

HRH Prince Salman meets with Hellenic Republic Premier



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday met with the Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, HE Kyriakos Mitsotakis, on the sidelines of the 5th edition of the Future Investment Initiative (FII), held in Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. HRH Prince Salman highlighted the steady growth of relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Hellenic Republic, noting the Kingdom's commitment to further strengthening economic cooperation and coordination in line with joint agreements and MoU's that benefit both countries. Regional and international issues of common interest, as well as issues related to regional safety and stability were also discussed. Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Transportation and Telecommunications Minister Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed and Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed Al Zayani also attended the meeting.

New avenues of cooperation

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister reiterates Bahrain's commitment to boosting partnership with Saudi Arabia

Riyadh

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday underscored the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's strategic role in furthering regional development and strengthening the global economy.

His Royal Highness said that the ambitious environmental goals and new avenues of cooperation that have resulted from the 5th edition of the Future Investment Initiative (FII) and the Middle East Green Initiative Summit are testament to the success of both events.

This came as HRH Prince Salman met with His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Defence of Saudi Arabia.

During the meeting, HRH Prince Salman highlighted the depth of long-standing relations between Bahrain and Saudi Ara-



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bia, which continue to receive the committed support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

The importance of creating a unified and coordinated response to preserve the natural environment and address the challenges of the climate emergency while ensuring a sustainable economic recovery was also discussed. The topics of both the FII and the Middle East Green Initiative Summit were also reviewed.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister commended the initiatives launched by HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman at the Middle East Green Initiative and noted that they will contribute towards achieving climate security and a sustainable future.

His Royal Highness noted that FII will expand investment cooperation and stressed Bahrain's commitment to developing the fruitful partnership that exists between the Kingdoms.

HRH Prince Salman commended Saudi Arabia's role as

a leader of the Arab world and its contribution to upholding regional and global stability.

HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman praised HRH Prince Salman's continued support of longstanding Bahraini-Saudi relations, wishing Bahrain further progress and prosperity.

The meeting was also attended by Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa and the Private Secretary to HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Shaikh Abdullah bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Representatives Council holds fourth meeting

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The Representatives Council yesterday held its fourth meeting of the fourth session of the Fifth Legislative Term, under the chairmanship of Speaker, Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal.

The Council of Representatives reviewed the letter addressed to it by HH the Deputy Prime Minister on the draft-law on ratifying the Arab Customs Cooperation Agreement, accompanying Decree 106/2021, approved it and referred it to the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee and the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee, Secretary-General, Chancellor Rashid Mohammed Bu Najma, said in a statement following



The meeting in progress

the meeting.

The session was also notified about the referral of the 2020-2021 report of the National Audit Office to the Financial and

Economic Affairs Committee to study it and submit a report on it.

The meeting also discussed the reports of committees on a

number of draft-laws and proposals, and took the necessary decisions regarding them.

The Council of Representatives also approved the forma-

tion of its select committees, namely Parliamentary Standing Select Committee on Human Rights, Parliamentary Standing Select Committee on Women and Child, Parliamentary Standing Select Committee to Support the Palestinian People, and Parliamentary Standing Select Committee on Youth and Sport.

The meeting also discussed two proposals, introduced as a matter of urgency, regarding the suspension of the procedures to lay off a number of Bahraini staffers in Gulf Air, particularly pilots, and the disbursement of the frontline bonuses for volunteers, endorsed them and referred them to the government.

National Guard exercises to protect oil installations

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Under the directives of Lieutenant-General His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, President of the National Guard, the National Guard carried out naval exercise "Combat 1" to counter terrorism and protect vital oil installations.

The exercises were conducted yesterday morning on the eastern coast of the Kingdom.

Combat 1 is a continuation of the series of training exercises that the National Guard periodically conducts to boost its military capabilities.

Restorative Justice Law guarantees exemplary treatment for children

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Attorney-General, Dr Ali bin Fadl Al Buainain, has affirmed the Public Prosecution's intention to implement effectively the Restorative Justice Law for Children and their Protection from Ill-Treatment, which is an exemplary legislation with an enlightened humanitarian dimension in the criminal treatment and protection of children.

This is because it includes procedural and objective provisions that stipulate that no judgment or order shall be issued or actions be taken against children unless they are based on a thorough study of their social and psychological conditions, as well as ensuring that top priority shall always be given to the best interests of the child, he said.

The Attorney-General made the statements while addressing the international workshop



Dr Al Buainain speaks at the virtual international workshop

on the "Prospects and Challenges of Effective Application of the Restorative Justice Law for Children", held under his patronage, in cooperation with the Judicial and Legal Studies Institute and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and with the participation of the British and French embassies in Bahrain.

The two-day event was launched yesterday with the participation of more than 200 specialists from different coun-

tries and in the presence of the Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, ambassadors and diplomats.

Judges, members of the Public Prosecution and experts and international experts took part in the workshop.

In his opening speech, Dr Al Buainain stressed that the ultimate goal of the Law on Restorative Justice for Children is to give priority to preserving the best interests of the child.

Labour Minister participates in ADD Sixth Ministerial Consultation meeting



Labour and Social Development Minister and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) Jamil bin Mohammad Ali Humaidan headed the Bahraini delegation in the Sixth Ministerial Consultation meeting of Asian Labor Sending and Receiving Countries "Abu Dhabi Dialogue (ADD)", held in Dubai from 25-28 October. The current session agenda includes discussing monitoring expected changes in labor markets and economic developments and their potential impact on the rates of supply and demand for qualified workforce, at the national, regional and international levels. The meeting discussed the change in work patterns due to technological development and the extent of its impact on future professions, as well as addressing future job opportunities for women in light of the growing demand for jobs in the health, social care and education sector.

Songwriting competition deadline set

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The Philippine Embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain and Sentro Rizal Manama informs everyone that the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) formally opened the nominations for its first ever Himig Migrasyon: Songwriting Contest.

Deadline for the submission of entries is on October 31.

This contest aims to make music as an advocacy tool to raise public awareness on the life of our overseas Filipinos and the issues and challenges they face abroad.

The CFO is searching for a musical piece that will embody the inspiring and challenging life of an overseas Filipino and their migration journey.