



# Souq Reborn

HRH Crown Prince leads heritage revival

● Museum anchors  
Manama Souq revival

● HRH Prince Salman  
stresses heritage role

● Kanoo legacy  
spans 130 years

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, inaugurated the Kanoo Museum yesterday in the Old Manama Souq, placing the spotlight on Bahrain’s rich commercial legacy and ongoing efforts to preserve the Kingdom’s historic identity.

## Souq revival

The inauguration comes under the Royal Directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to safeguard the cultural and historical character of Bahrain’s buildings and cities, while driving a comprehensive



In line with the Royal Directives of His Majesty the King to launch a comprehensive plan for redeveloping the historic Manama Souq:

**HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister inaugurated the Kanoo Museum.**

redevelopment plan for the Manama Souq area. HRH the Crown Prince stressed the importance of initiatives that document the Kingdom’s business heritage, describing them as proof of determination and creativity that fuel Bahrain’s development.

## Business families

HRH Prince Salman underlined the pivotal role of Bahraini business families, noting that

their contributions extend far beyond commerce to embrace social responsibility and national partnership. His Royal Highness said the Kanoo Museum captures an important aspect of the Kingdom’s economic and trade history, reflecting the wider growth of the region through its distinctive exhibits and artefacts.

HRH the Crown Prince added that public-private partnerships



Highlighted the Kingdom’s rich legacy and distinguished record of trade and enterprise, reaffirming Bahrain’s status as a leading regional commercial hub.

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Emphasised the Museum’s role in showcasing Bahrain’s economic and commercial history, while reflecting the region’s wider development through a distinctive collection of exhibits and artefacts.



Showcases the Kanoo family’s business legacy in Bahrain, spanning more than 130 years.

Established with the significant contributions of the late Khalid Kanoo.

Chronicles the journey of the Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo Group from its early beginnings to its present standing.

Located in the company’s first headquarters in the heart of the Manama Souq.

exemplifies the private sector’s role in national growth.

Fawzi Ahmed Kanoo, Chairman of Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo Group, thanked HM the King for his directives and expressed gratitude to HRH for inaugurating the museum. He noted the project highlights the family’s 130-year legacy in Bahrain, offering not just a cultural monument but also a source of motivation for future generations.

## Public-private sector partnerships

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the importance of public-private sector partnerships to the Kingdom’s development, affirming the government’s commitment to expanding investment opportunities, reinforcing the private sector’s role in the economy, and advancing the Kingdom’s comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with His Excellency Sameer Abdulla Nass, the Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), at Gudaibiya Palace.



## Al Noor International School Awarded the Prestigious Gold Seal by the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA)

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Al Noor International School has proudly attained one of the highest honors in Bahrain’s education sector – the distinguished Gold Seal from the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA). This recognition officially classifies the school as “Outstanding”, a status formally endorsed by the Cabinet of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The award ceremony took place in the esteemed presence of senior dignitaries, including Her Excellency Mrs. Nawal Al Khater, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Her Excellency Dr. Maryam Hassan Mustafa, Chief Executive of the Education and Training Quality Authority.



Dr. Maryam Hassan Mustafa, CEO of the Education and Training Quality Authority, awarded the Golden Quality Seal to Mr. Ali Hassan, Founder and Chairman of Al Noor International School, in recognition of the school’s “OUTSTANDING” rating in a recent evaluation. The ceremony was attended by Ms. Nawal Ibrahim Al Khater, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Education. Also in attendance were the school Director Dr. Muhammad Mashood and school Principal Mr. AbdulRahman AlKoheji.

The Gold Seal was presented to the school’s Founder and Chairman, Mr. Ali Hassan, who emphasized that the honor is a reflection of the perseverance, professionalism and dedication of Al Noor’s teaching and administrative teams.

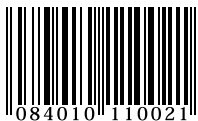
Mr. Ali Hassan extended heartfelt appreciation to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, for his steadfast support for education, and to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for his visionary leadership and continued guidance in shaping the Kingdom’s educational advancement. Mr. Ali Hassan further acknowledged the pivotal role of the Ministry of Education, under the leadership of His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, in steering the Kingdom’s education system toward innovation, excellence and alignment

with Bahrain’s national aspirations. Echoing this sentiment, the Director, Dr. Muhammad Mashood remarked, “This achievement is the outcome of years of collaboration and a collective commitment to excellence.” He further added that Al Noor International School is committed to being the leading international, tri-curricular (British, Arabic and Indian), and multicultural school in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Principal, Mr. Abdul Rahman Al-Koheji, delivered the welcome address. He extended profound gratitude to the Ministry of Education and BQA for their continuous support in advancing education in Bahrain.

This recognition reaffirms Al Noor International School’s role as a leading institution in Bahrain, committed to quality, innovation, and a future of continued educational excellence.

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