

Focus on plans, projects in boosting diplomatic training



Dr Al Zayani at the board of trustees meeting

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The Board of Trustees of the Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa Academy for Diplomatic Studies (MBMA) discussed its most plans and projects in the field of diplomatic training.

Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, the academy's chairman, presided over its board of trustees' third meeting for the year 2022.

The Minister praised the academy's outstanding efforts in creating and implementing various programs and events targeting Bahraini diplomats in the professional and academic aspects of various diplo-

matic, consular, administrative and legal affairs, in support of the Kingdom's foreign policy objectives.

The academy's goals of the previous period were reviewed, in addition to training statistics of all MoFA employees since the beginning of the year.

The meeting also reviewed the training plan for the third and fourth quarters of this year, as well as various aspects of international cooperation between the academy and other training and professional bodies.

MBMA board of trustees' members expressed their appreciation for the academy's efforts and active role in further training and skills development of the ministry's employees.

'Appeals being filed' after rejection of candidatures

561 candidates have filed nominations for 40 parliament and 30 municipal council seats

Staff Reporter

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Many poll hopefuls filed their appeals yesterday after their nominations were rejected by the electoral committee.

This follows the committee rejecting many candidatures over criminal accusations, address issues, absence of name in the voters' list as well as lack of Arabic proficiency.

Among the prominent citizens whose candidatures were rejected was Hassan Rajab and Hamid Samir, who filed the nomination to represent the Second Electoral Constituency of the Capital Governorate.

Former lawmaker Ali Shamout's candidature was as well rejected. Saeed Al Sammak, who filed the nomination to represent the Sixth Electoral Constituency in the Capital Governorate, also had his candidature rejected while Isa Rabie's (Eighth Electoral Constituency) nomination was subjected to rejection by the electoral authorities.

It is learnt that eight electoral appeals were filed in the Capital Governorate while seven appeals were filed in the Southern Governorate.

Meanwhile, candidate Murad Ali Murad lodged a complaint against the candidature of Adel Al Asoomi, alleging that there is a discrepancy with regard to the residential address he has produced before the electoral committee.

Speaking to members of the media earlier, Issa Sami Al Man-



Fatima Habil, Head of electoral supervisory centre for the Southern Governorate, speaks to the media

na, the Undersecretary for Justice and Islamic Affairs within the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, said potential candidates can file appeals through the national portal bahrain.bh.

"The electronic appeals service that can be found in the electoral website will be available round the clock during this specific period and the ministry has issued a set of guidelines for the process."

According to the law, any potential candidate has the right to appeal the decision by the electoral supervisory committee before higher judicial authorities and a decision will be taken by the higher judicial authority within seven days of filing the appeal.

In the meanwhile, close to 300 observers belonging to civil societies and non-governmental organisations will be taking up the electoral role to function as poll monitors.

According to Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission President and Election Executive Director Nawaf Abdullah Hamza, the authorities will be striving to ensure the commitment to uphold citizens' constitutional rights of choosing their representatives throughout the two decades since the launch of the first legislative term in 2002.

He has stressed that the electoral process will be monitored and supervised by the judiciary throughout all its stages, to ensure transparency and the integrity of the elections. And that the higher committee will continue to cooperate with independent civil societies to monitor the electoral process.

Among the 561 candidates contesting in 40 parliamentary and 30 municipal council seats, 107 are women, creating a milestone in the empowerment of women within the democratic process.

The candidate lists will be

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displayed until today and the potential candidates can challenge the supervisory committees' decisions till evening.

The committees must issue their final decisions by October 15, which can be challenged in court no later than October 18, and the court rulings must be issued by October 25.

The final list of candidates will be announced on October 26. The Kingdom will head to the polls on November 12 with a run-off fixed on November 19.

COURT STORY

Court orders local company to pay BD22,400 to employee

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The Supreme Labour Court obligated the owner of a Single Person Company (SPC) to pay more than BD22,000 to a worker for over two years' worth of labour arrears.

The lawyer of the plaintiff stated that her client joined an SPC under title of Business Manager for a salary of BD800.

"The employer failed to pay him for 28 months of service, totalling BD22,400 – despite acknowledging the amount owed to the plaintiff and giving him an official statement thereof," the lawyer said.

"My client gave the employer long periods of time to pay his salaries, patiently awaiting delays in fulfilling contractual obligations while sincerely performing his professional duties. He resorted to amicable means of settling the claim through the Individual Labour Dispute Resolution Authority at the Ministry of Labour. However, all conciliation efforts ended in failure due to unresponsiveness of the other party," the lawyer explained.

The plaintiff was forced to file a lawsuit demanding pay-



ment of delayed wages from January 2019 to June 2021, in addition to compensation of the legally prescribed percentage for pending arrears as a trading company.

This is in addition to paying the plaintiff's annual leave allowance for four years of service from 2018 to 2021, as well as handing him a certificate of end of service.

Given the plaintiff's legal standing, the court ruled in his favour, obliging the defendant to pay the plaintiff's labour arrears with an annual interest rate of 6% for delayed payment during the first six months.

This percentage increases by 1% for each month of delay thereafter without exceeding 12%, from the date of entitlement until full payment.

RCSI degree for Dr Al Ansari

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The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) has bestowed the degree of Adjunct Professor on Chief Executive of Government Hospitals Dr Ahmed Mohammed

Al Ansari.

The degree is a tribute for Dr Al Ansari's professional and academic contributions throughout his career and his close cooperation with RCSI through the compilation of numerous researches and studies.

This came as Dr Shaikh Mohammed, also president of Bahrain Diabetes Society (BDS),

supporting humanitarian and charitable works as well as government efforts in providing assistance to patients.

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'Credibility and professionalism' in media

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There is a need to promote the role of the media in serving the nation and raising public awareness by providing media materials characterised by credibility and professionalism.

This was emphasised by Information Minister Dr Ramzan bin Abdullah Alnoaimi during a meeting with the ministry's affiliates who are participating in the "Outside the Box" creativity initiative.

Dr Alnoaimi affirmed that developing the visual content on all platforms of the ministry constitutes a priority to provide a media service that is consistent with the international fast-paced developments in this field.

He commended the directives



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and unlimited support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to the media field, describing it as a strong incentive for more creativity and innovation.

The Minister expressed most sincere thanks and appreciation to the participants in the initiative for their visions

and ideas, stressing keenness of the ministry to support all its creative employees and competencies.

Dr Alnoaimi pointed out that the initiative, since its announcement last September until the submission deadline, has received 192 ideas submitted by 92 employees in various media fields. He noted that those ideas will be studied and evaluated in order to carry them out gradu-

ally in the future.

A committee will be formed for the evaluation and will comprise in its membership an elite of national experts from the media field.

He also noted that the ministry is currently working on the creation of "the media creative ideas bank", in line with its goals set within the "creators lab", to form a national creativity stockpile of visual ideas.

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Praise for community initiatives to support diabetic children

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Supreme Council of Health (SCH) President Lieutenant-General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa has praised the role of government and private institutions in

presented insulin pumps to a number of children in Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC), Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Hospital and King Hamad University Hospital (KHUH).

The pumps were donated by

Good Word Society, Kaaf Humanitarian and STC.

Dr Shaikh Mohammed stressed the importance of cooperation and support for the BDS so that it fulfils its role through its programs that aim to care for

all diabetic patients and particularly provide insulin pumps for children.

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