

HM King and HRH Prince Salman thanked by world leaders

● Japan Prime Minister cable for Bahrain leadership

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday received a cable of thanks and appreciation from Japan Prime

Minister Fumio Kishida.

Prime Minister Kishida expressed thanks and appreciation to HM the King for dispatching an official Bahraini delegation, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to attend the funeral of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, held recently in Tokyo.

He lauded HM King Hamad's kind gesture that had a positive



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman

impact on the people of Japan, and contributed to further strengthening the solid relations between the two friendly countries.

The Japanese Premier affirmed that he will do his utmost to enhance the Japanese-Bahraini relations, consolidated by the late Prime Minister Abe.

He also highlighted the 50th anniversary of the two countries' diplomatic relations, which is celebrated this year.

HRH Prince Salman yesterday received a cable of thanks from Spain Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, in response to His Royal Highness's congratulatory cable on Spain's National Day.

His Royal Highness also received a cable of thanks from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, Han Duck-soo, in response to his congratulatory cable on South Korea's National Liberation Day.

Cabinet promises to fulfil royal visions

● Deputy Prime Minister chairs weekly meeting

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The Cabinet is committed to ensuring that government workstreams reflect the visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Cabinet made the assurance during the weekly meeting chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday.

It extended gratitude to HM the King following the royal decree issued to form the new Cabinet.

The Cabinet noted its commitment to improving further economic, social, and government services, and commended the efforts of the former ministers in executing the government's goals and wished them success in their future endeavours.

It noted the importance of building on the outcomes of the Future Aspirations Workshops to achieve the Kingdom's sustainable development goals for the benefit of the Kingdom and its citizens.

Royal trust

The Cabinet congratulated the members of the Shura Coun-



Deputy Prime Minister

cil for the royal trust bestowed on them, wishing them success in carrying out their legislative duties. It also highlighted the government's commitment to continue constructive cooperation with the Legislative Authority to serve the Kingdom and its citizens.

Recovery plan

Following a review of a memorandum submitted by the Minister of Finance and National Economy regarding the Economic Recovery Plan, the Cabinet followed up on the plan's implementation.

The memorandum revealed that 21 of the 27 programmes included in the plan had been completed and that work is underway to complete the implementation of the remaining 6 programmes.

The memorandum also showed an increase in many economic indicators. In this regard, the Cabinet commended the efforts of the authorities who have achieved these goals.

The Cabinet also noted the



The Cabinet approved a memorandum by the Ministerial Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs and Fiscal Balance regarding a decision to be issued by the Minister of Labour and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority to support the development of the Kingdom's labour market.

constructive cooperation between the Executive and Legislative Authorities and the role of the private sector in supporting the implementation of the priorities and programmes within the Economic Recovery Plan.

Leading hub

The Cabinet noted the importance of the inauguration of Exhibition World Bahrain, which was held under the patronage of HM the King and attended by HRH the Crown Prince and the Prime Minister, in establishing

Bahrain as a leading hub for global exhibitions and conferences.

The Cabinet highlighted the great success of Cityscape Bahrain 2022 and Jewellery Arabia 2022, which were the first events held at the Exhibition World Bahrain. It noted the high turnout at the events, which reflects the continued growth and development of the real estate and commercial sectors.

Congratulations

The Cabinet congratulated Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Consort of HM the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), on the issuance of the royal decree appointing members of the SCW in its eighth session, and on the occasion of Bahraini Women's Day. It commended the efforts of the SCW in empowering Bahraini women in various fields.

Investigation

The Cabinet followed up on the passing of a worker and the injuries of others in one of Al Lawzi rainwater drainage projects and directed the relevant authorities to conduct a detailed investigation to determine the causes of the accident and to take legal measures to ensure that it does not occur again.

The Cabinet also highlighted the importance of educating workers and employers about occupational safety and health requirements, in light of the report submitted by the Minister of Works.

Al Saleh appointed Shura Council head

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued Royal Decree 42/2022 appointing the Shura Council Chairman.

According to the decree, Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh was appointed Chairman of the Shura Council.

The decree shall take effect from the start of the sixth legislative term of the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives, and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Al Saleh extended his deepest gratitude to His Majesty on the precious royal trust bestowed upon him.

He said that the royal trust is a source of great pride and impetus to carry on his efforts



Al Saleh

to deepen the achievements and successes of HM the King's democratic approach and strengthen its system.

Al Saleh thanked HM the King, reiterating loyalty and allegiance to HM and his keenness to carry out his constitutional duties to the fullest.

USB celebrates Uttarakhand Diwas 2022 in grand fashion



Uttarakhand Society of Bahrain members with Indian Embassy officials and guests at the event

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Uttarakhand Society of Bahrain (USB) celebrated Uttarakhand Diwas 2022 at Ramee Grand Seef and Spa to commemorate the state foundation day, observed annually on 9 November.

Uttarakhand, also called the abode of gods, is a hilly state in north India with inhabitants known for their humility, cultural and traditional values.

The celebrations were graced by the honourable presence of Mr Ravi Shankar Shukla, Second Secretary Consular, Indian Embassy was the Chief Guest for the event.

Dr Babu Ramachandran, Chairman ICRF was guest of honour. Dignitaries for the evening were Ms Priyanka Tyagi, Attache, Consular, Indian embassy, Mr Pankaj Nallur,

General Secretary ICRF, and Mr Manoj Bisht GM Fakhro Insurance services. The event was supported by the Middle East Healthcare Group.

More than 150 members from USB attended this event. Society members showcased the traditional culture with folk dances, songs and enthralled the audience with various programs which depict the rich cultural heritage of state Devbhoomi.

USB was officially formed in 2016 and was registered as an Indian State Organization from Uttarakhand in 2017 with the Embassy of Bahrain. The society not only promotes cultural belongingness to its members but supports and counsels its members who are majorly from the hospitality sector and are residing in Bahrain.

Medical Camp program



Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, HE Sri Piyush Srivastava, was Chief Guest at the conclusion of the Mega Medical Camp 2021-22 program, organised by the Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF). The event, which was started in September 2021, was part of ICRF's activities to commemorate 75 years of Indian Independence. ICRF organised many medical camps in association with various hospitals and medical centers. The finale ceremony was held at Al Namal group's labour camp near Asker on 24 November. Nearly 750 workers underwent medical checkup and attended doctor consultation. ICRF felicitated the program's main sponsor Al Namal Group/VKL Group which extended help through Middle East Hospital for medical check-ups as well as provided food packets to all participating workers during the year.