

HM King ratifies Bahrain-Oman deal to eliminate double taxation

● His Majesty approves Korea investment protection agreement

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa ratified and

issued Law (28) of 2025, approving the agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Government of the Sultanate of Oman on the elimination of double taxation and the prevention of tax evasion and avoidance concerning income taxes, following approval by the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives.

Bahrain and Korea reached a deal for the promotion of investments, following an approval by the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives.



HM the King

The agreement, signed in Muscat on January 15, 2025, is attached to the law.

HM the King also ratified and issued Law (29) of 2025, approving the Agreement between the Government of Bahrain and the Government of the Republic of Korea for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, following an approval by the Shura

Council and the Council of Representatives.

The agreement, signed in Manama on December 26, 2024, is attached to this law.

The Prime Minister and ministers, each within their capacity, shall implement the provisions of these laws, which shall come into effect the day following their publication in the Official Gazette.

Sixteen illegal workers detained, 113 deported



● 1,916 LMRA inspections

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Sixteen violating and irregular workers were detained, and 113 individuals were deported as the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted 1,916 inspection campaigns and visits across various locations from 15 to 21 June.

The inspection campaigns and visits also resulted in monitoring a number of violations related to the provisions of a number of regulating laws, especially the Labour Market Regulatory Authority and the Residency Laws in the Kingdom of Bahrain, noting that legal measures were taken regarding the observed violations.

The authority pointed out that 1,901 inspection visits were carried out on various shops in all governorates, in addition to 15 joint inspection campaigns, that included six campaigns in the Capital Governorate, four campaigns in Muharraq Governorate, three campaigns in the Northern Governorate, and two campaigns in the Southern Governorate.

The government entities that participated in the campaigns are the Ministry of Interior, represented by the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA), the Governorate's respective Police Directorate, the Social Insurance Organisation, the Electricity and Water Authority, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, the Ministry of Health, and the Supreme Council for Environment.

Joint coordination

The Authority affirmed the continuation of joint coordination with government agencies to intensify inspection campaigns in all governorates of the Kingdom, and to address any violations or practices that negatively affect the stability and competitiveness of the labour market or harm economic and social security of the Kingdom.

The LMRA renewed its call on all members of the society to support the efforts of government agencies in addressing illegal labour practices, by reporting violations via the electronic form on the authority's website www.lmra.gov.bh or by calling the authority's call centre on 17506055 or via the government's Suggestions and Complaints System (Tawasul).

● Six-sector deals signed

● Ministers push collaboration

● Forum boosts Bahrain's profile

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Bahrain's delegation at the 28th St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) concluded a milestone engagement on Sunday, where six memoranda of understanding were signed across key economic sectors, amplifying the Kingdom's strategic push into Russia's evolving economic landscape.

Led by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, the high-level team's participation featured a high-profile panel alongside Russian President Vladimir Putin, Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto, China's Vice Premier Ding Xuexiang, and South Africa's Deputy President Paul Mashatile.

Strategic spotlight

The Kingdom's presence as a Guest Country spotlighted Bahrain's growing role in regional diplomacy and economic diplomacy.

The six MOUs spanned areas including customs, energy, media, tourism, and trade, with



HH Shaikh Nasser leads the Kingdom's participation in the event



HH Shaikh Nasser shares stage with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto, and South African Deputy President Paul Mashatile

key agreements signed by ministries and institutions such as the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), Bahrain News Agency, and Export Bahrain.

The most prominent agreements included a customs co-operation deal with Russia's government, a tourism and incentive travel pact with Russia's Aeroclub Group, a fuel and energy sector technology agreement between ministries, and a media partnership between BNA and RIA Novosti.

During his panel appearance, HH Shaikh Nasser underlined

Bahrain's future-driven economic model and called for global partnerships rooted in sustainability and opportunity.

Ministerial message

H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, highlighted Bahrain's SME ecosystem and its integration with global investment goals during the 'Russia-Bahrain Business Dialogue'.

Meanwhile, H.E. Mohamed bin Mubarak bin Dainah, Minister of Oil and Environment, joined a forum on balancing producer-consumer energy interests, reinforcing Bahrain's

Russia Pivot

MOUs with Russia open new fronts for economic expansion



SPIEF, often dubbed 'Russia's Davos', was launched in 1997 and became an international economic forum in 2006, drawing business leaders from more than 100 countries.

stance on clean and reliable energy.

On the sidelines, BTEA CEO Sara Buhijji participated in discussions on tourism, human capital, and hospitality education, while H.E. Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), addressed a panel on preserving cultural identity.

New horizons

Officials described the visit as a launchpad for deeper economic and people-to-people ties, with Team Bahrain positioning the Kingdom as a natural gateway for Russian investments targeting Gulf and Middle Eastern markets.

The SPIEF platform served not just as a showcase but as a catalyst for tangible action, aligning Bahrain's diversification blueprint with global momentum for eastward-facing trade alliances.

Cabinet reviews moves to repatriate stranded citizens

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The Cabinet followed up on the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the orders of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, regarding the repatriation of Bahraini citizens stranded in countries affected by current international developments.

Chaired by His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Deputy Prime Minister, the Cabinet convened its weekly meeting yesterday at Gudaibiya Palace.

During the session, the Cab-

inet praised the resilience and unity of Bahraini citizens, expressing pride in their awareness and sense of national responsibility, which continue to drive the Kingdom's progress under all circumstances.

It affirmed Bahrain's continued vigilance in monitoring regional developments and reiterated the need to intensify regional and international efforts to de-escalate tensions and halt military operations.

The Cabinet also called for the continuation of US-Iran nuclear negotiations through diplomatic channels that support peace and stability in the region.

The meeting reviewed prepa-



H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa

rations by the Ministry of Interior and relevant authorities to ensure the smooth and secure organisation of events during Ashura.

Emphasis was placed on meeting the needs of local communities and ensuring public safety during this period.

The Cabinet reviewed a report presented by His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior and Chairman of the Civil Defence Council, on national preparedness and inter-agency coordination to address civil emergencies in light of ongoing regional challenges.

The Cabinet commended the proactive role of the Ministry of Interior and relevant security and civil entities in safeguarding public safety and national stability.

Two men on trial over gold bar theft

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Two Asian men are to stand trial after allegedly stealing a 100-gram gold bar from a jewellery shop in central Manama.

The Capital Governorate Prosecution has completed its investigation and ordered that both suspects remain in custody while the case proceeds.

The case began with a report filed by the Criminal Investigation Directorate, following a complaint from the manager of a jewellery firm.

A gold bar had gone missing from one of the company's shops, believed to have been



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Investigators identified the suspects, arrested them, and recovered the stolen bar in their possession.

The prosecution questioned both men, who admitted to the charge. They were remanded in custody as inquiries continued.