

Major forum puts focus on oil projects in the Kingdom

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Abu Dhabi

Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Oil, participated in the 24th World Energy Conference, which was held in Abu Dhabi, under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates.

The participants 71 ministers and 500 chief executives, at the world's largest international gathering to meet the challenges and shape the future of the world's energy industry.

The minister expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for the invitation of Suhail Al Mazroui, Minister of Energy of

the United Arab Emirates, to participate in this meeting between senior figures in the relevant decision-making.

He highly appreciated the tireless efforts made by the teams on organising this important event, noting that the world oil markets are witnessing growth and positive development despite concerns due to geopolitical impacts and trade economic tensions.

Pointing out that OPEC is committed in its hard work to achieve the overall goals to balance the global market.

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implications of joint ventures between various specialised companies in this field.

He also discussed the future challenges and solutions that contribute to the growth of the economy and its positive development.

Minister of Energy in Saudi Arabia for his experience and skills in this aspect, which is one of the most important contributors to the development of the oil sector in Saudi Arabia.

He wished Prince Abdulaziz a continued success in his new job and achieving the future aspirations to serve the future of this important sector. As well as, the Minister of Oil congratulated Yasser Bin Osman Al Rumayan on his appointment as the Chairman of Saudi Aramco, one of the largest oil companies, wishing him a continued success.

The conference included 80 specialised technical sessions and more than 250 spokespersons from various international corporate leaders, with more than 15,000 participants from around the world.

It reviewed a number of important topics: new visions of energy for prosperity, the concept of unmet business, an opportunity for change and overall prosperity, leadership of innovation: the role of governments in the future of energy, the path to prosperity and other related topics.

An exhibition in the presence of a number of officials and specialists was attended by 300 companies from 150 countries from different countries of the world, where it reviewed many products and information related to energy and the latest in modern technologies in this important field.

The minister stressed the co-operation among the oil producing and consuming countries and other stakeholders, and encouraging innovation and investment in human resources to achieve a high level of efficiency, benefiting from existing regional companies that possess global expertise, and the establishment of joint ventures.

In a related context, the minister appreciated the vision of Saudi Arabia, that has been transforming its energy sector to benefit its economy.

The minister, extended his congratulations to HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, on the occasion of his appointment as the new

14 tenders awarded in August

Manama

Works Undersecretary at the Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry, Ahmed Abdulaziz Al Khayyat, said that the Tender Board had launched and awarded 14 tenders, worth BD 4,128,665, in August.

The tenders covered roads and sanitation projects, as well as those of construction and maintenance works, he added.

The Undersecretary pointed out that tenders for nine projects, worth BD 3,345,905, in the roads, sanitation, construction and maintenance fields had been awarded.

He also said that five tenders, with an estimated cost of BD 782,760, related mainly to the operation of the treated wastewater network and the maintenance of the residence of the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom at the United Nations in New York.

Mr Al Khayyat noted that a total of 54 purchase demands, costing BD 157,976, had been approved during the same month.

The Works Ministry had also received a number of rehabilitation applications from various sectors, five of which were approved and their licenses issued, four were rejected and three were canceled automatically, he indicated.

First private technical testing centre for vehicles opened

Manama

The General Directorate of Traffic and the National Motor Company have inaugurated the first technical examination centre for vehicles that would be operated by the private sector.

The step was part of plans to privatise this service, it is learnt.

The department would continue to carry the technical inspections for cars as usual.

The Director-General of Traffic, Brigadier Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Abdulwahab Al Khalifa highlighted plans to allocate such centres at different areas in the kingdom as part of the directives of Interior Minister to facilitate services for the public and ease the workloads on the directorate.

He revealed that the depart-



Brig Shaikh Abdulrahman at the opening ceremony.

ment inspects around 450,000 vehicles annually.

He said more centres would be opened after fulfilling the criteria would have traffic offices to handle disputes and supervise operations to ensure that only cars meeting the safety conditions are cleared to promote the safety of road

users.

Meanwhile, the Director of Licensing Affairs, Lt-Col Abdulrahman Al Muawda said technical examiners that would work for the private sector were enrolled in a 15-day training course to enable them to gain the required skills to carry their tasks.

Bahrain-based author launches latest novel

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Bahrain-based, award-nominated author M G Darwish has launched his latest English novel titled "Fortier: The Long Night".

This is his third major novel to be published and made available in print and ebook formats through all major online retailers.

"This has been quite a journey. Being based in Bahrain fills me with pride and joy to effectively challenge the literary world and have my books be lined up and read by fans of great novels by great authors whom I admire," Mr Darwish said.

Mr Darwish is an award nominated author who writes dark, twisted and action-packed fiction.

He started his journey back in 2015 with his debut novel 'Dragon Tooth', and followed it up with 'Titanlord' in May



Mr Darwish



The cover of 'Fortier: The Long Night'.

of 2018.

"This is an entirely separate series and I know that the market is saturated with vampire and paranormal stories, but what I aimed to do through this, is reflect real vampire mythology that originated in Eastern Europe but mix it up with a few newer mythologies around the world.

"The story takes place in modern Texas, but has roots throughout history as Alfred, the main character reminisces about his past during the Fall of Carthage - an event that has dire consequences on the story.

"I wrote this because quite honestly, I was tired of the way vampires evolved in literature from deadly creatures on the night that offer terror to a less than scary portrayal of them in modern and recent works. One should never be excited to meet the supernatural."

Commerce Day marked



The Indian School Departments of Commerce and Humanities celebrated its Commerce Day 'NISHKA-2019' at its Isa Town Campus. Principal V R Palaniswamy declared NISHKA-2019 open by lighting the traditional lamp. The inaugural address was delivered by Vice-Principal (Senior Section) Anand Nair. Display Board Competition was conducted on the topic 'Waste Management and Society: Challenges and Possibilities' for Class 11 and 'Marketing Strategies from Past to Present' for Class 12. It provided a unique opportunity to students for team work, creative thinking and to develop artistic skills. 'Fashionista', another fantastic competitive event, exhibited students' creative skills by using traditional and modern apparels. Its objectives were to connect with the new generation, who are fashion conscious and to introduce the students to ethical fashion concepts. A quiz competition was conducted to test the subject and general knowledge of the participants.