

Labour growth in upswing: Humaidan

Creation of jobs and employment of more citizens part of Kingdom's economic recovery plan

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Bahrain is witnessing an increasing growth in various sectors, particularly involving the national workforce.

Labour and Social Development Minister Jamil bin Muhammad Ali Humaidan attributed this to the implementation of the government's economic recovery plan, which is aimed at job creation, accelerating the pace of employment of citizens, and job stability.

This came as Humaidan, who is also Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) Board of Directors chairman, met the Secretary General of the General Federation of Bahrain Trade



Humaidan with Al Shehabi

Unions, Abdul Qader Abdul Karim Al Shehabi, in his office yesterday.

He noted that the most important ground on which the plan is based requires strengthening cooperation and coordination with various relevant authorities

to achieve the common national goals that the government, headed by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, aspires to.

During the meeting, they discussed the economic recovery

plan, the launch of the initiatives of the various sectors, particularly the industrial sector; and the investment of the sector's advancement plan to employ more citizens in this promising sector.

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and coordination between the ministry and the trade unions during the next phase were also discussed.

Humaidan underlined the Kingdom's achievements in maintaining the stability of national employment, as well as the success of the National Employment Programme second edition, stressing that this is a positive indicator despite the existence of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Al Shehabi praised the success of the Labour Ministry in implementing the National Employment Programme in its second edition, as well as the success of training plans to qualify citizens and integrate them into the labour market.

He also stressed the importance of strengthening joint cooperation between the two parties.

Community partnership key to meet citizens' needs

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Southern Governor His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa has stressed the importance of reaching out to citizens and bolstering community partnership in line with the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

He paid tribute to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for spearheading the digitalisation of all services and transactions.

HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali highlighted the prizes conferred on the Southern Governorate as part of the 2021 Electronic Government Excellence Award.

He noted the directives of the Minister of Interior General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdul-



Southern Governor

la Al Khalifa to follow up on citizens' needs and meet their aspirations.

The Southern Governor underlined the importance of the online platforms which were provided by the Southern Governorate for citizens to forward their demands, applications, queries and complaints.

He cited in this regard the weekly virtual majlis, hosted by the Southern Governorate as well as the email complaints@southern.gov.bh, and other online platforms.

Deputy Prime Minister receives AP Speaker, Education Minister



Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Supreme Council for the Development of Education and Training, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, received Speaker of the Arab Parliament (AP), Adel bin Abdulrahman Al Asoomi, and Education Minister, Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi. The Deputy Prime Minister was briefed on the conference that will be launched in Bahrain for education development in the Arab region under the theme "Bahrain is the gateway to education development in the Arab region." He expressed his appreciation for the efforts made by the AP Speaker and members in the service of Arab issues in general and education development in particular, which confirms their keenness to keep pace with global changes.

Industry Ministry and House of Representatives solidarity



Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani yesterday received Representatives Council member Dr Sawsan Mohammed Kamal. They discussed important issues related to public affairs, and aspects of cooperation, coordination and joint work between the ministry and the House of Representatives, as well as the mechanisms to enhance this. Al Zayani commended the efforts of Dr Sawsan for everything that would enhance the march of progress and development, achieve the aspirations of citizens and raise the status of the Kingdom of Bahrain. He stressed the ministry's constant keenness on cooperation and joint work with the legislative authority to enhance the gains and achievements of the country in all fields.

High-level Jordanian parliamentary delegation arrives in Bahrain



Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal received yesterday Jordanian Speaker of the House of Representatives, Abdul Karim Doghmi, on arrival in the Kingdom of Bahrain heading a high-level parliamentary delegation as part of an official visit to the kingdom. The visit reflects strong and growing fraternal relations between both countries thanks to the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Jordanian Monarch King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussain. The Jordanian parliamentary delegation will hold an official discussion session tomorrow Monday at the Representatives Council premises to discuss ways of boosting bilateral parliamentary relations. The delegation will also hold meetings with senior officials in Bahrain.

SEA head honoured as CSR international ambassador



Sustainable Energy Authority (SEA) President Dr Abdulhussain bin Ali Mirza received a delegation from the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), led by its Advisory Board Chairman Professor Yusuf Abdul-Ghaffar. Dr Mirza was honoured to be an international ambassador in the International Ambassadors Programme for CSR, which includes a group of Arab and international figures influential in the areas of social responsibility and sustainable development. The delegation affirmed that Dr Mirza was honoured due to his keenness and interest in all initiatives aimed at serving the community, and his appreciation of the role of community institutions and organisations in advancing the development wheel in the Kingdom and enhancing their contributions at the regional and global levels.

10th Constituent Judicial Session for Military Prosecution officers kicks off



Defence Affairs Ministry Undersecretary Major General Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa patronised the 10th Constituent Judicial Session for Military Prosecution officers with the participation of officers from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and the military and security bodies in the kingdom. The session is in line with the keenness of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) to cooperate with the military judicial entities of brotherly countries' armed forces, commending the efforts exerted by the military judiciary to hold regular judicial and legal courses. He expressed appreciation to the BDF Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, for his unlimited support for the military judiciary.

1,694 new COVID-19 cases and 853 additional recoveries

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Bahrain yesterday recorded 1,694 new COVID-19 cases, the Ministry of Health announced.

There were zero deaths, while

853 additional recoveries were reported.

The death toll stands at 1,397, while there are 280,114 survivors from the respiratory ailment.

There were no critical patients and 29 are in stable condition.

Relaxed entry requirements

The Kingdom relaxed its entry requirements starting yesterday. Travellers to Bahrain will only need to take one PCR test on arrival into the country.

Previously, vaccinated arrivals were required to take PCR tests on arrival, followed by the fifth and 10th days of their stay. The new changes came into effect yesterday and the cost of the PCR test has been reduced to BD12.

The non-vaccinated and those under 12 will still have to quarantine for 10 days on arrival.

It came as Bahrain received the highest score ever recorded on the Nikkei COVID-19 Recovery Index for its response to the pan-

demic in December 2021.

Health Ministry Undersecretary Dr Waleed Khalifa Al Manea said 94 per cent of those eligible had been double vaccinated and 83 per cent of those eligible for a booster had received one.