

New programme to employ 240 newly-graduated Bahraini docs

HRH the Premier's directives to employ Bahraini doctors hailed

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Manama

Chairing the Cabinet session yesterday, His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa launched a programme to employ 240 newly-graduate Bahraini doctors.

Under the scheme, which will be implemented over two years, beginning from 2019, the new graduates will be trained and rehabilitated by the Arabian Gulf

University to work in public or private hospitals or health centres, as well as to open their own clinics.

The Cabinet decided to amend the criteria and requirements of medical professions, whereby Bahraini holders of master's degrees in family medicine could open their own family medicine clinics.

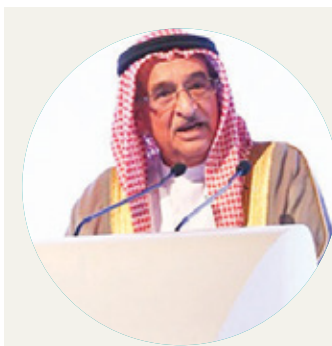
The Supreme Council for Health, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Labour and Social Development and the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) were requested to embark on implementing the programme launched by HRH Premier.

Supreme Council for Health (SCH) President Lieutenant-General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa hailed the move which, he said, reflects the Premier's keenness on employing Bahraini doctors.

He paid tribute to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HRH the Premier and Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy



HRH the Premier chairs the Cabinet session.



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DR SHAIKH MOHAMMED

Premier, hailing their keenness on employing Bahraini health graduates, particularly doctors.

Dr Shaikh Mohammed said the council spearheaded the national initiative after holding meetings with the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Labor and Social Development, the Tamkeen Foundation and the governmental and private health institutions.

“The initiative reflects the National Health Plan (2016-2025) which focuses on training human resources in the field sector and attracting qualified doctors to work at hospitals and health educational institutions,” he said.

He said that the coordination team, which was set up by the Supreme Council for Health, discussed the initiative aimed to train medical graduates and integrate them into the labour market.

He extended thanks to the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Labour and Social Development and Labour Fund (Tamkeen), hailing the efforts of all parties to elaborate the

adequate mechanisms so as to employ medical graduates in the public and private sectors.

He pointed out that the National Health Insurance Scheme (Sehati) would open new horizons to develop health investments and create opportunities for Bahraini doctors and health professional graduates.

He stressed keenness on implementing the directives of the Government, chaired by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa to train and employ medical graduates, underlining co-operation with relevant authorities to give the priority in employment in the public and private sectors.

The directive follows reports of rising unemployment among newly-graduate Bahraini doctors and healthcare professionals. Many Bahraini doctors and nurses have been requesting the Ministry of Health to offer them employment.

Tribune had earlier carried reports on unemployment among Bahraini doctors and other healthcare professionals.

Representatives, Shura financial committees hold third meeting

Manama

Financial and Economic Committees of the Representatives and Shura councils yesterday held their third co-ordination meeting on the State budget draft law for the years 2019-2020.

The two sides agreed on the importance of controlling the operational expenses of ministries and government bodies to avoid extra burden on the state budget.

They highlighted to continue work to stabilise the public debt and financial sustainability by restructuring the state budget to balance

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ALI ISHAQI

revenues with expenses by 2022 to harmonise with the government action plan to achieve the state financial balance.

Chairman of the Representatives' committee, Ali Ishaqi, said the Representatives stressed maintaining the quality of public services, chiefly in education sector, health and housing. He added a joint meeting with the government would be held in the presence of Education and Housing ministers to learn about the operational budgets and plans of the ministries.

Chairman of the Shura's committee, Khalid Al Maskati, pointed out the importance of achieving the 2019-2020 state budget draft law to ensure pushing forward with service and development projects.

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