

Bahrain is keen to strengthen Saudi economic relations



Al Zayani with Al Khorayef
Riyadh

Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani has affirmed the Bahrain government's support for all programmes, initiatives and projects that would enhance bilateral relations with Saudi Arabia and serve the two kingdoms' interests.

Al Zayani met in Riyadh yesterday Saudi Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources, Bandar bin Ibrahim Al Khorayef, on the sidelines of the 'Future Minerals Forum', held under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Ab-

dulaziz Al Saud.

He highlighted the deep-rooted relations between the two countries, and commended the strategic steps led by Saudi Arabia to achieve sustainable development across various economic sectors, including the mining sector, as reflected in its hosting the 'Future Minerals Forum'.

Al Zayani also highlighted the varied investment projects launched by Saudi investors and businessmen in Bahrain, in addition to the joint Bahraini-Saudi projects, implemented in line with the aspirations of the two kingdoms' leaderships.

Inspection campaign going at full swing

Move to ensure compliance of workers with residency rules and LMRA law

Organised by NPRA to tackle law-breaking activities

Violators will be deported after legal procedures are completed

Visiting various CRs in all governorates will continue

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Joint inspections in cooperation with government authorities

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Various violations related to expat workers' residency rules and Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) law have been recorded following an intensified inspection campaign carried out by authorities.

The violators will be deported after legal procedures are completed.

This came as the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) organised an inspection

campaign covering shops in the Capital Governorate.

Carried out in cooperation with LMRA and the Capital Governorate Police Directorate, the initiative was aimed at inspecting Commercial Registers (CRs) that exploit NPRA's facilities.

LMRA Labour Inspections Director Hamad Faisal Al Mulla said that the campaign was part of ongoing government efforts to develop the work environment by fighting practices that

could risk the labour market's competitiveness, justice, and flexibility.

Those practices negatively influence social security, he added, highlighting society's vital role in backing the government efforts by reporting illegal workers.

It was part of ongoing joint inspections to ensure the compliance of workers with the residency rules and LMRA law to tackle law-breaking activities.

The Director of Search and Follow Up, Col, Talal Nabil, asserted the dedication of the NPRA to intensify joint inspections in cooperation with government authorities to tackle violations of illegal workers.

He said that the NPRA would also continue visiting various CRs in all governorates.

The Director highlighted the significant role of members of society in supporting government efforts to stop illegal practices.



Court Stories

Bahraini man ordered to pay BD14,000 to EWA

Unpaid bill for a period of nine years

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The High Administrative Court ordered the owner of a service office to pay BD14,000 to the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) as unpaid bill for a period of nine years.

The defendant failed to pay the amount from 2009 until 2018 despite notices from EWA.

The Authority had filed a

case requesting a ruling to oblige the defendant to pay the arrears with legal interest from the due date in addition to judicial expenses and lawyer's fees.

It stated that the defendant is a registered user who benefits from the electrical and water services, but he has failed to pay fees related to the municipality and electricity and water consumption fees.

The plaintiff urged him to pay by notifying him of the bills, but he failed to take any action, which prompted the Authority to file a case.

Boosting Israel security cooperation

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Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, has reviewed the reinforcement of bilateral ties with Israel.

In a phone call with Israeli Public Security Minister Omer Barlev, they asserted that promoting relations comes as part of the peace declaration and the principles of Abraham Accord to reinforce security and stability and meet the aspirations of regional nations towards peace.

General Shaikh Rashid highlighted that Bahrain continues with its coexistence approach, promotion of peace culture and



Barlev



General Shaikh Rashid

openness, in line with the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Both sides reviewed securi-

ty cooperation and exchange of expertise to serve common interests. They also discussed topics to promote joint work.

Hosny solo art exhibition opens in Manama

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A solo exhibition by Egypt's former Culture Minister Farouk Hosny was opened at the Arts Centre in Manama.

The artist, Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities

(BACA) President Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, diplomats, and artists attended the opening event.

Shaikha Mai commended the Egyptian artist as a towering figure in promoting culture and

arts in Egypt and across the Arab world.

Hosny, who is showcasing his artwork for the second time in Bahrain, gives the public the opportunity to view a series of paintings, she added.



Hosny with Shaikha Mai and other guests

Updated COVID-19 rapid test protocol

Following the emergence of the Omicron variant, updates have been made to the COVID-19 Rapid Test Protocol to include swabs for both the throat and nose.

Follow the instructions provided with the COVID-19 rapid testing device.

How to use the device?

Step 1: Swipe the soft tip of the swab across the very back of the throat behind the Arch by opening mouth wide and stick out the tongue, ensure to swab the sides of the arch. Don't swab the tongue or teeth.

Step 2: Using the same swab, place tip of the cotton swab inside nostril and gently wipe around inside of the nose, no force needed & repeat it to other nostril.

The result is **negative** if one line appears in area (C).

The result is **positive** if two lines appear in the (C) / (T) areas. If so, a PCR test must be performed.

Note: The test shall be considered **invalid** and must be repeated if no line appears in area (C).

Note: You should not be eating or drinking 30 mins before the procedure to yield reliable result.

The used tools must be sealed in a plastic bag and kept outside for 3 days. After 3 days, it can be treated as normal waste.

Instructions on testing positive following a rapid COVID-19 test

If you have tested positive following a rapid COVID-19 test, you must report the result via the "BeAware" application.

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Go directly to the drive-through testing center at:

- Muharraq Drive-Through Testing Centre, near the King Hamad University Hospital
- Southern Governorate Drive-Through Testing Centre, near the Bahrain Centre for Strategic, International, and Energy Studies (Dierass)
- Northern Governorate Drive-Through Testing Centre in Salman City

Without the need to call 444

Do not forget to carry the rapid test device with you following placement in a transparent airtight bag.

Note: Please isolate yourself, avoid interactions with others and wear a mask.