

# Shura Chief Salutes Egypt

- Egypt's 1952 revolution honoured
- Bahrain reaffirms strong ties
- Shura messages sent to Egypt

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H.E. Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh

His Excellency Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of the Shura Council, has extended Bahrain's heartfelt congratulations to Egypt on the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of the July 23 Revolution, calling it a symbol of determination and renewal in the Arab world.

In messages addressed to Egyptian President H.E. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, Speaker of the House of Representatives H.E. Hanafy Ali El-Gebaly, and President of the Senate H.E. Abdel Wahab Abdel Razeq, H.E. Al Saleh conveyed Bahrain's pride in Egypt's enduring strength and national development.

**Strong regional bond**

H.E. Al Saleh described the 1952 revolution as a historic moment that shaped Egypt's

modern identity and inspired progress across the region. H.E. underscored Bahrain's appreciation for Egypt's leading role in supporting Arab causes and fostering regional stability.

H.E. added that Bahrain and Egypt continue to enjoy deep-rooted fraternal relations built on mutual respect, solidarity, and cooperation.

The Chairman also reaffirmed the strength of bilateral parliamentary ties, saying that continued dialogue and coordination between the legislative institutions of both countries help promote shared values and strategic interests.

In his closing remarks, H.E. wished Egypt further prosperity, stability, and success under the leadership of President El-Sisi.

# Food fraud fallout

Two distribution companies fined and closed, 23 jailed in expiry date scandal

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Two food distribution companies have been fined and ordered to close, with prison sentences handed to their owners and staff, following one of Bahrain's largest commercial fraud trials involving falsified expiry dates.

The Sixth Minor Criminal Court sentenced the owner of the first company to three years in prison and fined him BD100,000.

The second was fined BD101,000.

A senior employee received a three-year term, while 19 workers were each sentenced to two years.

All foreign defendants are to be deported upon completing their sentences.

**Suspension**

Both companies were fined BD10,000 and ordered to suspend operations for six months.

The court also ordered the destruction of expired and adulterated food products, along with the equipment, chemicals and materials used to alter the dates.

The case revolved around large quantities of expired



goods being reintroduced into the market with forged shelf-life labels.

Original dates were either removed or concealed beneath newly printed ones to give the appearance that the products remained safe to consume.

**Complaint**

The matter came to light when a worker filed a complaint at Khamis Police Station (A) in the Northern Governorate.

Having recently arrived in Bahrain and taken a job at one of the company's warehouses, he reported that he was instructed to repackage expired food with forged expiry dates.

He refused to participate, recorded video evidence of the practice, and submitted a formal

report.

Following the complaint, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce ordered the immediate closure of the warehouse and its affiliated shops. Prosecutors visited the premises the same day.

**On-site inspection**

A team from the Public Prosecution conducted an on-site inspection, questioned 29 individuals comprising owners, supervisors and workers, and ordered their detention pending investigation.

The warehouse and all outlets belonging to the company were placed under judicial custody.

Inspectors from the ministry carried out a full inventory. They seized over 14,000 ex-

pired food items, along with various chemical substances used to erase original markings.

**Counterfeit dates**

Additional products originating from the same company and bearing counterfeit dates were discovered on sale in local markets.

A forensic specialist from the Criminal Evidence Directorate examined samples and confirmed the expiry dates had been falsified through removal and relabelling.

Eyewitness statements and police investigations supported the findings.

**Judgements**

Once the investigation concluded and evidence was secured, the Public Prosecution referred the matter to court. Judgements were issued shortly thereafter.

Counsellor Wael Rashid Bualay, Assistant Attorney General, called on all food sector operators to comply fully with Bahrain's legal and regulatory requirements.

He stated that any endangerment of public health constitutes a criminal offence and will be dealt with through strict legal measures.

# Shura Office Champions Wellbeing

- Shura boosts work culture
- AI supports internal services
- Bahrain model gains visibility

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Representatives from government bodies and other national institutions at the event

The General Secretariat of Bahrain's Shura Council has emerged as a model for modern governance practices, spotlighting its internal success in promoting quality of life at work and embracing AI-led services.

The council's internal operations, often away from the public eye, are now being held up as best-practice examples within government performance evaluation circles. Its practices were recently reviewed in a benchmarking session organised by

Bahrain's Government Performance Excellence team, with a focus on both employee wellbeing and digital transformation.

**Human-centred culture**

From prioritising mental health to supporting a balanced

work environment, the council's human resources policies were highlighted as exemplary. Officials noted how the Shura Secretariat builds a workplace culture that supports creativity, loyalty and personal development, especially by investing in

motivation and engagement.

Programmes focusing on employee happiness, team cohesion and knowledge transfer were also presented as part of its wider institutional development goals.

**AI-driven transformation**

The Secretariat's digital initiatives, particularly its integration of artificial intelligence, were also showcased. These included smart tools to streamline internal workflows, digitise knowledge resources and optimise support services for council operations.

Representatives from other government bodies were briefed on how the Secretariat uses technology to enhance administrative agility, improve access to

data and promote efficiency, all aligned with Bahrain's national performance frameworks.

**Sharing success**

The session drew participation from the Government Communication Centre and other national institutions committed to public sector excellence. It was described as an opportunity to exchange ideas, foster innovation and spread effective strategies across Bahrain's governance ecosystem.

By placing both people and technology at the heart of its operations, the Shura Council Secretariat is positioning itself as a quiet leader in building a resilient and responsive institutional culture.

# H.H. Shaikh Ali Joins Camp

Summer learning meets leadership

- H.H. Shaikh Ali visits academy
- Students join him in activities

● Youth praised for discipline

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His Highness Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Advisor to HRH the Prime Minister, Deputy Chairman and Secretary-General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation, reinforced Bahrain's youth development vision through a direct visit to the Youth Academy yesterday, where he engaged with students during their summer programme and participated in their leadership activities.

The visit reflected a personal commitment to encouraging the next generation and underscored the importance of youth engagement in shaping



H.E. Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa with students

Bahrain's future. H.H. Shaikh Ali toured the facilities, met organisers, and joined students in several leadership-building sessions.

**Building youth capacity**

H.H. Shaikh Ali praised the

efforts of the academy in fostering national values, teamwork, and initiative among the youth. He highlighted the importance of such programmes in cultivating responsible citizenship and preparing young Bahrainis for active roles in society.

The students welcomed H.H. Shaikh Ali with enthusiasm and demonstrated the skills they have been developing, including communication, collaboration, and critical thinking.

The academy's activities are aligned with the national strat-

egy to empower youth and support sustainable development goals, helping to build an informed, proactive generation. H.H. Shaikh Ali acknowledged the dedication of the instructors and the broader team in creating a nurturing environment.