

# Smooth process

Phase Two of Sitra Housing City project begins with 531 units up for allocation

- Ministry oversees electronic draw, guiding citizens through the process
- Part of royal directives to deliver 50,000 new units

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The Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning has announced the start of draw procedures for housing units under Phase Two of the Sitra Housing City project, comprising 531 housing units. It was carried out in implementation of the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to accelerate housing projects to deliver 50,000 new housing units. It was also in accordance with the instructions of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to commence the provision of 7,000 housing services.



Her Excellency Amna bint Ahmed Al-Rumaihi, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning, supervises the draw procedures

This initiative coincided with the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day and the 26th anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's accession to the throne, along with the accompanying national events. **Electronic draw** The ministry said that the electronic draw procedures for Phase Two are being conducted smoothly and efficiently, with ministry teams briefing beneficiary citizens on the process and explaining the available options during the draw. The ministry emphasised that

it will continue to communicate with citizens in the coming period to complete the draw procedures, renewing its congratulations to beneficiaries of housing services. Beneficiary citizens expressed their satisfaction upon completing the draw procedures, commending the smooth organisation and simplified processes. They also appreciated the detailed explanations provided by specialists regarding housing units, conditions, and guarantees offered by the ministry, as well as the overview of the electronic draw mechanism and



contract details. The Sitra Housing City project provides more than 3,000 housing services and spans an area of 243 hectares. It features integrated infrastructure and advanced community facilities. **Infrastructure** Secondary infrastructure networks have been completed, including 19 kilometres of sewage networks, 14 kilometres of stormwater lines, 18 kilometres of water pipelines, 51 kilometres of electricity cables and lighting poles, in addition to all telecom-

munications network works. The city is distinguished by its strategic location and extended waterfronts spanning more than six kilometres. It incorporates modern urban standards, advanced transport networks, main and secondary roads, dedicated cycling and pedestrian paths extending 13 kilometres, and designated areas for 24 parks and open spaces covering a total area of 18 square kilometres. The project also offers modern housing unit designs tailored to meet the aspirations of Bahraini families.

## Bahrain welcomes Yemen prisoner exchange deal

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The Kingdom of Bahrain welcomed the agreement signed in Muscat on the exchange of prisoners and detainees in Yemen. The agreement was concluded under the auspices of the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross, and was mediated by the Sultanate of Oman in cooperation with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Kingdom considers this agreement a positive step toward alleviating the humanitarian situation and advancing efforts to achieve a comprehensive and peaceful settlement in Yemen. A statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterated Bahrain's firm support for all international and regional efforts aimed at reaching a lasting political solution in Yemen. The statement said this support is in accordance with the Gulf Cooperation Council Initiative and its Implementation Mechanism, the outcomes of the National Dialogue Conference, and UN Security Council Resolution 2216, in a manner that preserves Yemen's sovereignty.



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### Support for research centres



His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior and Chairman of the Ministerial Committee overseeing the implementation of the National Plan to Promote the Spirit of Belonging to the Nation and Reinforce the Values of Citizenship (Bahrainouna), received Dr. Jamal Sanad Al Suwaidi, Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Arab Think Tanks and Cultural Centers Alliance. The minister expressed his appreciation for the role of research centres in producing distinguished studies and contributing to the realistic, evidence-based formulation of public policies, thereby enhancing positive engagement with contemporary challenges.

### Developing digital infrastructure



His Excellency Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transport and Communications, received His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Khaled bin Al Abdullah Al Faisal, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Saudi Telecom Company (stc), to discuss ways to enhance cooperation in communications and develop digital infrastructure. The minister commended stc's efforts in supporting digital infrastructure projects in the Kingdom of Bahrain and its role in enhancing the country's digital readiness.

### BDF top achievers honoured



Under the patronage of Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), a ceremony was held to honour top achieving units in the 2025 Combat and Administrative Readiness Evaluation Test. The event was attended by His Excellency Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, Minister of Defence Affairs; H.E. Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, Chief of Staff; and H.E. Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Financial and Technical Affairs Adviser at the BDF General Command.