

Bahrain committed to investing in youth

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The Kingdom remains committed to investing in Bahrain's youth, providing them with skill sets that are conducive to creative thinking, innovation and leadership in line with His Majesty King Hamad's directives, said Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Speaking as he received the fourth intake of the First Deputy Prime Minister's (FDPM) Fellowship, His Royal Highness highlighted that, since its inception, the FDPM Fellowship has provided an integrated platform for the enhancement of government efficiency.

"The project aims to advance competitiveness and productivity through the wide-ranging initiatives and projects of the



Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa with the fourth intake of the First Deputy Prime Minister's (FDPM) Fellowship

Fellows," said Prince Salman.

The FDPM Fellowship is a vital platform aimed at enhancing the leadership and analytical skills of government employees. Participants spend a year working as full-time research fellows at the Office of the First Deputy Prime Minister, benefiting from advanced training research methods and policy analysis.

The Deputy King praised the fourth intake's diligence and relentless commitment to capitalize on the Fellowship's extensive training programmes and wished them success in applying their newly acquired knowledge at their workplaces.

For their part, the FDPM Fellows expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the Deputy King for his continued support and encouragement.



The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, with the Commander of the United States Central Command, General Kenneth F. McKenzie, at Gudaibiya Palace. The Deputy King reaffirmed the strength of bilateral relations between Bahrain and the United States of America and underlined the importance of expanding cooperation at all levels, including defence cooperation. Prince Salman congratulated General McKenzie on his new appointment as the Commander of the US Central Command and wished him success in his new role. The Chief-of-Staff of the Bahrain Defence Force, Lt-General Dhiyab bin Saqr Al-Nuaimi, attended the meeting



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa with the Commander of US Central Command (USCENTCOM) General Kenneth F. McKenzie and the accompanying delegation. He praised the Bahrain-US strong and lasting relations in many fields especially the military and defence cooperation. BDF Chief-of-staff General Dhiyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi and senior officers were also present.

‘Dawn of Storms’ Naval tactical drill concludes



The concluding ceremony of "Dawn of Storms 23"

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The Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday took part in the conclusion of "Dawn of Storms 23" Naval Tactical Drill implemented by the Royal Bahrain Navy Force (RBNF) with the participation of BDF, National Guard and Interior Ministry's Coast Guard units.

The drill, the BDF Commander-in-Chief said, will help bring more efficiency to RBNF adding, "Royal Bahraini Naval Force perform one of most advanced defence duties along with the ground and air support forces."

Earlier upon arrival, the BDF Commander-in-chief was greeted by Chief-of-Staff General Dhiyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, Royal Bahrain Navy

Force Commander, Naval Major-General Mohammed Yousef Al-Asam, and senior officers.

The RBNF commander expressed utmost gratitude and appreciation to the BDF Commander-in-Chief for patronising the conclusion of the drill.

He stressed the importance of administrative and combat readiness to confront any threats or dangers.

Director of the BDF Command Major-General Hassan Mohammed Saad, Assistant Chief-of-Staff Major-General Shaikh Ali bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Public Security Chief Major-General Tariq Hassan Al Hasan, National Guard Director of Staff Major-General Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Saud Al Khalifa, and senior officers were also present.

National Anti-drug Committee meeting held

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Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa yesterday chaired a meeting of the National Anti-drug Committee.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of Education, the Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, the Minister of Information, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Youth and Sports Affairs, the Capital Governor, the President of Customs and members of the committee of representatives of the government organisations.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister highlighted the findings of the investigation committee formed by the Cabinet about the Hamad Town Intermediate Girl School, which denied the existing of drug abuse phenomena or drug dealing network in the school.

The Health Minister highlighted proposed procedures to prescribe medicines and rules to monitor pharmacies. She said that the organisational procedures would be referred to the Supreme Health Council. She also highlighted the misuse of some medicines.

The Minister of Youth and Sports Affairs briefed the



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committee about coordination with the Maan (Together) programme against violence and addiction to enhance the number of youth beneficiaries at sports clubs and youth centres.

He also discussed the youth drug prevention programme "Takaful". The Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs is preparing a second edition of the programme with the participa-

tion of 70 youth representing 35 youth centres.

The Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments asserted the essential role of societies, NGOs and the private sector in enhancing awareness about the risks of narcotics.

The Education Minister discussed the community service curriculum for around 9000 students to enhance anti-narcotic awareness in cooperation

with the youth centres.

The Capital Governor briefed the attendees of the Maan programme that covers 173 schools and plans to cover 211 schools.

The panel was informed about the media anti-drug plan that would be implemented within a timeframe.

The Interior Minister highlighted the importance of the media in promoting awareness about the risks of narcotics.