

# Bahrain-Singapore judicial cooperation

HRH Prince Salman highlights importance of sharing of expertise to develop system between the two countries

● Kingdom keen to reinforce its international commercial arbitration role

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The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, acknowledged the importance of cooperation and sharing of expertise between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Singapore in settling commercial disputes, which help develop the Kingdom's judicial system, in line with international best practices.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he received yesterday the Chief Justice of the



HRH the Deputy King receives the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Singapore

Supreme Court of the Republic of Singapore, the Honourable Sundaresh Menon, at Gudaibiya Palace.

His Royal Highness wished

Honourable Menon a pleasant stay in the Kingdom.

The Supreme Court Chief Justice thanked His Royal Highness for his warm welcome and noted

that stronger cooperation between the two countries helped achieve common aspirations.

He wished the Kingdom further progress and prosperity.

## Commercial arbitration

HRH the Deputy King highlighted the importance of advancing the Kingdom's judicial system to reinforce the Kingdom of Bahrain's role in commercial arbitration, in line with the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

His Royal Highness emphasised the pivotal role of international arbitration institutions in supervising the proper conduct of arbitration proceedings.

The Vice President of the Supreme Judicial Council and President of the Court of Cassation, HE Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, HE Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, also attended the meeting.

## Kingdom to host NATO Initiative Policy Advisory Group Meeting

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The Kingdom of Bahrain will host the 5th Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI) Policy Advisory Group Meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), tomorrow.

Around 120 high-level officials, ambassadors and representatives of the member states of the ICI from the Kingdom of Bahrain, the UAE, Kuwait and Qatar, and NATO members, in addition to observer representatives from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Oman and the GCC General Secretariat, will attend the meeting.

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Political Affairs, Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, affirmed Bahrain's welcome to the delegations of brotherly and friendly countries participating in this meeting.

It is organised by Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with NATO, with the participation of the Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Security Policy, Javier Colomina.

## US Navy hosts Omani Naval Commander and top officials in Bahrain



Leaders from the US fleet hold a meeting with senior Omani officials

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US Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) welcomed Oman's top naval commander to the US Navy base in the Kingdom of Bahrain on May 7, coinciding with the start of an Oman-led maritime exercise in the Gulf of Oman.

The visit to the US Navy base in Bahrain entailed senior Omani officials meeting with leaders from the US fleet, Combined Maritime Forces, and the International Maritime Security Construct.

Brad Cooper, commander of NAVCENT, US 5th Fleet and Combined Maritime Forces, hosted Commander of the Royal Navy of Oman Rear Ad-

miral Saif bin Nasser bin Mohsin Al Rahbi and other senior Omani officials for discussions on strengthening regional maritime security.

Forces from France, Japan, and the UK will all participate in the week-long exercise, and training will focus on mine counter-measures, explosive ordnance disposal, maritime interdiction, and other combined naval operations.

Cooper said that Oman is an important regional maritime partner, and "it was a pleasure hosting discussions on our shared vision for advancing cooperation among forces at sea."

"We look forward to strengthening our collaboration in the days ahead," the commander said.

## Bangladesh celebrates 52nd National Day



Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed bin Abdulla speaks at the event

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The 52nd Bangladesh National Day celebration was held at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel under the auspices of Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed bin



Cake-cutting ceremony

Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Undersecretary for Political Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dignitaries attended the event, which was hosted by Bangladesh Ambassador H.E. Dr. Mohammed Nazrul Islam.

"Over the past two years, Bang-

ladesh has made significant progress in the economic and social sectors, achieving a three-billion-dollar economy in less than three years," Dr. Islam said.

He thanked Bahrain for its extraordinary support.

Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed

Abdulla commended the development of Bangladesh's food security, business, and pharmaceutical sectors, saying: "Development in those industries enhances the strong economic activities in Bahrain and Bangladesh."

## 1,600 Turkish in Bahrain cast votes for Turkey election

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Under the direction of Turkish Ambassador to Bahrain H.E. Esin Cakil, Turkish citizens in Bahrain cast their votes for the last three days for the upcoming presidential and parliamentary elections.



Turkish citizens line up to cast their votes at the Turkish Embassy in Um Al Hassam

Bahrain is home to about 1,600 Turks, and this is the sixth election in which Turkish nationals living overseas have been permitted to cast votes.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who has been in the post since 2014, called for early elections to be held on 14 May 2023. Voters from 87 electoral

districts will elect 600 Members of Parliament to the Grand National Assembly of Turkey for a five-year term, forming the country's 28th Parliament.

Ambassador Cakil said: "Turks residing in Bahrain are interested in casting their votes, and the process has gone smoothly over the last three days."



A cultural performance entertains the crowd

## ATM's Labour Day celebration successful

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The Indian Club, in association with Annai Tamil Mandram (ATM), celebrated the Labour Day on Friday at its premises in Manama.

The event was inaugurated by H.E. Mr. Yusuf Lori, Director of Information and Follow-up Capital Governorate, Mr. Cheriyan, President of Indian Club, and other distinguished guests.

Around 2,000 people attended the event, which featured cul-

tural performances organised by ATM.

Famous writer, speaker and Star Vijay TV personality Mr. C Gobinath delivered a motivational speech, which was thought-provoking for all the migrant workers and families.