

His Majesty issues decree

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday issued Royal Decree (30) of 2022, appointing the following assistant undersecretaries at the Ministry of Education:

Dr Samah Mohammed Suleiman Al Ajlawi (Assistant Undersecretary for the Development of Teaching and Learning



HM the King

Policies), Dr Sana Said Abdulla Al Haddad (Assistant Undersecretary for Strategies and Performance) and Haitham Isa Ali Al Sahli (Assistant Undersecretary for Support Services).

The Minister of Education shall implement the provisions of this decree, which takes immediate effect and will be published in the Official Gazette.

HRH Prince Salman appoints directors

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday issued Edict (35) of 2022, appointing the following directors at the Ministry of Education:



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister

Fawaz Ahmed Al Sherooqi (Director of the Communication Directorate), Nadia Said Naji Al Muraisi (Director of the Information Systems Directorate) and Zahra Abdulla Isa Al Dallal (Director of the Students Services Directorate).

The Minister of Education shall implement the provisions of this edict, which takes immediate effect and will be published in the Official Gazette.

UK announcement to exempt Bahrainis from visa hailed

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The Kingdom of Bahrain has welcomed the announcement by the British Home Office to launch the United Kingdom Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) in early 2023, that would fully exempt Bahrain and GCC citizens from visa requirements.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that the launch of ETA next year, complements the British government's decision to implement the electronic visa exemption system, starting from June.

"The mover will contribute to facilitating travel procedures for Bahrain and GCC citizens to the United Kingdom," it said.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs noted that the new system requires those wishing to travel to Britain to apply for permission to travel once every two years, as it is valid for the aforementioned period, and for multiple visits.

Bahrain, US to boost ties and cooperation

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Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa has stressed the depth of the historical and strategic relations between Bahrain and the US.

He also emphasised the strength of the two countries' cooperation and partnership on all levels, in light of the attention accorded by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Receiving US Acting Assistant State Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs Yael Lambert, Shaikh Salman stressed the advanced levels of Bahrain-US relations, especially on the financial and economic levels.



Shaikh Salman receives the US Acting Assistant State Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs



"Bahrain and the US are keen to strengthen cooperation and coordination towards broader horizons to achieve shared aspirations."

- SHAIKH SALMAN BIN KHALIFA AL KHALIFA, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY

He pointed out keenness to strengthen cooperation and coordination towards broader horizons to achieve shared aspirations.

The meeting discussed issues of shared interest and the latest developments in the global economy.

Push for 'Mazaya' services expansion

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Housing and Urban Planning Minister Amna bint Ahmed Al Romaihi announced that all measures would be taken to expand the "Mazaya" programme.

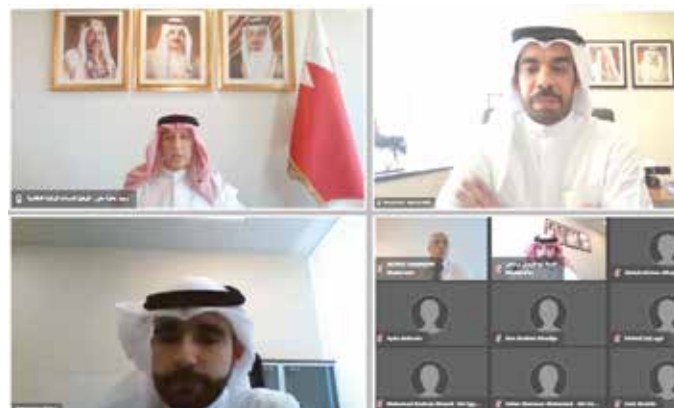
His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, directed the inclusion of 500 additional beneficiaries in the "Mazaya" housing programme.

Bahrain condolences with Jordan

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The Kingdom of Bahrain expressed its deepest condolences to the government and people of the brotherly Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, over the explosion of a gas tanker in the city of Aqaba, which led to the death and injury of hundreds of people.

NAO holds online training on 'Customs Revenue Audit'



Participants in the virtual discussion

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The training session on "Auditing Customs Revenues", organised virtually by the National Audit Office (NAO) in the Kingdom in cooperation with the Arab Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ARABOSAI), kicked off yesterday with the participation of 30 trainees from 14 Arab countries.

The three-day webinar aims to familiarise the participants with audit procedures related to various customs revenues, the nature of their complexity and their link to international agreements and their conformity to regulations by international organisations.

The lectures are presented by Ahmed Buti, Audit Manager, and Abdul Rahman Alhajeri, Senior Auditor, from the

Regulatory Audit Directorate of the NAO in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Majeed Ateyya, Assistant Undersecretary-Regularity Audit, said: "This training comes at an important time when challenges facing countries are increasing after the Covid-19 pandemic, which requires the Supreme Audit Institutions to play their role efficiently and perform their duties effectively and to the fullest."

In his welcoming speech addressed to the participants of the training he added, "We hope to exchange knowledge, expertise and experiences that contribute to achieving the supreme goal of the agencies, which is to preserve public money and ensure its proper use in accordance with the laws and regulations."

Strategic partnership



Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received yesterday the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the Department of State of the US, Yael Lempert, on the occasion of her visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain to participate in the first meeting of the Steering Committee of the Negev Forum. They reviewed strong historic and strategic partnership between Bahrain and the US and discussed ways to enhance them in various fields to achieve the common interests of both sides. The meeting was attended by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Political Affairs, Dr Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Chief of Americas Affairs, Ambassador Shaikh Abdullah bin Ali Al Khalifa, and the Ambassador of the US to Bahrain, Stephen Bundy.

BDF graduation ceremony



Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) hosted a ceremony for officers graduating in a specialised course. The ceremony was held in the presence of Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics Rear Admiral Yousef Ahmed Malallah who was briefed on the various stages of the course programmes and training. Malallah presented certificates to the graduates and special awards to the top achievers in the course attended by Ministry of Interior officers.