

# Bahrain hails World Bank's key role in global economic growth

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Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa emphasised the vital role played by the World Bank in addressing diverse economic challenges to promote further development and growth for the global economy.

He commended the World Bank's new vision, which aims to reduce poverty worldwide and enhance efforts for shared prosperity, social development, and environmental aspirations.

The minister made these remarks during his statement at the 108th meeting of the Development Committee on behalf of the Arab Group and the Maldives, representing the Kingdom

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—SHAIKH SALMAN BIN KHALIFA AL KHALIFA, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY



Shaikh Salman speaks at the event

of Bahrain.

The meeting took place during the annual gathering of the World Bank and the Interna-

tional Monetary Fund in Marrakech, Morocco.

Shaikh Salman highlighted the World Bank Group's contri-

but ion in finding solutions for food and energy sectors, digital capabilities, environmental preservation, and global eco-

nom ic recovery.

He also welcomed the increased financing capacity of the World Bank Group to support development needs and sustainable development goals.

The minister emphasised the significance of innovative solutions that optimise resource utilisation, foster human capital development, stimulate private sector investments, and provide suitable financing and regulatory frameworks for growth.

He stressed the importance of strengthening cooperation between the public and private sectors, multilateral development banks, international organisations, and civil society to tackle various challenges, including climate change.

**HRH Princess Sabeeka congratulates HH Shaikh Isa**



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Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), sent a cable of congratulations to His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, on the issuance of the decree appointing him as chairman of the Labour Fund, Tamkeen.

Her Royal Highness expressed her pride in this appointing, which reflects the royal trust in the efforts and capabilities of His Highness Shaikh Isa.

## Praise for royal directives to restore Muharraq cultural and urban identity

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Heads of local Majlis in Muharraq have lauded the keynote speech delivered by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa while opening the second session of the sixth Legislative Term of the National Assembly, in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

In statements, they commend-

ed HM the King's order to preserve the historical and cultural identity of Bahraini buildings and cities, as well as revive the Isa Al Kabeer Palace.

They also praised His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's directives to government entities to activate the plan to maintain the historical and cultural identity of buildings and cities in Bahrain, as well as launch the Muharraq City

Development Plan.

In this regard, Mohammed Al Jazzaf affirmed that HM the King's directives reflect the constant royal interest in preserving Bahrain's national identity and heritage, adding that the return of Muharraq citizens to their city proves keenness to maintain the authentic social and cultural aspect of Bahraini neighbourhoods.

Ibrahim Al-Doy expressed the delight of Muharraq citizens

over the royal directives to take care of Bahrain's cultural identity and civilisational heritage, in general, and that of Muharraq, in particular, given the iconic city's rich national history in education and governance, in addition to its being the home to most well-known Bahraini families.

He also commended HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's directives to revamp Muharraq and maintain its dis-

tinguished deep-rooted identity.

He added that Muharraq's neighbourhoods have maintained the city's identity, which is based on social harmony, co-existence and tolerance.

Mohammed Ibrahim Al Hiddi pointed out that the royal directives confirm the great position enjoyed by Muharraq in the hearts of Bahrainis, noting that the local citizens are still committed to the city's long history and authentic values.

**Interior Ministry takes part in COMEX Bahrain**

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The Public Relations Directorate of the Interior Ministry has organised the Interior Ministry booth in the COMEX Bahrain Exhibition 2023, which was held on the sideline of the Bahrain International eGovernment Forum.

The General Directorate of Traffic highlighted its e-services and programme, while the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) showcased the new features of the e-passports.

The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Electronic Security highlighted the e-services by the Children Cyberspace Protection Unit, and the National Cyber Security Centre presented its services and programmes.

### Graduation ceremony

The Minister of Labour, Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan, attended the graduation ceremony of the first batch of the dental assistant professional training programme. A total of 41 Bahraini citizens took part. It was organised by Al Saif Health Training Center, in the presence of Mrs. Bayan Al Hamad, its general director. The specialised programme trained four batches in the dental assistant specialty field. The programme includes practical and theoretical training for a period of six months.



## Joy and unity as ILA Annual Dandiya Night kicks off



HE Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, and HE Vinod K. Jacob, Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, Ms Sarada Ajith, President of ILA, and Juzer Rupawala, Director Lulu Group International, at the event

**Ashen Tharaka**  
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The Indian Ladies Association (ILA) annual Dandiya Utsav 2023 kicked off at the Crowne Plaza Ballroom last night with more than 1,500 attendees from different cultural backgrounds.

The event was graced by HE

Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, and HE Vinod K. Jacob, Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, along with many other dignitaries.

The event was colourful with different performances and a DJ night that ran until midnight.

Dandiya Utsav is a popular Indian dance festival that is

celebrated during the Navratri festival. The dance is performed with dandiya sticks, which are decorated bamboo sticks.

The ILA's Dandiya Utsav is one of the most popular events in Bahrain and is a great opportunity for people from different cultures to come together and celebrate.



The popular Dandiya Utsav dance is the highlight of the night



Guests visiting the stalls at the Dandiya Utsav



Special invitees to the event