

HM King's directives for parliament action



Speaker Zainal chairs the parliamentary meeting

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The lofty visions and sound directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa are guiding parliamentary action.

Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal said that they constitute a roadmap to achieve national goals and aspirations and consolidate the gains that enhance the steady progress of the sustainable development process.

The Council of Representatives is committed to supporting the development of the nation through an efficient and fruitful cooperation with the government, headed by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, especially as HRH fully

supports close cooperation between the executive and legislative branches, she added.

Speaker Zainal said that such conditions motivate string action to build on the remarkable achievements of the past sessions, upgrading the national course of action, enriching the process of achievement in the new session, and working towards accomplishing further economic and civilised growth for Bahrain.

Chairing the Council of Representatives Bureau, Zainal stressed that the higher interest of the nation will always remain the highest objective in parliamentary action.

The meeting reviewed ministers' responses to parliamentary questions, reports of parliamentary committees regarding projects by law, and proposals.



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The meeting agreed to put the topics on the agenda of the next parliamentary sessions.

Bahrain-Russia economic cooperation discussed

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Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani met with Russian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain Igor Kremnev to discuss preparations for the third meeting of the Bahraini-Russian Committee for Commercial, Economic, Scientific and Technological Co-operation.

Al Zayani stressed the government's keenness to boost relations and cooperation with friendly countries, pointing out the importance of exchanging visits in bolstering bilateral relations at all levels.

He also underlined the favourable investment climate



Al Zayani with Russian Ambassador Kremnev

in the Kingdom and the facilities provided to investors from around the world.

The meeting cast light on important issues on the agenda of

the Bahraini-Russian Committee meeting, pertaining mainly to commercial, economic, industrial and investment cooperation.

eGovernment Excellence Award winners' announcement is set

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The 11th eGovernment Excellence Award ceremony will be held on 27 October, the event's organising committee announced.

It will be held under the patronage of Deputy Prime Minister and Supreme Council for Information and Communication Technology Chairman, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa.

This follows a recent an-

ouncement that the award's jury committee had evaluated submissions by public and private sectors entities and individuals.

The event, held every two years, celebrates innovative ICT initiatives and eSolutions that support the Kingdom's digital transformation strategy and help build a knowledge-based economy.

Categories for the public sector include Best Website, Best Government-to-Government

eService, Best Practice in Community eParticipation, Best Integrated Services for Individuals or Businesses, and Best Application for Smart Devices.

For the private sector, the categories are Best Application for Smart Devices and Best eService, while citizens can compete for the Best eConcept and eCitizen.

This year approximately 260 participations have been submitted by entities and individuals.

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Bahrain welcomes Saudi aim for net-zero by 2060

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The Kingdom of Bahrain welcomed Saudi Arabia's launch of wide-ranging environmental initiatives that form a roadmap for protecting the environment and combating climate change, under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

Bahrain also welcomed the announcement of His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to target net-zero by 2060.

Commenting on this, Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina, Special Envoy for Climate Affairs and CEO of the Supreme Council for the Environment,

said that the Kingdom of Bahrain welcomes the announcement by the Kingdom of Saudi



Dr Bin Daina

Arabia of its ambitious goal to target net-zero by 2060, which reflects strong awareness of the importance of developing green sectors and addressing climate change and its repercussions.

Dr Bin Daina underscored the importance of redoubling efforts to transform global cities into more sustainable cities through efficient initiatives that

contribute to reducing negative environmental and climate impacts.

He noted Bahrain's adoption of the principles of the Middle East Green Initiative (MGI), adding that the MGI will play a central role in achieving further environmental protection, combating climate change and popularizing the use of clean technologies, as well as creating new and impactful jobs.

The Special Envoy stressed that the Kingdom of Bahrain will continue to support environmentally friendly initiatives that contribute to reducing carbon emissions and enhancing public health.

Dr Bin Daina also added that the transition to smart projects in the management of industrial facilities contributes greatly to the sustainability of these projects, saving energy and effort, and achieving environmental safety.

Works Minister receives St. Mary's Indian Orthodox Cathedral delegation



Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister Essam bin Abdulla Khalaf received Metropolitan of Mumbai Diocese H.G. Geevarghese Mar Coorilos of St. Mary's Indian Orthodox Cathedral. The Ministry Undersecretary Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa was present. The minister affirmed that Bahrain continues its approach as a pioneering model of tolerance between peoples and religions through the cohesion and authenticity of the Bahraini society that has devoted noble principles at various levels, an approach that reflects the visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. H.G. Geevarghese thanked the minister for facilitating the procedures followed in the expansion and construction of the St. Mary Orthodox Church, wishing the Kingdom continued growth, prosperity and security.