosperity under His Majesty's leadership.

Staff and management signed a Book of Loyalty and Allegiance as a symbol of their dedication to the Kingdom, its leadership, and its progress in development. The event reflected the values of loyalty, unity, and national responsibility,



while highlighting appreciation for the security, stability, and opportunities provided by Bahrain.

Moreover, the attendees extended their sincere prayers for His Majesty the King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and



for the Kingdom's lasting peace, prosperity, and progress.

## Young Innovators Showcase Sustainable Ideas

Young entrepreneurs in Bahrain concluded the 18th edition of the Young Entrepreneurs Competition, with students highlighting the transformative role of the "Company Program 2026" in shaping their innovation and business skills.

Participants said the initiative, delivered under Injaz Bahrain, played a key role in helping them turn creative ideas into practical ventures with measurable economic, social, and environmental benefits.

Speaking to the Bahrain News Agency (BNA) during the closing ceremony, winners described the program as an important learning platform that strengthened their leadership abilities and exposed them to real-world entrepreneurial challenges.

They added that the experience encouraged them to develop solutions targeting issues in sustainability, technology,

environmental protection, and community development, while also building confidence to pursue future startup opportunities that could contribute to Bahrain's growing innovation ecosystem.

In the school category, Rawan Hussein of the "Zaman" team said winning the Best Video Award strongly encouraged the team to continue improving their project.

Meanwhile, May Mahmoud, CEO of "Cellupla," said her team's Best Global Impact Award recognized their work in developing environmentally sustainable solutions.



## BIC appoints Ahmed Altajer as Director of Facilities

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East", has announced the appointment of Ahmed Sami Altajer as Director of Facilities.

Altajer brings more than 15 years of experience in infrastructure development, strategic planning, and project management.

Commenting on the occasion, Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa, Chief Executive of Bahrain International Circuit, said: "Ahmed Sami Altajer has extensive experience and a proven track record in overseeing major infrastructure and development projects. His expertise makes him a valuable addition to the BIC team, and we are confident that his experience and leadership skills will support the continued enhancement of our facilities and future development initiatives. His appointment reflects BIC's commitment to developing and empowering Bahraini talent, and we look forward to the contributions he will make



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as we continue to strengthen BIC's position as a leading international sporting and entertainment destination."

Altajer joins BIC from the Ministry of Works, where he served as Assistant Undersecretary for Roads and was responsible for a number of areas including policy development, strategic planning, and project oversight.

Prior to that, he spent four years at the Prime Minister's Office, as Director of Projects and later as Director of Operations, where he oversaw a number of government pro-

jects. Earlier in his career, he held several positions at the Ministry of Housing, contributing to the planning and delivery of major housing and infrastructure developments.

Altajer holds a Master's Degree in Construction Project Management from Heriot-Watt University in the UAE, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Bahrain. He is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) through the Project Management Institute and a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

## Honouring Military Excellence

The Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), Field Marshal His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, received Major General Pilot His Highness Shaikh Hamad bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Commander of the Royal Bahrain Air Force, and Major General Sheikh Salman bin Saqr Al Khalifa, Assistant Commander of the Royal Guard.

During the meeting, the BDF Commander-in-Chief praised the dedicated efforts and achievements of the personnel of the Royal Bahrain Air Force



and the Royal Guard.

He commended their contributions towards advancing the BDF's administrative and

combat capabilities, stressing the importance of continued development, progress, and excellence across the force.