



Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia Zainal praised the wise vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, describing it as an action plan for all branches and institutions and an incentive for the Representatives Council to boost efforts in assuming the constitutional duties as well as the legislative and monitoring role. The Representatives Council Speaker asserted keenness on building on previous achievements by upgrading the legal and legislative system in order to achieve citizens' aspirations and meet their needs. This came during a meeting yesterday with His Majesty the King who received her and her Deputies as well as Head and members of the committee in charge of replying to HM the King's speech. Shura Council Chairman Ali Al Saleh paid tribute to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for his unflinching support to legislative work to serve the nation and citizens.



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander, and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday received Fawzia Zainal, Council of Representatives Speaker, and Ali Al Saleh, Shura Council Chairman, at HRH's majlis in Gudaibiya Palace. HRH the Crown Prince began by affirming that Bahrain continues to enact strict precautionary measures designed to ensure the continued safety of citizens and residents amid the global outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID19). HRH the Crown Prince noted that the Ministry of Health is following the highest standards of epidemiological monitoring to prevent the virus from spreading, following the report of the first confirmed case in the Kingdom.



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa deputised Southern Governor His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa to attend a reception party marking the Kuwait's 59th National Day and the 29th Liberation Day. Kuwaiti Ambassador to Bahrain Shaikh Thamer Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah hosted the ceremony at the Gulf Hotel Convention Centre, in the presence of senior officials, members of the diplomatic corps and invitees. HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa conveyed congratulations from HRH the Premier to the Amir of Kuwait His Highness Shaikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah on his country's National Day, Crown Prince HH Shaikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah and to Prime Minister HH Shaikh Sabah Khalid Al Hamad Al Sabah.

Underground trash bin may 'become a reality'

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A proposal to instal underground rubbish bins have gained traction. The government is looking into the proposal which called for underground rubbish bins, it is learnt. The Northern Municipality has put forth a proposal to establish underground garbage bins in the government. The proposal gained traction after the Ministry of Works, Municipal Affairs and Urban Planning referred it to the Municipal Affairs Agency for further study. The ministry stated: "We would like to note that the recommendation of the council has been referred to the Munic-

ipal Affairs Agency to study." The author of the proposal Ahmed Al Kooheji said that the proposal aims to improve the environmental situation and to remove eyesore of trash cans from public sight. "The existing trash cans are an eyesore and it is best we look for innovative solutions such as the underground rubbish bins." The proposal cited experiences of Arab countries applying similar solutions such as Saudi Arabia, Oman and the UAE. However, recent reports in the UAE suggest that underground garbage bins are far from a success there. "Underground rubbish bins installed for what is believed to have been millions



The installation of underground trash bins were not a great success in the UAE. dozens were installed across the capital by 2011. The bins were introduced in 2009 and "But of 10 of the machines inspected

during the week, only one was working. Residents complained of unhygienic conditions around the bins," The National reported. "Access to the bins is through a receiver unit at street level, in which rubbish is deposited. The containers are encased in a metal frame and sunk inside a concrete sleeve. "The bins were designed to serve pedestrians, street cleaners and small shops and to remove many of the health hazards, such as flies breeding and foraging by stray cats. "They were also supposed to cut the number of trips made by rubbish lorries, reducing costs, fuel and the carbon footprint," the report added.