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Washington

The Supreme Council of Women (SCW) participated in the IMF and World Bank annual meetings along with the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, the Central Bank of Bahrain, and representatives Bahrain-based banking and financial institutions, and private establishments.

The SCW participated in the discussion session entitled "The

Economic strides of Bahraini women stressed at key forum

Bahraini women's economic achievements reviewed at IMF/World Bank forum

economic contributions of women in the Gulf Cooperation Council "GCC" Countries."

The SCW delegation included Rania Ahmed Al Jurf, the Director of Gender Balance Centre and Amina Ahmed Al Haddad, the Head of Legislative and Civic Society Department.

They reviewed the experiences of Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in this respect.

The SCW paper reviewed the foundation, powers and authority of the Supreme Council of Women correlation with all the official departments regarding the affairs and the advancement of women, directly affiliated under the patronage of His Majesty King



The Bahraini delegation led by Shaikh Salman at the meeting.

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and presided by wife of His Majesty and President of the Supreme

Council of Women Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa.

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and its pivots and mechanisms of implementation at the national level and its system of evaluation and development.

The paper also included the National Model for Inclusion of Women in Development as an integrated governance system for enforcement of the equal opportunities attaining the aspired gender balanced in sharing their national responsibilities equally with men in the nation's progress.

The paper also reviewed the national initiatives, programmes and projects to support women economically including the achievements of Bahraini women and their share in the diverse sectors and specialisations.



Shura Council Chairman Ali Al Saleh received Saleh Hussein and Obaidly Al Obaidly who outlined ongoing efforts to issue a special publication marking the 80th anniversary of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He stressed the importance of documenting the BCCI-longstanding role in building the national economy and serving society. He said that the publication would outline the achievements and the chamber as well as efforts to development commerce and industry. Saleh Hussein and Obaidly Al Obaidly thanked the Shura Council chairman for supporting the effort, building on his experience as former BCCI board member and Minister of Commerce and Industry.



Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Dheyab bin Saqr Al-Nuaimi yesterday took part in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Chief of Staffs' Security and Defence Conference, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The focus was put on key issues aimed to consolidate future defence policies and strengthening military cooperation between brotherly and friendly countries through a comprehensive and unified strategy. The meeting discussed issues and projects of common concern.

Foreign Ministry's vital support to NIHR lauded

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The Assistant Foreign Minister, Abdulla Al Doseri stressed the importance of the role played by the national human rights institutions in promoting and protecting human rights and effectively contributing in providing human rights related consultations and the development of legislation and policies related to all civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, as well as work to raise awareness and knowledge about them, in addition to receiving complaints and visiting reform and rehabilitation centers.

This came during the Assistant Foreign Minister's meeting with the Chairperson of the National Institution for Human Rights, Ms Maria Khoury and other members of the institution at the Institution's headquarters

in Seef Area.

During the meeting, the Assistant Foreign Minister expressed his pleasure to have met with Mrs. Maria Khoury, noting the tireless efforts, plans and advanced programs implemented by the NIHR to promote and preserve human rights principles in order to ensure the consolidation of their values and awareness at all levels, in addition to studying the human rights phenomena and complaints and following up with the relevant authorities. He also affirmed the keenness of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to enhance cooperation and joint coordination and its support to further enhance human rights principles protection as well as the protection of public freedoms in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The National Institute for Human Rights was established in line with the Paris Principles

- endorsed by the General Assembly of the United Nations in its Resolution No. (48/134) for the year 1993 - which form the legal reference in the establishment of the Institution, as a set of internationally recognized principles concerning the formation of national institutions for human rights, the powers entrusted to them and the procedures governing their work.

For her part, Ms Maria Khoury expressed her appreciation for the distinguished role played by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in supporting and following up the human rights dossier and its support to NIHR to further develop and promote human rights and the rule of law in various fields.

The meeting was followed by a visit to a number of departments of NIHR and a discussion of a number of topics and issues of common interest.

Communication challenges in digital age discussed

Riyadh

The KSA Middle East Public Relations Association (MEPRA) Leadership Majlis explored how communications professionals can remain relevant in a time of change for the industry.

MEPRA included speakers from the UK government, the Red Sea Development Co., the Center for

Government Communication, Arab News, Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia) and Page.

The conference, held yesterday at the Hyatt Regency, brought together senior communications professionals to address the industry's biggest challenges, trends and opportunities.

The 2019 KSA MEPRA Leadership Majlis covered the theme

"Impact and Influence" through presentations and panel discussions on the Saudi brand and changing perceptions of the country. Faisal Al Zahrani, executive board member of the International Public Relations Association, discussed some of the challenges and changes in the communications field that Saudi Arabia is experiencing.




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