

# Finance Minister praises HM King royal initiatives

Stimulus financial and economic package key to cushion impact of pandemic and sustain progress

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Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa commended the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to launch a stimulus financial and economic package to handle the repercussions of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and maintain the sustainable development efforts.



Shaikh Salman

He also lauded the Cabinet's decision, under the presidency of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to re-open the door for application to the Liquidity Fund while focusing on small and medium companies.

Shaikh Salman said the decision to re-open the door for applications to the Liquidity Fund is an assertion of the leadership's keenness to continue harnessing all capabilities to

mitigate the repercussions of the coronavirus pandemic on various vital sectors in the Kingdom.

He noted the importance of the move in stimulating the entrepreneurship environment, promoting economic growth and boosting prosperity.

The Finance Minister underlined the need to continue building on the achievements brought about thanks to the national efforts led by HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Shaikh Salman was speaking during a virtual meeting yesterday with Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani, Tamkeen Board Chairman Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Chairman Samir Abdullah Nass, National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) Board Chairman Farooq Al Moayed, Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK) Board Chairman Murad Ali Murad, Bahrain Islamic Bank (BIB) Board Chairman Dr Essam Abdullah Fakhro, Bahrain Development Bank (BDB) Board Chairman Khalid Amru and Chief Executives of the national banks.

The Finance Minister expressed thanks and respect to all parties for their support and one-team spirit to attain the desired goals.

Discussions focused on procedures related to carrying out the decision of the Cabinet.

# HM King ratifies and issues laws

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday ratified and issued Law 14/2021 on endorsing the Kingdom's accession to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, adopted on October 10, 2013.

Article (2) of Law 14 of 2021 stipulates that according to paragraph (5) of Article (30) of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the Kingdom of Bahrain declares that "any amendment to an annex shall enter into force only upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect thereto."

His Majesty King Hamad also ratified and issued Law 13/2021 on endorsing the Kingdom's accession to the Convention on Registration of



HM the King

Objects Launched into Outer Space, adopted by the UN General Assembly on November 12, 1974.

The Prime Minister and ministers, each in their capacity, shall implement the provisions of the laws, which take effect upon their publication in the Official Gazette.

# HRH Princess Sabeeka hails HH Shaikha Fatima



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Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and Supreme Council for Women (SCW) President, sent a cable of congratulations to Her Highness Shaikha Fatima bint Mubarak, Chairwoman of the General Women's Union, President of the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood, and Supreme Chairwoman of the Family Development Foundation, on the inauguration of the "Shaikha Fatima bint Mubarak Centre for Women, Peace and Security" in the UAE.

In the cable, HRH Princess Sabeeka hailed the move which comes as part of the pioneering initiatives of HH Shaikha Fatima to empower women and enable them the nation, become an essential factor for the stability of societies and contribute to regional and global security and peace.

She praised HH Shaikha Fatima's drive to serve women-related issues in order to top the national and international development agenda, wishing the new pioneering initiative success.

She reiterated Bahrain's support to all sincere efforts aimed at supporting women to participate in peace operations and contribute to development conducive to more progress and prosperity.

# Parliament Minister receives Japanese Ambassador and outgoing Sudanese envoy



Parliament Affairs Minister Ghanem bin Fadhul Al Buainain received newly appointed Japanese Ambassador to Bahrain Miyamoto Masayuki. Al Buainain praised the advanced level of the solid relations between Bahrain and Japan, wishing the Ambassador success in carrying out his diplomatic duties and success in enhancing cooperation between the governments and peoples of the two friendly countries. Masayuki affirmed his country's keenness to achieve the highest levels of cooperation, praising the efforts of the Kingdom, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, in promoting and developing this cooperation. Al Buainain also received the outgoing Sudan Ambassador to Bahrain Ibrahim Mohamed Al Hassan. The Minister praised the efforts made by the Ambassador to enhance relations between the two countries, wishing him success in his future duties.

# Tamkeen hails leadership call for private sector active participation

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Tamkeen Board of Directors Chairman Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa lauded His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's sound directives and the constant follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Shaikh Mohammed also praised HRH's Prince Salman's leadership of the national efforts to mitigate the repercussions of the pandemic, and encouragement of enterprises to continue playing their role in developing the national economy and achieving more growth.

Tamkeen's Chief Executive Officer, Hussain Mohammed Rajab, commended the tremendous efforts exerted by Team Bahrain to combat the pandemic.

He highlighted the important role played by various private



Shaikh Mohammed also praised HRH's Prince Salman's leadership efforts to mitigate the repercussions of the pandemic.

sector institutions to continue carrying out their businesses using creative and sustainable ways in dealing with the market's changes and challenges.

Rajab cited the private sector institutions' success in turning challenges into real opportunities that have yielded positive results, contributing to the continuity of their business during

the current circumstances. Tamkeen's Business Continuity Support Programme was first launched in March 2020, based on HM the King's directives to support the private sector through an economic and financial stimulus package to help adversely affected sectors.

The scheme covers part of the operating expenses of enterprises in sectors that are unauthorised to carry out their commercial activities due to the precautionary measures taken to limit the spread of the COVID-19.

The programme is part of the initiatives launched by the government to support individuals and businesses during the period.

During the previous four stages of the Business Continuity Support Programme, Tamkeen has supported more than 16,000 enterprises with an overall budget exceeding BD56 million.


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