

**Community partnership**



The Capital Governorate, in association with Al Qadisiyah Youth Empowerment Centre, organised an event on the occasion of the Kingdom of Bahrain's celebration of its National Days, in commemoration of the establishment of the modern Bahraini State as an Arab and Muslim state founded by Ahmed Al Fateh in 1783, and the anniversary of His Majesty's Accession to the Throne. On this occasion Deputy Capital Governor stressed that the governorate's participation in the celebrations reinforced the principle of community partnership, praising all the efforts in organising the event. Head of Al Qadisiyah Youth Empowerment Centre Eng. Yousif Al Dosari congratulated the leadership and the centre's members on this occasion. The event ended with Bahraini Traditional Ardah, poems and a market for the productive local families.

**Employing more people with disabilities**

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In its recent meeting, headed by Dr. Ibtesam Al Dallal, the Services Committee of the Shura Council continued its efforts to discuss the proposal for a law amending some provisions of Law No. 74 of 2006 regarding the care, rehabilitation and employment of people with disabilities.

The proposal was submitted by members of the Shura Council Sabika Al Fadhala, Dalal Al Zayed, Ali Al Aradi, Talal Al Mannai, and Hisham Al Qassab, along with representatives from the Ministry of Labour.

**Congratulations and best wishes to**

*His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa*  
*His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa*

**The Royal Family, Government and the People of the Kingdom of Bahrain on the occasion of the**

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**Al Salam Bank successfully concludes 'Qaedat Al Salam' Women Leadership Program**



Her Excellency Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa with Al Salam Bank officials and dignitaries  
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Al Salam Bank celebrated the conclusion of the 'Qaedat Al Salam' Women Leadership program in a special ceremony held on Monday at the Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay.

The event was graced by the presence of His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Mustahail Al Mashani, Chairman of Al Salam Bank, Mr. Rafik Nayed, Group Chief Executive Officer of Al Salam Bank, esteemed board members, prominent dignitaries, including C-level executives, and other notable figures from the Kingdom. Also in attendance were members of executive management and over 150 female employees who actively participated in the program.

The ceremony commenced with an introduction to the 'Qaedat Al Salam' initiative, followed by opening speeches delivered by His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Mustahail Al Mashani and Mr. Rafik Nayed.

A distinguished panel discussion featuring accomplished Bahraini women entrepreneurs ensued, featuring Her Excellency Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Shaikh Ebrahim bin Mohammed Al-Khalifa Center for Culture and Research; Ms. Khawla Ahmed Hasan Ebrahim, Director of the Islamic Financial Institutions Directorate at the Central Bank of Bahrain; Ms. Mashaal Fairouz, Founding Partner of JEO Capi-

tal Management; and Ms. Muna Al Balooshi, Head of Human Resources and Administration at Al Salam Bank.

The event served as a robust knowledge-sharing platform, where participants delved into their experiences, strategies for overcoming challenges, achieving work-life balance, and receiving invaluable guidance to propel their careers towards future leadership roles.

**Congratulations**

Reflecting on the occasion, Ms. Muna Al Balooshi, Head of Human Resources and Administration at Al Salam Bank, expressed her congratulations to all participants of 'Qaedat Al Salam' for completing this remarkable journey. She highlighted the program's success, celebrating a 96% satisfaction rate following its completion. Ms. Al Balooshi reaffirmed the bank's commitment to supporting professional growth, achieving equality in alignment with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and the Kingdom's Economic Vision 2030.

Ms. Muna Al Balooshi emphasized that the initiative aligns with the goals of the

Supreme Council for Women to empower Bahraini women, supporting their participation across various industries and promoting their advancement in society. She underscored the program's contribution to developing employees' skills and talents, identifying eligible participants ready to take the next step in their career journeys.

'Qaedat Al Salam' stands out as a unique learning and development program, empowering female employees of the bank after 12 weeks of extensive training, encompassing workshops, courses, and projects covering crucial topics such as self-awareness, personal, and professional development.

Al Salam Bank said it aims to boost organizational efficiency and competitiveness through this initiative, establishing industry leaders, promoting diversity, inclusion, and women empowerment while safeguarding women's rights. The program also aligns with the bank's commitment to becoming the largest Islamic bank in Bahrain and a leading, innovative financial institution with a proven record of high productivity, stated the officials.

**MP proposal on internship opportunities for foreign medical graduates**

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Chairman of the Legislative and Legal Committee at the Parliament, MP Hassan Al Asboul, together with four representatives, presented a proposal

seeking to allow medical graduates studying in foreign universities to pass the internship year at the Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC) or any other government health institutions.

In a statement, MP Al Asboul

said: "The aim of the proposal is to reduce the costs for the families of graduates studying at universities outside the Kingdom, which result in them bearing financial costs for an additional full year."