

HM King, HRH Prince Salman hailed by Cabinet for F1 success

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The Cabinet extended its congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, following the success of the 2023 Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix.

It noted that the race was well attended and commended Team Bahrain's role in the event's organisation and success.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, yesterday chaired the

weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace.

The Cabinet welcomed His Majesty the King's invitation for the Kingdom of Bahrain to host the meeting of the Council of Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly, which will be held under the chairmanship of HE Dr Han Seung-soo, Chairperson of the United Nations Council of Presidents of General Assembly (UNCPGA).

In this regard, the Cabinet highlighted the importance of this international meeting in consolidating the objectives of the UN, particularly the main-



Deputy Prime Minister

tenance of international peace and security.

Additionally, in celebration of International Women's Day, the

Cabinet commended the Kingdom's comprehensive women's advancement programmes and policies, led by the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), led by the Consort of His Majesty the King and President of the SCW, Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa.

In light of a report submitted by the Minister of Health, the Cabinet welcomed the World Health Organization's accreditation of A'ali, Busaiteen, and Al Sayh as healthy cities, as well as the accreditation of five local universities as healthy universities.

The Cabinet acknowledged these accreditations as international appreciation for the plans, programmes, and government efforts made in health and social development.

The Cabinet discussed several memorandums during the meeting with the following approvals made:

1. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs and Fiscal Balance on the latest developments regarding the e-passport plan.

2. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee

for Legal and Legislative Affairs regarding a draft decision to restructure the Water Resources Council.

3. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs regarding the restructuring of a number of councils and committees led by the Minister of Interior.

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

Foreign Minister participates in UN conference

Doha

Tasked by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani participated in the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: From Po-

tential to Prosperity.

The conference is hosted by Qatar on March 5-9, with the participation of world leaders, heads of government and foreign ministers.

The conference commenced with a speech by His Highness Shaikh Tamim bin Hamad Al

Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, followed by a speech by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, then a speech by the current President of the United Nations General Assembly, and a number of heads of state and participating delegations.

The conference will discuss a

number of main topics, including: investing in people, eradicating poverty and building capacities, harnessing the power of science, technology and innovation, supporting structural transformation as an engine for achieving prosperity, enhancing the participation of least devel-

oped countries in international trade and regional integration, and confronting climate change, recovering from COVID-19, building resilience, and mobilizing international partnerships for sustainable exit from the least developed country category.

It aims to exchange views on

international efforts aimed at supporting development in the least developed countries of the world, harnessing the capabilities and overcoming the difficulties faced by developing and least developed countries in their endeavors to achieve sustainable development.

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136,000 passengers travel through King Fahd Causeway

● New milestone set on March 4

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A record-breaking 136,000 people travelled through the King Fahd Causeway on March 4, establishing a new milestone for the bridge that connects Saudi Arabia and Bah-

rain.

The travel procedures area on the Causeway, on both the Saudi and Bahrain sides, witnessed huge crowds of travellers during peak hours from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.

On that particular day, 136,498 travellers used the bridge. This number was higher than the one that was recorded on January 11, 2020, when more than 131,000 people crossed the Causeway.

The beginning of the second semester break and the Formula 1 event coincided with the traffic jams, and customs and passport officers made elaborate arrangements and facilities for travellers while maintaining perfect security.

Reverse lanes were opened on the Saudi side to ease congestion during peak hours, thus despite the enormous number of passengers, traffic flowed smoothly.

Ghazal Qawwali Night



An audience of 120 people attended the Ghazal Qawwali Night presented by Indian Fine Arts Society, the oldest organisation promoting fine arts in the Kingdom of Bahrain, at the Ramee Grand in Seef. The performance was headed by renowned sufi exponent Nawaz Sabari & Group. The chief guest was Mrs. Monika Srivastava, the wife of Indian Ambassador Piyush Sreevastava.