

MyGov app, draft laws and innovation strategy



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chaired the 508th Government Executive Committee meeting. The meeting reviewed developments on enhancing the MyGov application, several draft laws, and a proposal on the 2025-2035 National Innovation Strategy.

Bahrain Builds Training Legacy



MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen

Fifth training forum begins Thursday

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Bahrain is moving to the forefront of regional efforts in human capital development as the fifth edition of the ‘Forum for Training and Trainers’ opens tomorrow under the patronage of MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen.

Organised in cooperation with the Arab Trainers Union and the Forum for Training and Trainers, the two-day event brings together more than 30 experts, academics, and training professionals from across the Arab world to discuss the latest practices and trends in professional development.

Youth Focus

Dr. Al Dhaen said her patronage of the forum reflects her belief in the importance of preparing a new generation of Bahraini trainers, describing it as an investment in the future. She noted that national talent has the potential to transform the training sector and advance human development across the Kingdom.

Building a pool of highly skilled and knowledgeable Bahraini trainers, she said, would help shape future professional and intellectual leaders capable of offering innovative solutions to emerging challenges and reinforcing Bahrain’s standing as a regional centre of excellence in training.

This direction, she added, aligns with the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the priorities of the government led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, which place youth empowerment at the heart of national strategy.

Justice responds

Two jailed for life over drug smuggling via Bahrain Airport

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Two men have been sentenced to life behind bars and fined BD5,000 apiece for bringing drugs into Bahrain and holding them for sale and personal use.

The court also ordered that they be deported once their sentences are served, and that the seized drugs be destroyed.

The case began with a report to the Public Prosecution from the Anti-Narcotics Directorate.

Investigators said the first man had brought the drugs into Bahrain through the airport by hiding them inside his body, then passed them to the second man.

The first suspect was stopped



at Bahrain International Airport while trying to leave the country.

Officers arrested him under a prosecution order.

Investigators then tracked down the second man, who was found in possession of more

drugs and psychotropic pills.

Both were questioned by the prosecution and faced with the seized items and evidence.

The case was sent to the First High Criminal Court, which delivered its ruling yesterday.

Bahrain Explores Saudi Public Space Model



Eng. Khalid Ali Al Qalaf with Eng. Mohammed Al Ghunaimi, Operations Director at Majsam Watan, and other Saudi officials

Bahrain reviews ‘Majsam Watan’

Urban art boosts identity

Focus on public-private projects

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Bahrain is exploring how public art can reshape its cities, drawing lessons from a leading Saudi initiative that fuses architecture and cultural identity.

The Director General of Muharraq Municipality, Engineer Khalid Ali Al Qalaf, visited the

headquarters of Al Fozan Group in Saudi Arabia to study the ‘Majsam Watan’ initiative - a national competition known for transforming urban spaces with symbolic architectural sculptures.

Urban Identity

During the visit, Al Qalaf praised the programme’s role in strengthening national identity and enhancing the aesthetic and cultural fabric of public spaces. He said Bahrain is keen to adopt similar artistic and civic initiatives that reflect local heritage while promoting sustainability and best-in-class urban standards.

“Expanding regional cooperation and sharing experiences with pioneering institutions in urban and artistic development supports our goals for sustainable

development,” Al Qalaf said.

Civic Partnerships

The Saudi initiative, launched by Al Fozan Social Foundation, was presented in detail by Engineer Mohammed Al Ghunaimi, Operations Director at Majsam Watan. He outlined how the initiative engages designers and engineers to create culturally resonant structures, many of which now define public spaces in several Saudi cities.

According to Al Ghunaimi, Majsam Watan stands as a successful model of public-private collaboration, providing a platform for creative professionals to celebrate national identity through architecture and art.

The visit signals Bahrain’s intent to integrate art and identity in future civic projects.

Anti-Trafficking Justice Model Set

Bahrain marks global day

Legal model gains recognition

Focus on vulnerable groups

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Bahrain’s commitment to building a regionally recognised justice-based response to human trafficking came into sharp focus yesterday, as Foreign Minister, His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, reaffirmed the Kingdom’s leading role in strengthening legal and institutional frameworks to combat exploitation.

Marking the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, His Excellency Dr. Al Zayani, who also chairs Bahrain’s National Committee for Human Rights, said the Kingdom was proud of its progress in protecting the dignity of individuals through a robust legal and judicial system. This includes the implementation of Law (1) of 2008, which aligns with international treaties such as the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime.

Region-first court

H.E. the Minister highlighted Bahrain’s pioneering steps in the region, notably the creation of a specialised court and prosecution unit dedicated to handling human trafficking cases. His Excellency also pointed to the establishment of a national centre that supports and protects migrant workers, underlining Bahrain’s comprehensive response to trafficking, particularly in vulnerable communities.

Dr. Al Zayani attributed these strides to the vision of 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, whose leadership has advanced Bahrain’s international standing on human rights.

Global recognition

H.E. the Minister welcomed international recognition of Bahrain’s anti-trafficking record, citing the country’s clear commitment to upholding the



H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani



Bahrain is the first country in the Middle East to establish both a specialised prosecution unit and court dedicated to human trafficking cases.

rule of law and protecting vulnerable groups such as women and children from all forms of exploitation, including in digital spaces.

His Excellency praised the coordinated work of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons (NCCTIPS), along with key government entities including the Ministries of Interior, Foreign Affairs, Justice, Labour, and Information, as well as the Labour Market Regulatory Authority. Contributions from civil society, diplomatic missions, and regional organisations were also acknowledged.

Ongoing vision

Dr. Al Zayani reaffirmed Bahrain’s commitment to strengthening its national framework through updated legislation and strategic policies based on justice, transparency, and fairness. H.E. noted that these measures are in line with the Government Plan, the National Human Rights Plan (2022–2026), and Bahrain Economic Vision 2030.

The Kingdom, H.E. said, continues to uphold humanitarian values and foster a safe and equitable labour environment by embedding international best practices into national governance.