



Salman bin Issa bin Hindi Al-Mannai, the Muharraq Governor, in his office with Abdullah Al-Khan, a researcher and photographer who presented Al Mannai with his book on Bahrain's sweets industry, "Halwa Bahrain".

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Bahrain Radio and Television yesterday joined Egypt in its celebration of National days, which the Information Ministry said: “reflects the real role media should play towards brotherly countries.”

Congratulating Egypt and its people on the 69th anniversary of the glorious July 23 revolution, Ali bin Mohammed Al-Rumaihi said, “the media reflects the nature of the countries and those in charge.”

The minister pointed out that Bahrain always had clear stances for supporting brotherly and neighbouring countries.

The policy distances itself from “the culture of interference in other states’ domestic affairs, media chaos or anything



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important role the media plays in building and supporting the brother, neighbour and friend, and highlighting everything that supports relations and rapprochement among peoples,” the minister said. Bahrain and

Egypt, he said, boast rich civilisations, a long history, and have always sought love and people for all. Bahrain Radio and Television aired special direct shows, breaks and patriotic songs to celebrate the occasion.

## Bicycle, eBike lanes on way

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● Plans creating a transportation network that includes all regions of the Kingdom

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Plans are on the anvil to instal protected bike lanes along the streets of the Kingdom, creating an environment potentially safe for bicycle and e-bike riders.

The move surfaced as Sheikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Undersecretary for Municipal Affairs and Sami Abdulla Ahmed Buhaza, the Undersecretary for Land Transportation and Post, held a meeting on developing and managing bicycle tracks in the Kingdom.

The project, officials said, re-



flects the increasing demand for paths and lanes for bicycles and electric bikes in Bahrain.

“We are developing a joint mechanism to developing and managing such paths on land owned by the Ministry of work, which will be entrusted to the Ministry of Transportation to ensure its optimal usage,” said Buhaza. He added, “The land transport sector has licenced some companies operating a bicycle and electric bike rental service to provide advanced and new services and creating an integrated transportation network that includes all regions of the Kingdom.”

The meeting agreed to form a technical committee to activate means of cooperation and coordination to implement the project, study proposals and procedures and involve other government agencies.

A cycle track is a physically marked and separated lane dedicated for cycling. It is on or directly adjacent to the roadways but typically excludes all motorized traffic with some form of barrier.



Sami Abdulla Ahmed Buhaza



Sheikh Mohammed

## Saudi Fund for Development invested BD245 million in road sector: Official

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Saudi Arabia has invested around 245 million Bahraini dinars in the road sector of Bahrain, said a top Works Ministry official.

Ahmed Abdulaziz Al-Khayat revealed this during a meeting with officials of the Saudi Fund for Economic Development.

The Undersecretary for Works Affairs said the meeting was for reviewing the progress of the projects backed by the Saudi Fund.

Bandar bin Abdullah Al-Obaid, the Director-General of the Municipalities of the Middle East and North Africa, chaired the meeting from the Saudi side.

The meeting reviewed the



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various development phases of the project to develop Bahrain International Airport.

Other projects on discussion included Al Fateh Street development, Busaiten Bridge and North Manama StreetEast

Hidd Housing project, the intersection of Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Street with Sheikh Isa bin Salman Street (Saar Intersection), South Bahrain Ring Road, road construction project leading to Al-Lawzi housing,

Tubli sewage treatment plant, Muharraq Private Health Care Center project, infrastructure project of King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Medical City, and Sports City project in Sakhir, amongst others.

## Labour Ministry digitised 52 services in FY20

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Labour ministry has moved 52 of its services online, notwithstanding the COVID-19 outbreak, with the help of various government agencies, said Jameel Humaidan, the Labour Minister.

Humaidan said the number corresponds to services moved online until the end of the year 2020.

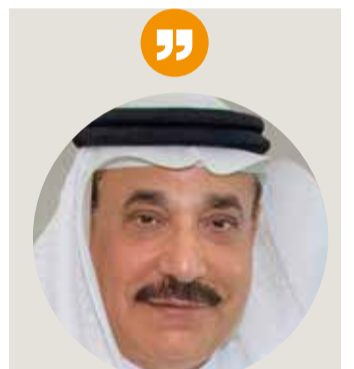
“We launched 122 services through various channels, including the call centres and the email,” said the Labour and Social Development Minister.

“We have achieved a qualitative leap in the digital transformation of services, allowing communication with beneficiaries easily and appropriately,” added the minister.

Humaidan attributed the progress achieved to the decisions of the coordinating committee headed by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

“The services delivered to non-government organisations include employment, insurance against unemployment, licensing daycare clubs, people with physical disabilities and social assistance”, said Humaidan.

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ment services 24/7 through the eGovernment portal and the Ministry of Labour and Social Development website,” said the minister.

Humaidan said that the work is underway to convert more services online.

He stressed the importance of investing in technologies to provide services in a more accessible manner and overcome the difficulties for citizens to benefit from the services.

## BKSF-BMBF Help & Drink 2021

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Bahrain Kerala Social Forum (BKSF) and Bahrain Malayalee Business Forum (BMBF) distributed hundreds of water bottles, fruits, buns, and sandwiches to construction workers yesterday.

The “Help and Drink” programme, now in its seventh year, started yesterday at the construction site of BFH, maintaining COVID-19 precautionary measures.

Social worker Basheer Ambalayi inaugurated the programme. Several BKSF-BMBF volunteers took part.

