

Spirit of 'nationalism'

Cabinet commends collective efforts of government authorities and citizens to cushion impact of rains

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The Cabinet has praised the efforts of the Interior Ministry, General Directorate of Civil Defence, General Directorate of Traffic and Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning in managing the impact of the recent rainfall.

The Cabinet also thanked the citizens of Bahrain for their cooperation, spirit and sense of national responsibility when faced with this situation.

This came as His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday chaired the weekly Cabinet meeting, at Gudaibiya Palace.

HRH Prince Salman directed for the swift documentation of all damage caused by the rainfall, and to compensate those who have been badly affected.

HRH also ordered the development of sustainable drainage solutions in areas where rainwater has accumulated, in addition to ongoing work to modernise and develop storm water infrastructure. This took place following an assessment of the impact of recent rainfall. The Cabinet discussed and



HRH Prince Salman chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

approved the following memorandums:

1. A memorandum by the Government Executive Committee concerning the formulation of legislation that strengthens the rule of law, safeguards rights and supports development.

2. A memorandum by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs regarding a draft law to implement the terms of the agreement between

the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Nations Development Programme.

3. A memorandum by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs regarding an MoU for cooperation in renewable energy between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Morocco.

4. A memorandum by the Minister of Finance and National Economy regarding subscrip-

tion rights for the sixth general increase in the capital of the Islamic Development Bank. The decision follows the Kingdom of Bahrain's commitment to enhancing the use of the bank's services and initiatives, and to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

5. A memorandum by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs regarding the government's response to a proposal submitted by the Council of Representatives.

Quarterly economic report review

The Cabinet also reviewed a memorandum by the Minister of Finance and National Economy regarding the quarterly economic report for the third quarter of 2021.

The preliminary results of the nominal GDP (at current prices) showed that the economy grew by 10.2% compared to the same period in 2020, supported by growth in the non-oil sector of 5.9%.

The real GDP growth rate (at constant prices) was 2.1% on an annual basis, with the non-oil sector recording growth of 3.8%.

Bahrain thanked by South Korea

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime

Minister, yesterday received a cable of thanks from President Moon Jae-in of South Korea, in reply to their condolences over the passing of former Korean President Roh Tae-woo.

HH Shaikh Nasser mother hails RHF

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The mother of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, received at her Majlis a number of mothers affiliated with the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) who are contributors to "Nitaj" project.

The meeting was held in the presence of RHF Secretary General Dr Mustafa Sayed and a number of female affiliates to RHF and employees.

She expressed sincere thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for his personal follow-up to support Bahraini widows and orphans registered with RHF.

She commended the royal



A commemorative shield presented to RHF by HH Shaikh Nasser's mother

paternal care for them and keenness on providing a decent and stable life to them, wishing HM the King abundant health and happiness and a long life.

She praised "Nitaj" project, stressing her support for it to achieve its noble goals.

King Hamad award for youth empowerment

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His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, has announced the launch of the 4th edition of King Hamad Youth Empowerment Award to Achieve SDGs.

In a statement marking the occasion, HH Shaikh Nasser described the award as a message of appreciation and pride from the Kingdom of Bahrain to youth all over the world, especially those with achievements, influential creativity and innovative solutions in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This is evident in the launch of the new edition of the King Hamad Youth Empowerment Award, which is among Bahrain's most important initiatives towards world youth, aiming to motivate youth to think "outside the box" and come up with ideas on the best ways to achieve UN goals in a youthful way.

HH Shaikh Nasser indicated that the prestigious award has always attracted new ideas that cope with global changes, noting that the fourth edition will encourage youth to provide ideas and projects on achieving SDGs in a post-pandemic world with youth vision.

He affirmed that the strong partnership between Bahrain and the UN Development Programme (UNDP) has promoted the award at the international level, and contributed to attracting a great number of participants from various countries.

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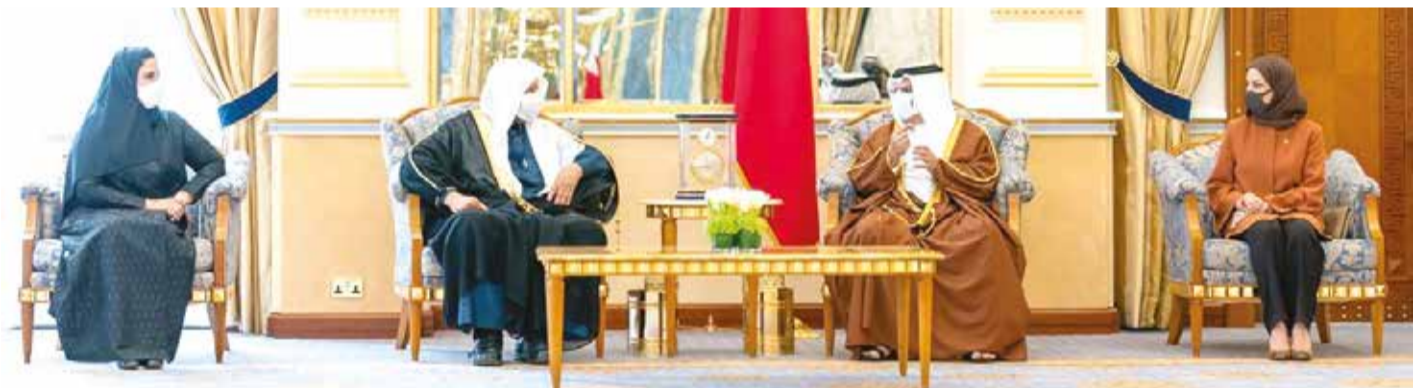


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partnership between the kingdom and many UN agencies has been expanded in order to ensure wider youth participation and achieve the award's noble goals.

He expressed confidence that this year's edition will be more successful than the previous editions, expressing hope that the international community, public and private entities and youth sectors will urge the youth of the world to participate in the award, being their perfect platform to showcase their ideas on ways to achieve SDGs.

HRH Prince Salman receives Saudi Arabia's Shura Council Chairman



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday met with the Chairman of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Shura Council, Shaikh Dr Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al Al Sheikh, and an accompanying delegation, at Gudaibiya Palace. HRH Prince Salman highlighted the historical ties between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which continue to receive the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted Bahrain's commitment to strengthening cooperation across various fields for the benefit of both countries. Shaikh Dr Abdullah bin Mohammed highlighted His Royal Highness's continued support to bolstering bilateral relations. Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia Abdullah Zainal and Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh also attended the meeting.

BDF Commander-in-Chief receives US and UK Commanders



Above, Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Admiral Charles Bradford Cooper, Commander of United States Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) and Commander of United States Fifth Fleet (C5F). Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi was present. The meeting discussed issues of common interest. Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed praised the Bahraini-American relations and the development witnessed by both countries at all levels, especially in the military field. The BDF Commander-in-Chief also received the outgoing UK Maritime Component Commander Edward Ahlgren, below, and praised the efforts exerted by the outgoing UK Maritime Component Commander throughout his tenure, wishing him success in his future endeavours.

NIHR lauds Filipino community contributions

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The important contributions of the Filipino community in the Kingdom of Bahrain have been praised by the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR).

NIHR President Ali Ahmed Al Derazi, who received Philippines' Ministry of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs Sarah Lou Arriola, praised the growing relations and cooperation between Bahrain and the Philippines.

The meeting discussed NIHR's efforts to support human rights for expatriate workers.