



Royal pride on Bahrain-US ties

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa expressed Bahrain's pride in the long-standing historical relations and close partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the US, which for decades have been based on trust, respect, and joint coordination. HM the King was speaking as he received His Excellency Steven C. Bondy, Ambassador of the US to the Kingdom of Bahrain, and Vice Admiral George Wikoff, Commander of the US Naval Forces Central Command and Commander of the Fifth Fleet, at Al Safriya Palace. HM King Hamad noted the ongoing progress in bilateral cooperation, especially in military coordination, defence cooperation, and in various areas of development as two allied countries.

In the line of duty

MPs propose bonuses for frontline workers during Iran-Israel conflict

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MPs are proposing bonuses for security, military and medical staff who were called into action during the fallout from the Iran-Israel conflict.

Hamad Al Doy, who is backing the proposal with a number of colleagues, said the payments would go to government workers involved in emergency readiness and front-line response.

He said the move follows recent developments in the region which required intensified preparations, particularly among agencies tasked with national security and public health.

"This is for those who were out there, supporting the coun-



try at a time when heightened alert was necessary," he said. "They maintained stability and kept essential services running."

The proposal covers staff in the security forces, armed services and health sector.

Duties

Al Doy said these teams remained on standby and took on additional duties during the

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heightened state of readiness.

He said the period had demanded greater flexibility and sustained focus, with many staff working beyond their usual hours and adapting to shifts in operational demands.

"They showed they were ready when it mattered," he

said. "Their response spoke for itself."

Al Doy said the proposal aims to formally acknowledge the work carried out across these sectors during the period in question.

Value

He added that this would reinforce the value of their role and affirm their importance in future contingency planning.

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He said the bonuses reflect Bahrain's approach to supporting national staff and maintaining readiness under all conditions.

Book of memories



His Excellency Nabeel bin Yacoub Al Hamer, His Majesty the King's Advisor for Media Affairs, received writer Ahmed Abdulrahman Al Sayed, where Al Sayed presented his book "Memories of a Student, Graduate of the University of Baghdad 1974." Al Hamer commended Al Sayed's efforts in producing the book, which recounts his experiences and memories during his five years of study at the University of Baghdad over 50 years ago, and wished him continued success.

Educational cooperation



His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, received Tariq Abdul Latif Jasim Kanoo, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Abdulrahman Kanoo Education Group (ARKEDU). The meeting discussed cooperation on future educational programmes and reviewed support for the expansion plans of Abdulrahman Kanoo International School, aimed at strengthening the quality and scope of its educational services.

Investing in talent

Transportation Minister attends Huawei Bahrain 2024 ICT Talent Achievement Closing Ceremony



H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed with distinguished guests and attendees

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Investing in national human capital is a strategic pillar of Bahrain's digital transformation and its shift toward a knowledge-based economy.

This was emphasised by His Excellency Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, as he attended the Huawei Bahrain 2024 ICT Talent Achievement Closing Ceremony.

The event was attended by H.E. Ni Ruchi, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

In his keynote address, Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed underscored the importance of

high-impact educational initiatives that help identify and develop young Bahraini talent, equipping them with digital skills to compete on regional and international levels.

Strategic programmes

He commended Huawei's ongoing efforts in supporting education and skill-building through strategic programmes such as the ICT Competition, describing it as a vital platform for fostering innovation and preparing youth to meet future technological challenges.

The Transportation Minister noted that such initiatives play a key role in shaping a digitally advanced society and enhancing the Kingdom's position in the global technology

landscape.

He also underlined the importance of public-private partnerships in aligning academic outcomes with labour market demands, especially as the ICT sector continues to evolve rapidly.

Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed reiterated the ministry's commitment to enabling innovation by maintaining a supportive regulatory framework, ensuring secure digital infrastructure, and encouraging investment in emerging technologies, all aligned with the goals of Bahrain Economic Vision 2030.

During the event, students, faculty, and mentors were honoured across various categories for their achievements.

Bihar and Jharkhand Tourism and ODOP walls inaugurated at Indian Embassy consular hall



H.E. Indian Ambassador Vinod K. Jacob with distinguished guests and attendees

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Ambassador of India H.E. Vinod K. Jacob inaugurated Bihar and Jharkhand Tourism and One District One Product (ODOP) walls at the Consular hall of the Embassy in the presence of Bihar and Jharkhand communities living in Bahrain.

These walls highlight touristic attractions as well as exquisite products identified under ODOP scheme, of the states of Bihar and Jharkhand.

The event was also attended by H.E. Mr. Tirtha Raj Wagle, Ambassador of Nepal to the Kingdom of Bahrain and Her Excellency Shanika Dissanayake, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Under the 'Focus state/Union territory' initiative of Embassy of India, touristic and ODOP products of a particular State/Union territory are being promoted in Bahrain for a period of around one month.

Initiative

Embassy has till date featured Rajasthan, Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu for this initiative in sourcing the ODOP products for display at the Embassy.

Bihar is a historically rich and culturally vibrant State located in eastern India. It is closely associated with Buddhism, as Lord Buddha attained enlightenment in Bodhi Gaya.

Bihar holds immense histor-

ical and cultural significance as it was the centre of ancient knowledge of philosophy, with places like Nalanda being prominent centres of learning.

Among Bihar's artistic tradition, the works of Madhubani artists stand out. Nepal and Sri Lanka share close cultural and economic linkages with Bihar.

Jharkhand, a land of rich mineral reserves, lush forests, vibrant tribal culture, and industrial significance, is home to major industrial hubs like Tata Steel and Tata Motors in Jamshedpur, and SAIL's steel plant in Bokaro, along with vast coalfields in Dhanbad and beyond.

Known for its waterfalls, ancient temples, and folk traditions, the State reflects a unique blend of indigenous heritage and modern development.