

HM King commends Bahrain-IISS cooperation

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa praised the level of fruitful and close cooperation between Bahrain and the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS).

HM the King also lauded IISS' continuous success in preparing and organising the annual Manama Dialogue, which is one of the most important regional and international forums dealing with various political and economic affairs and security challenges. The Dialogue serves security and stability issues and regional and global peace.

HM the King noted the prominent position and global repu-



HM the King, in the presence of HRH Prince Salman, receives Dr Chipman and Sir Beckett

tation achieved by the Manama Dialogue as well as the wide international participation it

generates. His Majesty was speaking as he received outgoing IISS

Director General and CEO Dr John Chipman, in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

HM King Hamad and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister also received Bahrain-based IISS-Middle East Executive Director Lieutenant General (Retired) Sir Tom Beckett.

HM the King praised Dr Chipman's good efforts during his tenure at the Institute, which had a positive impact in organising conferences and seminars that received special attention and appreciation due to the importance of its topics and issues, wishing him success.

He hailed Sir Beckett's efforts in advancing the role of the IISS in conducting studies and research and organising conferences dealing with the most important regional and international issues.

'Main driver' of progress

HRH Prince Salman highlights private sector and Bahraini citizens' key roles



HRH Prince Salman chairs the Bahrain EDB board meeting

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, emphasised the private sector's role as a main driver of the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he chaired yesterday the Economic Development Board (EDB) board meeting at

its headquarters in Bahrain Bay. Also Chairman of the EDB, His Royal Highness noted the role played by the Bahraini citizens in supporting the Kingdom's national interests, by diligently prioritising far-reaching development goals and initiatives that benefit and support their present and future.

He said that the Kingdom's economic diversification strategy continues to advance, through the investment in available commodities and the adop-

tion of effective legislations and policies, supporting direct investment and providing quality job opportunities for Bahraini citizens, in line with the Kingdom's Economic Recovery Plan.

The EDB's achievements in 2022, its goals for 2023, and progress on the Kingdom's economic competitiveness and developments, in line with the Bahrain Economic Vision 2030, were reviewed.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted the importance of increasing efforts

in further developing key priority sectors to meet the aspirations of Bahraini citizens.

The EDB Chief Executive Khalid Humaidan presented the board with its performance and achievements for the year 2022.

The EDB succeeded in attracting investments for 89 projects exceeding BD415 million (\$1.1 billion), which will contribute to creating more than 6,000 quality job opportunities for Bahraini citizens, over the next three years.

The Personal Representative

of His Majesty the King, HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Deputy Prime Minister, HE Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, as well as a number of senior officials and EDB Board members, also attended the meeting.

Turkish Embassy stops accepting donations

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The Turkey Embassy in Bahrain announced yesterday that they will stop receiving donations of food and clothes due to the extraordinary number of items donated, thanks to the Bahraini citizens and residents.

They released an official statement on their social media pages, saying: "For the time being, we won't be able to accept any further donations of goods, other than specific items suitable for winter conditions. The aid materials listed below are primarily needed including, winter tents, blankets, heaters, generators, and sleeping bags."

As thousands are left displaced and homeless, families are in dire need to keep warm in freezing temperatures which makes items listed above crucial for their survival.

Bahrain, Pakistan to boost military cooperation

● Bilateral ties praised

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Bahrain and Pakistan are committed to bolstering military cooperation.

This came as National Guard President General His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa received Adjutant General at the Pakistani Army Lieutenant General Muhammad Asim Malik.

The meeting discussed topics of common interest.

National Guard President praised the continuous prosperity of the Bahraini-Pakistani relations, including exchanging expertise, and implementing joint exercises.

The Pakistani General expressed his appreciation to National Guard President for his interest in developing bilateral cooperation.

Five Bahraini women secure high spots in latest Forbes list



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Five Bahraini women secured high positions in the latest Forbes Middle East's annual list which details the region's most powerful businesswomen.

The list features the region's most innovative and victorious female leaders, including 104 women from 27 different sectors, representing 27 national-



Dalal Al Qais

ities.

Securing 16th on the list and 1st in the Kingdom, is YK Almoayyed & Sons, Mona Yousuf Almoayyed, who has been with the company for 20 years. YK Almoayyed & Sons is a diversified family business in the Kingdom, and the group represents over 300 international brands, including Nissan, Ford, Sony, Nikon, and Toshiba.

Following is Najla Al Shirawi,



Mona Yousuf Almoayyed

placing 69th, who has been with SICO for more than 20 years and was appointed the CEO position in 2014. Additionally, she is a board member at several organisations and committees, including the Bahrain Economic Development Board.

Dalal Al Qais, placing 83rd, (Bahrain Development Bank), who was appointed as CEO at Bahrain Development Bank in 2021, was previously the Chief



Najla Al Shirawi

Retail Banking officer at Bahrain Islamic Bank and held various leading roles at Standard Chartered Bank and United Bank.

Narjes Farookh Jamal, placing 90th, joined the Bahrain Bourse in 1998, and heads the digital transformation, responsible for embedding ESG practices and building partnerships with GCC exchanges.

Suzy Salman Kanoo, placing 92nd (Khalil bin Ebrahim Ka-



Narjes Farookh Jamal

noo Company), leads Khalil bin Ebrahim Kanoo Company and IMTA. She is also a member of the YPO topCEO network, and in 2021, she published a book titled "Hear Us Speak: Letters from Arab Women".

Behind the ranking on the Forbes list of the world's most powerful women include impact that the leader has had on the region and the market that she serves.