

Citizens' effort key to Bahrain's future prosperity, says HRH Prince Salman

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday hailed the contributions of the citizens in the nation-building process, stressing that Bahrain's future prosperity relies on the work of the Kingdom's citizens.

His Royal Highness highlighted that citizens' efforts contribute to the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The Deputy King said this during a meeting with Dr Abdul Hussain bin Ali Mirza and the Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs, Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, at Riffa Palace.



During the meeting, which highlighted the importance of sustainable energy in supporting projects and attracting investment to the Kingdom, HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa hailed the role played by Dr Mirza throughout his career in supporting projects and attracting investment to the Kingdom.

Dr Mirza and Al Mubarak highlighted His Royal Highness' commitment to supporting national development efforts.

Also present were His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Chairman of the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club High Committee, and His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Bahrain affirms commitment to combat terrorist funding

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A delegation of Bahrain, headed by Ambassador Nancy Abdullah Jamal, Chief of Strategic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, participated in the Executive Committee of Terrorist Financing Targeting Center in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Ambassador Jamal affirmed Bahrain's commitment to supporting international efforts to combat terrorism funding and promoting security and stability in the region.

She also presented proposals that the Centre can adopt in the future.

The meeting was also the first to be held in-person, after a two-year hiatus amid the COVID-19 outbreak.



Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force, paid an inspection visit yesterday to the Royal Bahrain Naval Force. The BDF chief listened to a briefing on RBNF's latest developments, military preparedness and training programmes. The commander-in-chief affirmed that the distinguished position reached by BDF's various branches is the outcome of the sound directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander.



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, yesterday received the Consul General of Bahrain in Karachi, Pakistan, Abdullah Ahmed Buqahous, Consul in Laayoune, Morocco, Yasser Issa Al Haddi and Consul General in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Musa Abdullah Al Nuaimi. The minister congratulated the Consuls General on their appointment, noting the importance of the strong relations linking Bahrain and the brotherly countries. He affirmed Bahrain's interest in caring for and protecting citizens abroad and providing them with all consular services.

President of the Senate of Thailand, Prof. Pornpetch Wichitcholchai, received yesterday Ambassador of Bahrain to Bangkok, Mona Abbas Radhi. Wichitcholchai expressed his pride in the close friendship and praised the success achieved by Bahrain in handling the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The meeting was attended by Supachai Somcharoen, the Second Vice-President of the Senate, Pikulkeaw Krairiksh, the Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Napaporn Jaisujja, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Senate.



Court case

Two public servants get five years, BD500 fines for taking bribe

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Two public officials and their two accomplices, charged with accepting and soliciting bribes, will spend five years in jail.

The fourth High Criminal Court also slapped them with fines of BD500 each and ordered the confiscation of the money accepted as bribes for performing their official duties.

The two others implicated in the case are managers in the clearance office.

Incidents leading to the case started with the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic & Electronic Security receiving a report on two public officials.

The report accused the officials of demanding money in return for completing transactions regarding residency permits.

The investigation opened



Representative picture

by the public prosecution also landed the suspects in custody red-handed.

The suspects, during interrogation, confessed to their crimes and said they accepted money from the third and fourth defendants, who are clearance office employees, for completing transactions of clearance office.

The statements were also in compliance with the forensic examination report of the phones used by the accused.

The Public Prosecution referred the suspects for trial to the High Criminal Court.

Embezzlement of NPRA funds: Public servant awarded 7-year jail term, BD1,408 fine



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The fourth High Criminal Court awarded a public servant seven years in jail and a fine of BD1,408 for embezzlement and tampering with electronic data of Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs.

The court ordered the accused to refund the BD1,408 taken from NPRA and acquitted the second suspect of all the charges.

The Public Prosecution said they are studying the verdict

and reasons for the acquittal of the second suspect in preparation for appealing.

Their arrests stem from the alleged embezzlements of funds belonging to the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs.

NPRA has collected the money for renewing residency permits.

An investigation by the Public Prosecution found that the suspects conducted 23 transactions to transfer BD1,472 dinars collected as fees for renewing residency permits without recording them in NPRA systems.

Fishing using bottom trawl nets: Coast guards arrest two

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Bahraini Coast Guards yesterday arrested two men and seized a boat for shrimp-fishing using illegal bottom trawl nets, locally known as Kufa.

As per Ministerial Resolu-

tion No. (205) of 2018, it is illegal to use bottom trawl nets for fishing in the waters of Bahrain.

A statement by the Coast Guard Commander said they took necessary measures.

The Public Prosecution is pursuing further legal action.

Shaikh Jaber Health Centre to welcome visitors 24 hours

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Shaikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah Health Centre in Barbar will now receive patients 24 hours.

The decision follows the approval of a Parliamentary proposal to operate the centre round the clock.

MPS proposed to keep the centre working uninterrupted, citing the large number of people the centre receives.

The proposal said keeping the centre open 24 hours



would relieve the Salmaniya Medical Complex from additional pressure and help provide better care to citizens.

Shaikh Jaber centre currently has around 18 doctors.