

# Solid leadership support

Financial and banking sector 'main contributor' to economy



The government provides all legal, organisational and logistic requirements to the financial and banking sector.

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The financial and banking sector remains the main contributor to economic growth and development in the Kingdom of Bahrain despite major challenges posed by the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Thanks to the royal leadership's solid support, the country is able to brave those challenges and the sector continues to progress to make Bahrain a financial hub in the region.

This was emphasised by HH Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, who was deputised by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa to attend a celebration marking the centennial of the banking sector in the kingdom yesterday.

His Royal Highness Prime Minister's advisor pointed out the paramount importance accorded by the government to the financial and banking sector



HRH Premier Advisor at the event

by providing it with all legal, organisational and logistic requirements.

He paid tribute to HRH the Prime Minister for his unflinching support to the sector which enjoys international respect

thanks to commitment of the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) and other banks operating in Bahrain to the organisational and monitoring frameworks.

Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa said celebrating the centenary

of the financial and banking sector comes at a time the global economy is witnessing major challenges because of the COVID-19.

The ceremony was organised by Bahrain Association of Banks

(BAB) in the main building of Bahrain Financial Harbour, in the presence of senior officials and leading personalities from the financial and banking sector.

Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa

expressed sincere congratulations to the honorees, describing them as a source of pride for their dedication and diligence in serving the nation. He wished the financial and banking sector further success and development.

Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa conveyed the greetings and congratulations of HRH the Premier to all participants in the event which celebrates the pioneering role of the financial and banking sector as a main contributor in nation building.

He stressed the big development strides made by Bahrain thanks to the valuable directives of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

CBB Governor Rashid Al Meraj expressed heartfelt thanks and gratitude to HRH the Prime Minister for patronising the ceremony which, he said, reflects his unwavering support to the sector as well as keenness on its development.

## Ways to develop labour markets discussed

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Labour and Social Development Minister Jamil bin Muhammad Ali Humaidan received GCC Labour and Social Development Councils executive office director-general Dr Amer bin Muhammad Al Hejri.

They discussed the role of the executive office in enhancing co-operation between member states to develop labour markets and intensify efforts to unify policies and regulations.

They also tackled ways to promote social protection programmes and projects for GCC

countries, as well as coordination during participation in Arab and international forums.

Humaidan affirmed Bahrain's support for the office's role in promoting joint Gulf action, which would contribute to developing the areas of labour and social co-operation.

## Foreign Minister praises retired ambassador



Dr Al Zayani with Ambassador Almansoor

● **Competence, performance highlighted**

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Foreign Minister Dr Abdulatif bin Rashid Al Zayani held a farewell ceremony for the assistant undersecretary for Western Countries and Afro-Asian Affairs, Ambassador Tawfeeq Ahmed Almansoor on the occasion of his retirement.

During the ceremony, which was held at the ministry was also attended by a number of senior officials, Dr Al Zayani

praised the outstanding efforts made by Ambassador Almansoor throughout his tenure.

He also commended his high diplomatic competence and exceptional performance of the tasks assigned to him and the positions he held, wishing him an abundance of success.

For his part, Ambassador Almansoor expressed his thanks and appreciation to Dr Al Zayani and all colleagues at the ministry for the constant support and co-operation he received, which contributed to enriching his diplomatic knowledge, wishing the ministry and all its employees continued progress and success.

## Ministry to preserve national audiovisual heritage

● **Digital archive project emphasised**

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The Information Ministry will implement the digital processing of radio, television and video media materials to preserve Bahrain's modern history, intellectual and cultural heritage.

This was emphasised by Information Affairs Minister Ali bin Mohammed Al Romaihi who expressed his pride in the Kingdom's joining UNESCO in celebrating the World Day for Audiovisual Heritage yesterday.

The event, which is celebrated every October 27 since its adoption in 1980, aims to ensure the sustainability of its national memory, preserve media documents and materials in all their audio, visual and printed forms, and maintain their high quality using modern technology.

Al Romaihi said that Bahrain's celebration of this year's World Day for Audiovisual Heritage, themed "Your Window to the World", coincides with the Information Ministry's implementation of programmes and pioneering projects to document the national heritage and preserve the deep-rooted radio and television archive.

He said that the archive covers the media material for eight decades, since the launch of the first radio broadcasting, the opening of the Bahrain Wireless Radio building on 21 July 1955, the beginning of television broadcasting in 1973, and the establishment of Bahrain Television in 1975.

## Information Ministry honoured for voluntary work



The Information Minister receives the award

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Information Affairs Minister Ali bin Mohammed Al Romaihi was presented with the "HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali Award for Voluntary Work" in recognition

of its efforts and contributions at the frontline of the fight against the coronavirus (COVID-19).

This came as the minister received yesterday Good Word Society chairman, Arab Union for Voluntary Work president, and

Award's Organising Committee chairman Hassan Mohammed Bu Hazza.

Bu Hazza lauded the major role played by the ministry at the frontline of the fight against COVID-19.

## Al Zubara warship makes first stop in Tangier on its journey to Bahrain

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Bahrain's patrol warship RBNS Al Zubara has made a port call in Tangier, the Moroccan city on the Strait of Gibraltar, the first stop on its journey from the UK to Bahrain.

Upon her arrival at the port, the warship was welcomed by a representative of the Bahrain Embassy in Morocco, a liaison officer from the Royal Moroccan Navy, a representative of the Maritime Ports Authority of Morocco and several guests.

The visit was the first by a mil-



Al Zubara crew being welcomed at the port

itary naval ship from the Royal Bahraini Navy of the Bahrain Defense Force to a Moroccan

port. All necessary services and facilities were provided to the

vessel in accordance with international maritime protocols and norms.

Bahrain Ambassador to Morocco Khalid bin Salman Al Musallam visited Al Zubara at the port where he was welcomed by the mission commander, the ship's captain, assistant and officers.

The ambassador was briefed on the warship's special features that use modern technology in the management, operation and control of its system, including navigation and communication, the engine and generator operating and control system, the fire control system, damage control and a combat system.