

Edict on labour safety, health



HRH Prince Salman
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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday issued Edict No. (5) of 2026 amending certain provisions of Edict No. (2) of 2015 concerning the Occupational Safety and Health Council, following a proposal submitted by the Minister of Labour.

The edict replaces Articles (2) and (3) of the 2015 legislation and sets out a revised structure for the council.

Under the amendments, the council will be chaired by the Minister of Labour, with the Assistant Undersecretary for Labour Relations at the Ministry of Labour serving as vice-chairman.

Council membership will include senior representatives from the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Oil and Environment, the Ministry of Health, the Civil Service Bureau, and the General Organisation for Social Insurance, in addition to representatives from occupational health and safety bodies and trade union federations.

Two additional members, Abdulwahab Yousif Al Hawaj and Samra Abdulrahim Al Qassir, were also appointed.

Change on marine survey work area

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The Coast Guard Command at the Ministry of Interior announced a change to the work area of the 3D marine survey project being carried out by Bapco Energies within Bahrain's territorial waters, effective from yesterday until Sunday, February 15.

The Coast Guard called on all sea users, vessel masters and boat operators to follow the instructions.

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Bahrain reaffirms support for peace

HH Shaikh Isa takes part in Board of Peace charter signing at World Economic Forum

Trump efforts praised

Davos

Bahrain continues to support international initiatives that promote peace, strengthen sustainable development, and help build a prosperous future for all.

This was emphasised by His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, as he participated in the signing ceremony of the Board of Peace charter, held at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

HH Shaikh Isa is leading the Kingdom's high-level delegation at the event on behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Cooperation

He affirmed that under the leadership of HM the King and in line with the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Bahrain is committed to co-operating with the international community to achieve regional and global peace, stability and progress.

Ratification

The Charter was signed by the US President Donald J. Trump, and His Excellency Nasser Bourita, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates of the Kingdom of Morocco, formally



HH Shaikh Isa with participants in the signing of the Board of Peace charter

“Bahrain appreciates President Trump's efforts to maintain peace regionally and globally, and the Kingdom hopes the Board of Peace will foster cooperation, support stability, and advance development.”

- HH SHAIKH ISA BIN SALMAN AL KHALIFA, MINISTER OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S COURT

ratifying the Board of Peace as an international organisation.

Following the signing, representatives of several other countries proceeded to sign the Charter.



His Highness shakes hands with US President Trump

Efforts

HH Shaikh Isa highlighted Bahrain's appreciation for President Trump's efforts to maintain peace regionally and globally, noting the Kingdom's hopes for

the Board of Peace to foster co-operation, support stability and advance development.

His Highness noted Bahrain's commitment to advancing the full implementation of the

peace plan proposed by President Trump regarding the Gaza Strip, which comprises 20 points and underscores the importance of safeguarding the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

Role

He commended the role played by the US, alongside its allies, in strengthening security, stability, and peace in the region and the world, thereby supporting development across various sectors.

HH the Minister of the Prime Minister's Court also affirmed the importance of continuing to strengthen the historic bilateral and strategic relationship between Bahrain and the US, noting that the continued growth of this partnership is to the benefit of both nations and their people.

Over-50 government employees

Annual leave extension for senior staff set for debate

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A plan to give government staff aged 50 and above shorter days and longer annual leave will be debated by the Shura Council on Sunday, after its Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee recommended refusing the draft changes in principle.

The draft law, based on a proposal from Parliament, would amend the Civil Service Law issued under Decree-Law No.

48 of 2010.

It would cut daily working hours in steps linked to age and add extra annual leave.

Proposal

Under the proposal, employees who have reached 50 would work one hour less a day and receive 35 working days of annual leave a year.

For those aged 55, the working day would be cut by two hours and annual leave would rise to 40 working days.

For those aged 60, the daily



Dalal Al Zayed, Head of Shura Council's Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee

cut would be three hours, with annual leave rising to 45 working days.

The committee said the changes do not sit with the way Bahrain's civil service rules are built, and raised concerns about equal treatment between employees, the day-to-day running of public services, and the cost to the state.

Report

In its report, the committee pointed to constitutional language that treats public employ-

ment as a national service, with duties linked to timekeeping, accuracy and trust.

It also cited the Civil Service Law's approach of setting the main rules in the law, while leaving attendance times, leaving times and leave detail to the executive rules and the decisions and instructions that follow them.

A key objection is that the draft law would split employees by age even where they hold the same grade and do the same job.