

Push to strengthen Arab parliamentary diplomacy

Al Saleh commends initiatives to develop more regional cooperation and exchange of expertise

● Shura Council and Representatives Council support Arab parliamentary work and achievements

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Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh has affirmed the legislative body's keenness to push Arab parliamentary relations towards more cooperation and exchange of expertise.

This came as Al Saleh yesterday received Arab Parliament Speaker Adel Abdulrahman Al Asoumi.

The Shura head praised the im-



Chairman Al Saleh and Speaker Zainal with Al Asoumi

portant role played by the council in supporting Arab parliamentary work and achievements, especially in regional and international parliamentary forums.

He praised the initiatives and programmes presented by the Arab Parliament to consolidate

cooperation and integration between legislative parliaments in Arab countries.

The meeting also discussed the Arab Parliament's efforts and confirmed its active role in unifying aspirations of Arab countries and peoples.



Boosting joint cooperation

Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal also met with Al Asoumi and discussed with him ways of boosting joint cooperation.

Zainal asserted the signif-

icance of developing the Arab parliamentary work to achieve the desired goals.

She commended the efforts of the Arab Parliament in promoting the Arab parliamentary diplomacy, stressing support of the Representatives Council to

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SPEAKER FAWZIA BINT ABDULLAH ZAINAL, REPRESENTATIVES COUNCIL

chart a unified and comprehensive Arab parliamentary strategy.

Al Asoumi lauded the initiatives of the Representatives Council to boost the Arab parliamentary work and take part actively in overseas parliamentary events.

National Security Advisor meets Israeli Ambassador



National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, Major-General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday received, in the presence of the Royal Guard Special Force Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the newly-appointed Israeli Ambassador to Bahrain, Eitan Na'eh. HH Shaikh Nasser welcomed the envoy, and wished him every success in undertaking his duties. Deputy Secretary-General of the Supreme Defence Council, Foreign Affairs Ministry's Undersecretary for Political Affairs and Board of Trustees Chairman of the Bahrain Centre for Strategic International and Energy Studies (Derasat), Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, was present.

Jordanian parliamentary delegation leaves Bahrain



The Jordanian parliamentary delegation, led by House of Representatives Speaker Abdulkarim Al Doghmi, left the Kingdom of Bahrain yesterday after an official visit at an invitation by Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal. The visit embodied deep historical relations between both countries and mutual keenness to achieve the aspirations and serve the interests of both countries and peoples.

Al Zayani receives new Indonesia Ambassador credentials



Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received yesterday a copy of the credentials of the Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Indonesia to Bahrain Ardi Hermawan. During the meeting, Dr Al Zayani praised the relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Indonesia, and the continuous development and growth they are witnessing in all fields. He wished the Ambassador further success in his diplomatic duties. Hermawan affirmed his country's aspiration to advance these relations and broaden levels of cooperation and joint coordination.

Works Minister receives Fikra winner



Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister Essam bin Abdulla Khalaf received Hamad Ibrahim Badu, one of the three winners of the Government Innovation Competition 'Fikra' in its fourth edition. Minister Khalaf was briefed on the Badu's winning idea 'Green by Grey' that aims to benefit from the reuse of greywater in creating green spaces in residential areas, thus improving air quality, reducing water consumption, and relieving pressure on sewage networks and plants. Badu expressed his gratitude for the minister's support that motivates more efforts and dedication in giving for the development of the country.

Defence Minister receives Dutch Military Attache



Defence Affairs Minister, Lieutenant-General Abdulla bin Hassan Al Nuaimi received the newly appointed Dutch Military Attache, Lieutenant-Colonel Peter De Groot, accredited to Bahrain, residing in Abu Dhabi. The minister wished him continued success in his new duties. The meeting reviewed the existing relations and cooperation between the two countries.

Boost for Bahraini-Egyptian youth cooperation



Youth and Sports Affairs Minister Ayman bin Tawfiq Al Moayyed met with Egyptian Minister of Youth and Sports Dr Ashraf Sobhy. They stressed the depth of the Bahraini-Egyptian relations and the distinction and development they witness at various levels. The two sides praised the development of bilateral youth relations which aim to launch joint initiatives in the youth field between the two countries.

Chief of Public Security receives Saudi Director of Liaison Office



Chief of Public Security Lt-General Tariq Al Hassan received Director of Liaison Office of the General Directorate of Narcotics Control at Saudi Embassy Lt-Col. Sultan Abdullah Al Kharsan. Director-General of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science attended. The Chief welcomed the official, hailing security cooperation and coordination between the two friendly countries. The meeting reviewed topics of common interest and reinforcement of cooperation.