

# Strong US ties stressed

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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has stressed that international cooperation is of utmost importance under the current circumstances, noting that Bahrain seeks to strengthen its relations with various countries, including the United States of America.

The Premier affirmed Bahrain's keenness to ensure that its ties with US should always be strong to pave the way for constantly bolstering cooperation between them, being allies with long-standing relations.

"We want to see every country in the region enjoying security and stability, and we very much count on the United States to ensure balance and stability in the region and the world," he said.

The Prime Minister emphasised that the region's security situation should always remain stable, given its political and economic weight, as well as its global influential role, noting



HRH the Premier in conversation with Mr Issa

that the events are unfolding rapidly and they have to be dealt with in a way that achieves the aspirations of the region's countries and peoples.

HRH the Premier was speaking while receiving a US Congress delegation, led by Congressman, Darrell Issa.

The Prime Minister asserted that US President, Donald Trump, came at a crucial time, and has taken the right de-

isions that have very much saved the region's security situation, and consolidated its stability, pointing out that Bahrain would support every effort aimed at enhancing development and strengthening the pillars of global security and stability.

HRH the Premier reviewed with the delegation the efforts being exerted by Bahrain to accelerate the pace of its economic

development process, stressing that the kingdom allocates great importance to economy and that the government is doing its utmost to diversify the sources of non-oil income resources.

The delegation praised HRH Premier's successful leadership of the government, as well as his influential contributions to regional stability and development thanks to his statesmanship and experience.

# Hi-tech scanners to screen containers, trucks

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Bahrain has imported four hi-tech scanners to screen containers and lorries.

The Customs Affairs had signed an agreement with the Swiss-based Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) to import the latest generation of the hi-tech Nuctech equipment.

"The King Fahd Causeway and the Khalifa bin Salman Seaport will each get two scanners to screen trucks and container," said Customs President Shaikh Ahmed bin Hamad Al-Khalifa.

The new scanning technologies fulfill the second goal of the customs strategic plan (2017-2020) to supply this vital sector with financial resources and cutting-edge technologies.

The ministry invited bids in mid-2017 to supply the customs affairs with latest scanning equipment. The package

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was then awarded to SGS.

The scanners are expected to be installed, along with their facilities and compartments, within 14 months.

The customs officers will be able to process 120 trucks on average per hour, using the new hi-tech devices, up from 20 lorries at present.

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# 'Executive-legislature relations vital for growth'

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The Crown Prince has emphasised the significance of strong relations between the executive and legislature branches for the development of the nation.

This came as His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander, and First Deputy Prime Minister,

visited the majlises of Al Fadhala family, Al Rumaihi family and Al Kaabi family. The Crown Prince affirmed that the Kingdom's development programme is built on solid foundations, enabling Bahrain to overcome different challenges facing the region.

Prince Salman highlighted that collaboration between the Executive and Legislative branches has further advanced the Kingdom's development

and promoted the role of the private sector as an engine for growth, noting that within the past three years 134 laws have been introduced to deliver on the objectives of HM King Hamad's vision.

The Crown Prince affirmed that Bahrain's institutions are underpinned by a robust regulatory and strategic framework, which comprises the Kingdom's constitution, the National Action Charter and Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030, all of which are designed to enhance development opportunities for citizens.



The Crown Prince extended his best wishes on the holy month of Ramadan. The hosts and guests expressed their grati-

tude for HRH the Crown Prince's visit and acknowledged his continuous contribution to the Kingdom's development.

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A batch of 74 Bahrain Bayan School students graduated at a ceremony under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad's representative for charity work and youth affairs HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa. The school's 24th graduation was attended by senior officials, academicians and school staff.



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, received a delegation of US congressmen, led by Darrell Issa. The delegation, on an official visit to the kingdom, also includes Congressmen Stephen Lynch and Matthew Gaetz. The minister praised the historical and strategic relations between Bahrain and the United States of America and their continuous development at all levels, affirming the keenness of the Kingdom to promote the interests of the two friendly countries and meet the aspirations of their peoples.