

Interior Minister launches new Customs Affairs Strategy

● Distinguished customs employees honoured

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Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa yesterday launched the new Customs Affairs Strategy 2021-2024 during a ceremony to mark the World Customs Day.

The new strategy includes three new strategic goals, and it follows the previous strategic plan, implemented from 2017 to 2021 with 100% enforcement and many accomplishments.

The new strategy and its goals and initiatives were highlighted in a film displayed during the ceremony, along with implemented projects.

The Interior Minister honoured distinguished customs employees, and wished them all the best.

He congratulated Customs president Shaikh Ahmed bin Hamad Al Khalifa for winning international trust through his appointment as World Customs Organisation (WCO) chairperson.

General Shaikh Rashid appre-



The ceremony in progress

ciated the efforts being exerted to develop the Customs Affairs, calling for highlighting its accomplishments to society.

He explained that the Customs Affairs is part of the main key lines, and its affiliates are competent and trustworthy.

"I'm looking forward to implementing the new strategy in the coming phase through the ongoing efforts," said the Interior Minister.

He noted that Bahrain had gained a good reputation in dealing with the coronavirus pandemic through programmes enforced under the leadership of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He said that studies had prov-

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en the efficiency of operations, and the team assigned to implement the vision and plans that succeeded in controlling the fast-spreading risks.

"The threat continues to exist as we aren't isolated from the world," he said.

"There is a success story of how Bahrain dealt with the pandemic, giving us the confidence to achieve the goals through well-studied plans and determination."

The Customs president hailed the efforts of various sectors in fighting the pandemic, valuing all personnel working at customs ports for their commitment and sacrifices for the nation's security.

He also valued the Interior Minister's approach for the continuous efforts to achieve excellence within available resources.

Shaikh Ahmed hailed the work environment of the Customs Affairs that contributed to winning various awards and recognitions.

HH Deputy Prime Minister receives outgoing Tunisian Ambassador



Deputy Prime Minister His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, received the outgoing Tunisian Ambassador to Bahrain Salim Ghariani. The meeting reviewed the fraternal relations between the Kingdom and Tunisia and their shared keenness to enhance areas of cooperation. The Deputy Prime Minister praised the Ambassador's efforts, wishing him success in his new duties in serving his country. The Ambassador expressed his appreciation of the cooperation he received from all officials in Bahrain and praised the Kingdom's development and wished it further progress under its leadership.

Foreign Minister phones Saudi Arabia counterpart



HH Prince Faisal



Minister Al Zayani

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Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani held today a telephone call with his Saudi counterpart, His Highness Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah Al Saud.

They discussed growing cooperation between the two brotherly countries in various fields as well as means of further boosting bilateral relations. They also reviewed joint Gulf action and exchanged views on regional and international issues of common concern.

BDF Commander-in-Chief praises solid Bahrain-US relations



Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, received the Commander of the United States Central Command, General Kenneth F McKenzie, at the BDF General Command yesterday. Defence Affairs Minister, Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Noaimi, and Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Dhiyab bin Saqr Al-Nuaimi, were present. The Commander-in-Chief lauded the deep-rooted Bahrain-US relations, and their steady progress at all levels, especially in the military and defence fields.

Undersecretary discusses bilateral relations with Indian Ambassador

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs for International Affairs Undersecretary Dr Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received in his office at the Ministry's General Court yesterday Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava.

The Undersecretary commended the historical relations between Bahrain and India at all levels, noting the Kingdom's keenness to promote bilateral cooperation in order to achieve mutual interests.

He also extended sincere congratulations to the Indian



Dr Shaikh Abdulla with Ambassador Srivastava

Ambassador on the occasion of his country's Republic Day, wishing the friendly government and people of India continued progress and prosperity.

Ambassador Srivastava commended the progress of close relations between both coun-

tries, expressing his country's aspiration to continue strengthening cooperation and joint coordination in a way that serves the aspirations and interests of the two friendly countries, wishing Bahrain progress and prosperity.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman congratulated

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Bahrain Basketball Association (BBA) president Waleed Al Alawi and board members have extended sincere congratulations to His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, on the issuance of a Royal Decree by His Majesty King Hamad

bin Isa Al Khalifa, appointing HH as Chairman of the High Committee of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club.

Al Alawi lauded the precious royal trust bestowed upon HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman, noting that it reflects the distinguished role HH is playing in serving the

kingdom in all fields.

BBA chief wished HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad every success in undertaking his duties, stressing that the royal trust confirms HH's high competence to preserve such an authentic Arab sport enjoying the constant support of HM the King.




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