

# 'Let's protect public funds'

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the Kingdom's commitment to adopting and implementing plans and programmes that ensure the effective and optimal management of public funds, in line with the aspirations and visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he received the Auditor-General of the National Audit Office (NAO), HE Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, who presented the 20th NAO Annual Report 2022-2023, at Riffa Palace.

The Deputy Prime Minister, HE Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and the Minister of



HRH Prince Salman receives the 2022-2023 NAO Annual Report from HE Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed

Cabinet Affairs, HE Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, also attended the meeting.

His Royal Highness underlined the Kingdom's firm commitment to address all the NAO's observations, implement measures to enhance oversight and accountability and consolidate integrity, honesty, and profes-

sionalism across government workstreams.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister emphasised Team Bahrain's commitment to performing their responsibilities professionally and efficiently, and ensuring that public funds are managed according to national regulations.

He noted the NAO's dedication to their regulatory mandate, which is reflected in their reports issued annually.

## Best practices

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister commended government agencies' commit-

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ment to adopting the best practices across their administrative and financial procedures to ensure the optimal management of public funds.

HRH Prince Salman stressed the importance for government agencies to review, analyse, and

document all observations and ensure that the necessary legal measures are taken immediately.

His Royal Highness stressed the importance for government agencies that have observations of non-compliance in their finances and administration to correct these observations and ensure they are not repeated in future reports.

## Unwavering support

HE Shaikh Ahmed highlighted that the NAO continues to develop, thanks to the unwavering support of HM the King, and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He noted that the report included findings from various economic, social, and service sectors, explaining that the fundamental observations and recommendations outlined within the report cover the team's findings for the 2022-2023 year.

# HM King deputises BDF chief to visit Royal Artillery

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, yesterday deputised Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), to visit the Royal Artillery, marking the 47th anniversary of its establishment.

Upon arrival, the BDF chief was welcomed by Lieuten-

ant-General Abdulla bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, Defence Affairs Minister, Lieutenant-General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, BDF Chief of Staff, Major-General Shaikh Khalifa bin Hassan Al Khalifa, Royal Artillery Commander, and senior officers.

On behalf of HM the King, the BDF chief presented the fallen servicemen's families and the wounded with medals bestowed upon them by HM the King. He also presented them with com-



Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed with senior officials and BDF officers

memorative gifts.

The servicemen who were injured during the aggression

that had targeted them at a time of truce greeted the Commander-in-Chief, who conferred on

them the Wound Badge, in appreciation of the courage and valour they had shown while

performing their national duty.

A commemorative gift was also presented to HM the King, the Supreme Commander, by the Royal Artillery Commander.

Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed paid tribute to the late servicemen's families for their patience and fortitude, commending the courage showcased by the wounded while carrying out their sacred patriotic duties. He wished them a speedy recovery.

# Private sector hailed for supporting school events



H.E. Dr. Juma with owners of institutions and companies in the private sector

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His Excellency Dr. Muhammad bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, received a number of owners of institutions and companies in the private sector, who actively contributed to supporting school sports activities and competitions implemented by the Ministry of Education, including football, handball, chess and other sports competitions.

Dr. Juma extended his thanks and appreciation to all sponsors for their partnership with the Ministry and their support for these activities, which will have a major impact on raising the sports and mental levels of male and female students, appreciating the keenness of these institutions from the private sector to communicate with the Ministry and interact with its educational and student programs and projects.



Left, Rashid AlHamer, Editor of Al Ayam newspaper and Secretary to the Board and Head of International Relations at Bahrain Journalists Association (BJA), with dignitaries

The Minister also thanked the Educational Services Sector team, which carried out the promotion of school sports tournaments and activities, headed by Ms. Kifaya Habib Al-Anzour.

The institutions that received the platinum supporter rating for the Ministry of Education championships are the National Bank of Bahrain and Al Haqbaz Company, while the institutions that received the

gold supporter rating are the main company, GMI Company, Ahli United Bank, First Motors Company, and Sarah Group. While Engineer Transportation Company, Al Qasr Projects, Bahrain Cinema Company, Kuwait Finance House, Planera Holding Company, Maina Water Company, Marathon Sports Company, Al Ayyam Newspaper, and Bukari Sweet Company received the bronze supporter rating.

## Bahrain-France cooperation



His Excellency Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, received the newly appointed French Ambassador to Bahrain, Eric Giraud-Telme, yesterday. He welcomed the envoy, hailing the distinguished ties, cooperation and coordination between Bahrain and France, especially in security. He wished the ambassador the best in his new assignments. The two sides reviewed security cooperation and topics of common interest.

## Governors' meeting



Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, yesterday held a meeting with governors, in the presence of the Chief of Public Security. The minister hailed the role of the governors in promoting interaction with citizens and residents, as well as meeting the needs of the governorates in coordination with concerned authorities. He said that the active presence of the governorates on all occasions promotes cooperation and interaction with all segments of society. The meeting also discussed the governorates' topics and projects.