

'Strategic partnerships' vital in oil, gas sector

HH Shaikh Nasser highlights Bahrain's lead achievements in developing industry

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His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, has stressed the importance of building strategic partnerships, cooperation and exchanging experiences to advance the oil and gas sector.

HH Shaikh Nasser, who is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Oil and Gas Holding Company B.S.C. (nogaholding), highlighted the importance of Bahrain accords to the national energy strategy and its pivotal role in the growth of the local sector and in contributing to building a sustainable future free of carbon emissions.

This came as His Highness held bilateral meetings with a number of representatives and heads of international companies in the oil and gas sector on the sidelines of their participation in the "CERAWEEK 2023".

HH Shaikh Nasser met with Bechtel, APA Corporation, Chevron, Palantir Technologies, and Italian company Eni.

The meetings were in line with the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Prince Salman bin Ham-



HH Shaikh Nasser holds talks with Bechtel

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ad Al Khalifa in securing the Kingdom's energy needs in the future, and achieving the zero neutral goals set out during 26th Conference of the Parties to

the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26).

HH Shaikh Nasser highlighted the lead achievements made

by the Kingdom in developing the oil and gas sector, and the importance of exploring more opportunities that ensure the continuity of the sector's development and growth through the application of the latest technologies and qualitative innovations that would boost the efficiency of infrastructure and protect the environment.

He also stressed the Kingdom's keenness to provide sustainable and safe energy supplies in line with the sustainability goals and the Kingdom's Economic Vision 2030.

Frustration grows amongst King Fahd Causeway travellers

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The ongoing expansion and maintenance work at the King Fahd Causeway has disrupted travel plans for many the past couple of days.

There is growing frustration amongst those crossing the border, as people continue to experience hours of waiting, traffic jams, and congestion.

The King Fahd Causeway Authority (KFCA) has begun the expansion aimed at increasing the capacity and improving the experience of travellers crossing the bridge.

According to reports, the ongoing expansion will be developed in several stages, beginning with the first stage, aimed to be completed in three months. Other stages will be completed within a year, according to KFCA.

Nour, an avid causeway passenger, was informed that there was no entry crossing the

border, after making a quick trip into Bahrain, planning to leave the same day back to Saudi Arabia.

"I had planned a quick trip to do some shopping as well as have dinner with some friends on Monday to Bahrain, and then travel back to Saudi the same day," she said.

However, when she was trying to leave back to Saudi Arabia through the Causeway, authorities notified her that she can't pass the border, and was told to travel back to Bahrain.

"As there was a high amount of traffic that day, the authorities explained to me to travel back to Bahrain. I stayed in a hotel, slept the night, and the next day I travelled back to Saudi," she said.

The King Fahd Causeway set a new record for the highest number of passengers crossing the border, as more than 136,000 passengers crossed through the border on Saturday, March 4.

BDF continues to send more humanitarian aid to Turkey



Delivery of relief aid to Turkey

Part of royal directives to help quake victims

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The Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) continues sending humanitarian aid to Turkey in a second operation that consists of relief materials, medical, shelter tents, food and logistical aid.

The relief aid, flown by Bahraini Royal Air Force aircraft, is in implementation of the direc-

tives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, to provide the necessary support to the affected victims in Syria and Turkey after the devastating earthquake.

The relief operation was coordinated with the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) to carry out its delivery and distribution process to the affected people.

The air bridge will continue to send aid through flights over several days as part of the Kingdom's vision of providing assistance to different countries.

Social media posts 'warning'

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The Director-General of Anti-Corruption and Electronic Security asserted yesterday that the monitoring and follow-up operations indicated that some exploit social media by circulating posts against civil peace, social stability and safety of the community.

He said those who repost posts or write supportive comments that promote incitement would be held legally accountable.

The Director-General urged the public to use social media wisely.

Arab meetings



Foreign Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani yesterday participated in the meeting of the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level, which was held at the headquarters of the League of Arab States in Cairo. Egypt's Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry chaired the session, in the presence of Arab Foreign Ministers and the Secretary-General of the Arab League. The session discussed a number of issues related to strengthening joint Arab action in various fields, coordinating Arab stances towards current regional and international challenges, issues related to maintaining security and stability in the region, and ways to strengthen friendship and cooperation in a way that enhances Arab interests.

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