

INFORMATION MINISTER RECEIVES BRITISH AMBASSADOR



Minister of Information Ali bin Mohammed Al Rumaihi received at his office yesterday British Ambassador Roderick Drummond. They reviewed bilateral relations between the two friendly countries and ways of enhancing them in various fields. The Information Minister stressed Bahrain's keenness to support these relations and upgrade them in the interest of the two countries and their friendly peoples. The British Ambassador expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Information Minister for the interest in developing cooperation and friendship. Above, Minister Al Rumaihi with Ambassador Drummond.

Medical equipment donated to EWA for COVID-19 fight

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China National Electric Engineering Corporation (CNEEC) donated essential medical equipment used to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic to Bahrain's Electricity and Water Authority (EWA).

This came during a recent meeting between CNEEC representative Zhao Hui and Bahrain Ambassador to China Dr Anwar Al Abdullah at the Embassy premises in Beijing.

Also present during the meeting were Embassy third secretary Ali Abdulhameed and CNEEC Middle East, South and South Eastern Asia regional general manager Ge Jian.

The company's delegation expressed their sincere condolences to the families of those who have died because of the virus, and, at the same time, wished those infected a quick recovery. The delegation also praised the measures taken by Bahrain to mitigate the virus'



Ambassador Al Abdullah and Zhao with the CNEEC donations

spread and provide much-needed medical care to patients, as well as raise awareness among citizens and residents.

Furthermore, the CNEEC delegation expressed their readiness to double their medical supplies to the Kingdom as well as support its tireless efforts against the pandemic and well as deaths.

The Bahraini Ambassador underlined the deep relations knotting Bahrain with China, and highlighted the growing

bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

He valued the public and private sectors' contributions in China towards backing countries, including Bahrain, to reinforce their abilities against the pandemic.

He also praised the donation made by CNEEC. He conveyed the best wishes of Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, EWA CEO Shaikh Nawaf bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa and all EWA staff.

'Timely intervention' for school teachers

Labour and Education ministries, Supreme Council for Women help 10 Bahraini private school nursery teachers keep jobs

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A local private school which reportedly informed 10 of its Bahraini teachers that they will be laid off by the end of next month has withdrawn its decision after some "timely intervention" by authorities, TDT has learnt.

This was recently confirmed by MP Fatema Al Qatari a few days after she demanded the Labour and Social Development Ministry to interfere and halt the school's decision to sack the female teachers.

Al Qatari said in a statement issued last week that the teachers received notifications from the school, informing them about its decision to shut down the nursery in the facility and terminate their work contracts by the end of August of this year. "These teachers have more than 14 years of experience in the field," said Al Qatari, who also heads the Woman and Child Committee in the Council of Representatives.

She demanded that the Ministry launch an urgent probe into the matter and to verify the school's justification for resorting to terminating the contract with these teachers, which exposes them to "the risk of unemployment and accumulated financial obligations".

Al Qatari later confirmed in a press statement that "the efforts to halt the school's decision to lay off the 10 female teachers were fruitful, and they will be retained in the nursery department".

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The teachers had originally received notifications from the school, informing them about its decision to shut down its nursery department and terminate their work contracts by the end of August of this year

The lawmaker praised the Labour Ministry, the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), and the Education Ministry for their timely intervention and for finding solutions to solve the matter and assist the teachers, who were at risk of losing their source of income.

Al Qatari added: "Solving the problem of the teachers reflects a bright picture of positive and fruitful cooperation between members of the Legislative Authority and official institutions. This cooperation pushes for more coordination for the benefit of the country and all citizens."

There was no mention in the MP's statements of the name of the school and no comments were available from the Labour Ministry, the Education Ministry or the SCW on the matter.

Housing beneficiaries, applicants urged to register on notification system

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The Ministry of Housing has called on all citizens benefitting from housing services, or those who have filed applications, to register their personal data in the National Notifications System.

The "NotifyMe" service offers Bahrainis, residents, and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) citizens a central platform to automatically receive official notifications related to their government transactions via SMS and e-mail, instead of through post.

It was launched in line with the objectives of the Executive Committee, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.

It is among several projects and national initiatives to develop and automate government services and offer them at the highest levels of quality to citizens and residents.

To use the "NotifyMe" service on bahrain.bh, users can select Register Contact Details by the e-key or identity card.

Once the login attempt is successful, the system will request users to enter their mobile numbers and the One-Time Password (OTP) that they receive via SMS for the same mobile number entered.

They can then click on the link that will e-mail a confirmation link, which will complete the registration process.

The Housing Ministry said that people should register their data on services.bahrain.bh/wps/portal/NationalNotifications_ar.

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Precautionary sanitisation operations stepped up

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More than 1,100 precautionary sanitisation operations have been carried out across the Kingdom by over 5,500 volunteers, it was announced yesterday.

The Ministry of Interior reported that the General Directorate of Civil Defence has trained a total of 5,501 individuals, who have carried out 1,118 precautionary sanitisation operations as part of measures taken in the fight against the coronavirus (COVID-19) in each of Bahrain's governorates.

Civil Defence director-general Colonel Ali Mohammed Al Houti said that they have continued the massive sanitising tasks with the assistance of the volunteers, who had responded to the National Taskforce for Combatting COVID-19 campaign.



A group of volunteers are briefed by a Civil Defence official prior to a sanitisation operation

The Civil Defence has held 344 training courses for 1,030 workers from cleaning and private companies, and 858 workers for mosques and other places of worship, he added.

The director-general expressed his gratitude for the efforts made by authorities, companies and volunteers, which reflect society's awareness and which contribute to mitigating the spread of the coronavirus.

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Volunteers carrying out a sanitisation operation indoors