

Deputy Premier joins Saudi National Day reception



On behalf of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Deputy Prime Minister, attends a reception organised by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia commemorating the 95th Saudi National Day.

India, Bahrain Emphasize Cooperation in Growing Food and Agriculture Sectors

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In a move to further strengthen bilateral economic ties, the Embassy of India in Bahrain recently hosted a Buyer-Seller Meet focused on the food and agriculture sectors. The event was organized in partnership with the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), and the Bahrain India Society (BIS).

The opening ceremony saw the distinguished presence of H.E. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry & Commerce of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and H.E. Vinod K. Jacob, Ambassador of India to Bahrain. Also in attendance were H.E. Mohamed Al Kooheji, Second Vice Chairman of BCCI, and Mr. Abdul Rahman Juma, Chairman of the Bahrain



H.E. Indian Ambassador Vinod K. Jacob speaks at the event

India Society (BIS). Ambassador Jacob highlighted the pivotal role that the food and agriculture sectors play in the long-standing trade and people-to-people relations between the two nations. He emphasized that enhancing cooperation in these areas would not only boost economic ties but also increase



H.E. the Ambassador and H.E. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro with distinguished guests

trade volumes and contribute to mutual prosperity. A key focus of the event was India's recently implemented GST 2.0 reforms, which took effect on September 22, 2025. Ambassador Jacob explained that the new framework significantly simplifies the tax structure into two main slabs of 5% and 18%.

The reforms are particularly beneficial for the food and agri sectors, as they have either substantially reduced or eliminated taxes on many essential and packaged food products. Following his remarks, a presentation was screened to showcase how these changes can benefit the food processing and agri-busi-

ness sectors.

Diverse Indian Products on Display

The event showcased a delegation of approximately 25 prominent Indian companies, which displayed a wide array of products. The range included spices, millets, ready-to-cook

and frozen foods, organic produce, flours, rice, jaggery, and various beverages and processed foods. The delegation, led by Mr. Prashant Seth, Joint Deputy Director General of FIEO, is also scheduled to visit major hypermarkets in Bahrain to explore business opportunities and deepen market exposure.

Bahrain Welcomes Saudi Families

- Week-long offers at Yabeela
- Special credits for families
- Saudi-Bahrain ties celebrated

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Seef Entertainment has rolled out a warm welcome to Saudi families this week, marking Saudi National Day with special packages at Bahrain's largest indoor entertainment hub, Ya-

beela. The company announced that from September 23 to 30, visitors spending BD30 will receive BD15 in extra credit, while those spending BD50 will get an additional BD30. The offers are designed to encourage more families from both sides of the causeway to enjoy the holiday together. Ahmed Yusuf, CEO of Seef Properties, said the initiative was part of celebrating bonds with Saudi visitors. "We are delighted to honor our Saudi brothers and sisters with these exciting offers. It's a wonderful opportunity for families and visitors from Bahrain and Saudi



Arabia to come together, enjoy quality entertainment, and share in the festivities of this national occasion," he noted. Yabeela, located at Al Liwan, covers 6,000 square meters with a 12-meter-high ceiling and features

over 150 games. Its attractions include Dawama, Aafoor, and the Tree of Life, combining global entertainment trends with Bahraini heritage. With its range of interactive games and family-friendly envi-



Interactive games and family fun await Saudi visitors at Seef

ronment, Yabeela has become a key entertainment stop in Bahrain. The National Day offers give Saudis and Bahrainis alike the chance to enjoy memorable experiences in the Kingdom's largest indoor entertainment

centre. The week-long celebration underscores the growing role of Bahrain's leisure sector in welcoming regional visitors and creating spaces where culture and family life converge.



Bahrain glows green to honour Saudi National Day

Iconic landmarks across Bahrain were illuminated in green yesterday in view of Saudi Arabia's National Day, symbolizing the strong ties and enduring friendship between Bahrain and its sister nation Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The vibrant display highlighted the shared cultural heritage and mutual respect between the two countries. Festivities, special events, and programs were held across Bahrain, creating a joyful atmosphere that highlighted this cherished occasion. (Picture by Ashen Tharaka)