

HRH Prince Salman receives 19th NAO report, urges optimal management of public funds

HRH calls on government agencies to follow NAO recommendations

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His Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, called on Government agencies criticised for administrative and financial non-compliance in the National Audit Office report to correct them immediately. HRH Prince Salman also urged such agencies to ensure that “they are not repeated in future reports.”

HRH Prince Salman said this while receiving the 19th NAO Annual Report 2021-2022 from the Auditor-General of the National Audit Office, Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, at Riffa Palace.

“It’s important to ensure that Government administrative and financial procedures follow the best practices to safeguard public funds and resources,” HRH said.

Strengthening accountability and responsibility across government workstreams, HRH further stressed, are crucial to achieving the comprehensive development goals of His



HRH Prince Salman during a meeting after receiving the 19th NAO Annual Report 2021-2022

Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

His Royal Highness also commended ministries and agencies for performing their duty responsibly and efficiently, highlighting, “these are critical for ensuring optimal management

of public funds.”

In this regard, HRH Prince Salman stressed that the ongoing cooperation between ministries, agencies, and the NAO is integral to strengthening regulatory frameworks and ensuring the optimal use of public resources

for the benefit of Bahraini citizens.

Shaikh Ahmed attributed the growth of NAO and its development to the unwavering support of the HM King and oversight of the HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Shaikh Ahmed also appreciated the ministries and agencies helping NAO to complete its tasks.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Charity Educational Charitable Trust, His Highness Shaikh Isa

bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Deputy Prime Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, and the Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, also attended the meeting.

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LMRA holds four inspection campaigns, books several



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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority conducted four inspection campaigns yesterday and booked several for violating labour and residency laws in the Kingdom.

The campaigns, LMRA said, for ensuring a competitive, fair and stable labour market were in the Capital, Southern and Northern Governorates.

The inspections in the Capital Governorate were with the

General Directorate of Crime Detection and Forensic Evidence and the Governorate’s respective Police Directorate, while in the Southern Governorate the campaign was with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs and the Governorate’s Police Directorate.

LMRA officials also held two campaigns in the Northern Governorate. These campaigns were with the General Directorate of Crime Detection and Forensic Evidence, the General Directorate of Verdict Enforce-

ment and Alternative Sentencing and LMRA’s Enforcement sector.

LMRA calls on all to report violations via www.lmra.bh or by calling 17506055.

EWA starts refund of infrastructure fees

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The Electricity and Water Authority announced it has started communicating with those eligible to receive a refund of infrastructure connectivity costs.

The move follows a decision by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to scrap infrastructure connectivity fees for issuing building permits in areas with pre-existing amenities.

EWA said the new decision follows a circular issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning and is valid for those paid fees after October 14.

Electricity and Water Authority will receive enquiries on 17515555.

Information minister honours woman @ work with selfie

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A Bahraini woman was caught by surprise when Dr Ramzan Al Nuaimi, the Information Minister, stopped at Al Osra Market yesterday.

The minister interacted with the woman, a cashier on duty at the market and took time to click a selfie.

Later, the minister posted it online and wrote: “We are proud of your contribution... Team Bahrain.” The picture, the minister said, expresses appreciation and respect for Bahrainis who work in all positions and jobs.



Weather depression to soak Bahrain

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The Arabian Peninsula and the Arabian Gulf will witness unstable weather patterns in the coming days influenced by a depression or low-pressure system, weather officials warn.

During the past few days, Bahrain was experiencing stable weather accompanied by north-westerly winds causing temperatures to drop below the monthly average for January.

However, AlAyam, quoting unnamed sources at the Meteorological Department, said they expect cumulus rain clouds over the peninsula as the depression drags in the air from the surroundings.

“This would bring thunderstorms in some areas, which would extend its influence towards the south, Bahrain and its neighbours, starting today,”



the report added.

Weather, the report said, would remain cloudy today in Bahrain with a chance of occasional sporadic rain.

Sources said the depression would enter the region on Tuesday, creating chances for thunderstorms with fast downward winds.

“The wind would remain south-easterly from today until Tuesday and then turn north-westerly. Accompany-

ing cold air mass would create a noticeable drop in temperature to as low as 12 degree Celsius.”

The Meteorological Department also warned that the weather might be unsuitable for marine activities with high-speed gusts and strong north winds.

The wave heights are likely to reach 8 feet at sea, the report said, cautioning sea-goers to take all safety measures.