

Tradition Meets Leadership

Ministers meet families in Askar, Jau

● Bahrainouna moves to majlises

● Families echo royal values

● Identity and customs upheld

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Bahrain's top leadership took the Bahrainouna national plan directly to the homes of citizens, with visits to majlises in Askar and Jau by His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior and Chairman of the Follow-Up Committee for the plan.

The outreach, accompanied by His Highness Shaikh Khal-



H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa with senior officials

ifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Southern Governor, brought personal messages from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Civic spirit

H.E. Shaikh Rashid praised the families of Al Kaabi and Al

Buainain in Askar and the Al Rumaihi and Al Fudhala families in Jau for their civic responsibility and commitment to Bahraini traditions, saying their role in preserving national identity was vital.

The families shared their pride in upholding inherited customs and thanked the leadership for encouraging moral values, unity, and public service.

Community dialogue

The discussions also reflected appreciation for the leadership's continued engagement. Residents noted His Majesty's frequent public meetings and HRH the Crown Prince's responsiveness to local concerns through essential services and development.

H.E. Shaikh Rashid was lauded for listening to community feedback and maintaining security, while HH Shaikh Khalifa was praised for enhancing local partnerships.

Traditions and trust

Officials said the majlis visits are part of Bahrainouna's broader mission to strengthen social bonds through direct dialogue. The plan, introduced in 2019, continues to prioritise initiatives that reinforce shared values and a sense of national unity in every district of the Kingdom.

Autism Camp Builds Belonging

● Inclusion tied to patriotism

● Autism programme enters 7th year

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H.E. Ali Abdulhussain Al Asfoor

A children's summer programme supporting those on the autism spectrum is now entering its seventh year with a powerful new theme tying care to civic identity.

Titled 'Our Nation and Our King Unite Us,' the initiative was launched by His Excellency Ali Abdulhussain Al Asfoor, Northern Governor, with backing from the Ministry of Social Development and the Bahrain Autistic Society.

Values in action

H.E. Al Asfoor praised the collaboration's role in delivering not only developmental support but also a message of belonging for children often excluded from mainstream narratives. He extended appreciation to H.E. Osama bin Ahmed Khalaf Al Asfoor, Minister of Social Development, for providing the institutional foundation that has allowed the programme to grow.


The initiative combines educational, recreational, and therapeutic modules, helping enhance adaptive behaviour, reduce repetitive actions, and strengthen communication skills.

Families lead change

Parents have also been central to the programme's success. Their active participation, said the Governor, multiplies the programme's effectiveness and roots it in real community engagement.


This year's theme reflects a broader national approach that integrates identity and inclusion, ensuring that all children feel part of Bahrain's social fabric.

The Bahrain Autistic Society continues to play a vital role in advancing this model, ensuring that inclusive development is not just promised but practised.




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