

**Strengthening 'one family' spirit**



The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday visited the majlises of the Kanoo (left), Al Jishi and Al Khuzai families (right), the majlis of HE Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of the Shura Council, and the majlis of the late Yousuf Khalil Almoayyed. HRH Prince Salman exchanged Ramadan greetings with the hosts and attendees of the majlises, underscoring that the holy month of Ramadan represents a valuable opportunity to further strengthen the principles of unity, solidarity, and social cohesion. For their part, the heads of the majlises expressed their sincere gratitude for His Royal Highness' continued commitment to engaging with Bahraini society and conveyed their wishes for the Kingdom's ongoing progress and prosperity. His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, along with several senior officials, also attended.

# Spirit of giving

Charities, community groups unite to provide food aid during Ramadan

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This Ramadan, Bahrain is embracing the spirit of giving, as charities and community groups rally to provide food and support for families across the kingdom.

Just before Maghrib, young volunteers take to streets and intersections, handing out Iftar meals - dates, water, juices, and



Volunteers hand out Iftar meals to drivers and pedestrians before Maghrib

snacks, ensuring no one away from home goes without a meal and spreading warmth throughout the community.

Leading the efforts, A Box of Goodness has launched its annual Ramadan Food Drive, collecting essential non-perishable items for Iftar and Suhoor.

Donors are encouraged to contribute staples such as rice, dates, flour, dhal, green gram, chickpeas, oil and hareesh.

# 'Iftar on the road'

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As the sun begins to set and the final minutes before Maghrib quietly approach, a different scene unfolds across Bahrain's streets.

At busy traffic lights and crowded junctions, volunteers move swiftly between cars, offering small boxes and water bottles to drivers waiting for the call to prayer.

The initiative, widely known as "Iftar on the Road", has become one of the Kingdom's most touching Ramadan traditions.

Its purpose is simple yet powerful: to ensure that no

fasting person breaks their fast alone or without food, even if they are stuck in traffic or far from home.

**Unity**

Volunteer teams, charitable societies, government entities, universities and even individual families take part.

In many cases, coordinated campaigns are organised by community groups, banks or private companies, distributing hundreds and sometimes thousands of ready-to-eat meals shortly before sunset. Locations are carefully selected, often near major intersections or congestion points where commuters are likely to be waiting.



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