

Self-accountability a 'national responsibility'

HRH the Crown Prince stresses importance of appropriately managing public funds

● **NAO's annual report presented**

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Strengthening the principles of accountability, integrity, and professionalism across government workstreams is vital in achieving Bahrain's goal of comprehensive development.

In particular, HRH the Crown Prince underlined the importance of "self-accountability" as a national responsibility within the public workforce, adding that effective compliance mechanisms are pivotal to achieving the kingdom's desired development strategies and plans.

This was emphasised by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy



HRH the Crown Prince meets remotely with Shaikh Ahmed

Prime Minister, as he met remotely yesterday with National Audit Office (NAO) president Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa.

During the meeting, Shaikh Ahmed presented to HRH the Crown Prince the 17th annual National Audit Office Report for the year 2019-2020.

HRH the Crown Prince noted that the findings and recommen-

dations from the NAO's reports has had a profound impact on service excellence and the appropriate management of public funds across government agencies.

He highlighted the NAO's role in further strengthening the appropriate management of public funds transparently and lauded its workforce for their professional contributions to



the annual reports' financial and administrative findings and recommendations, as well as its implementation across government agencies.

In this regard, HRH the Crown Prince noted that active co-operation between government agencies and NAO has promoted best practice within government, benefiting the Kingdom and its citizens.

He praised the government agencies that have committed to implementing the NAO report's recommendations, noting the importance of further enhancing their performance in providing quality services to all.

HRH the Crown Prince stressed that the government agencies mentioned in this year's report should immediately introduce measures and implement the report's recommendations to ensure cases do not recur.

For his part, Shaikh Ahmed reiterated NAO's commitment to perform its entrusted duties in line with HM the King's directives and in accordance with the law.

He further expressed his gratitude for HRH the Prime Minister and HRH the Crown Prince's continued support and commitment to overseeing the implementation of recommendations



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provided by NAO across government agencies.

Shaikh Ahmed highlighted NAO's success in accomplishing its role, as witnessed by the operational best practices performed by various government agencies.

Bahrain to celebrate banking sector centennial

● **Book depicting its glorious history to be launched**

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Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Kingdom of Bahrain will celebrate today the centennial of the first bank in the country.

The banking sector has a great importance in the kingdom in addition to its historical depth which goes back as early as before the 1920's of last century. The sector represents one of



The historical depth of Bahrain's banking sector

the pillars of Bahrain's strategy to diversify sources of revenues and broaden the scope of economic activities.

HRH the Premier's patronage of the centenary of the banking sector is an extension of his

pioneering role in shaping economic growth in the kingdom throughout its modern history which yielded many dividends including development of the banking services sector and mapping out policies for com-

prehensive development.

During the celebration of the centennial of the banking sector, which will witness a massive turnout, a memorial depicting the sector's glorious history will be unveiled.

Bahrain and Egypt co-operation bolstered

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Minister of Labour and Social Development Jamil bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan received Egyptian Ambassador Yasser Mohamed Shaban as they discussed ways of boosting relations between the two brotherly countries, mainly in the labour field.

The Minister highlighted the ministry's efforts in developing the national labour force and integrating it in the labour market.

He also spotlighted the ef-

forts to promote social protection and care for all citizens, lauding Egypt's support to the Kingdom of Bahrain in international labour gatherings.

He also voiced Bahrain's appreciation of the Egyptian expertise and competencies which are contributing to the kingdom's development mainly in the educational and legal and consultative services field.

The Egyptian Ambassador praised Bahrain's keenness on bolstering bilateral relations, commending the support provided by all official bodies to the Egyptian community.

Dr Al Zayani praises BACA

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Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received in his office at the ministry's general court yesterday Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) president Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, in the presence of undersecretary Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Duaij Al Khalifa.

Dr Al Zayani commended the efforts by BACA to enhance the cultural identity of the Kingdom, stressing the importance of the projects and programmes implemented by the authority to preserve and enrich the culture of the country.

Media 'essential partner' in nation building

● **Speaker praises their objectivity, credibility and professionalism**

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Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal has underscored the importance of using media in supporting national priorities and highlighting achievements under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Zainal was speaking as she received yesterday columnists from Bahrain newspapers.

She stressed the key role played by the columnists in disclosing knowledge, raising



Speaker Zainal with the journalists

awareness and enlightening public opinion.

The Speaker stressed the noble message of the media in expressing the culture, authenticity and civilisation of the Bahraini society as well as reflecting advanced awareness in assum-

ing social responsibility with utter objectivity, credibility and professionalism.

Zainal described the national media as an essential partner in backing the national efforts in Bahrain and beyond, thanks to credibility, objectivity and

adherence to the ethics of the profession.

She lauded the active role of journalists in highlighting the kingdom's achievements and exercising responsible and constructive criticism that seeks reform and development, re-

spects systems and laws, takes into consideration national unity and civil peace, and promotes tolerance and coexistence.

The Speaker affirmed keenness of the Representatives Council on supporting journalists.

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