

# HM King, HRH Prince Salman hailed on global day of democracy

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received cables of congratulations from Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh and Council of Representatives Speaker

Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, marking the International Day of Democracy today, which comes under the theme "Empowering the Next Generation".

Chairman Al Saleh and Speaker Al Musallam expressed their pride in Bahrain's achievements, led by HM the King's support and patronage of the legislative authority since the launch of the



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comprehensive development process to boost parliamentary and political participation.

They affirmed that these achievements contributed to a qualitative leap in the comprehensive development process and sustainable democratic reform, strengthening the state of law and institutions, as well as the advancement of parliamen-

tary life and political participation, thereby improving Bahrain's economic development, stability, and prosperity.

The Speaker noted that the National Action Charter, which underpinned principles for further developing the state of law and institutions, launched a new era of political development in the kingdom.

## A successful US visit



1. His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, departing from the US after a historic official visit. 2. Crown Prince meeting US Secretary of Defense Lloyd J Austin III. 3. Crown Prince with Jake Sullivan, US President's National Security Advisor. 4. Crown Prince being seen off by senior officials of the US administration. 5. Crown Prince signing the guest log at the Pentagon. 6. Crown Prince (at the centre on left side) and other delegates from Bahrain at the meeting.

## Shura Council to celebrate International Day of Democracy

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Shura Council will mark International Day of Democracy today, which comes under the theme "Empowering the Next Generation".

In a statement, Shura Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh said that the National Action Charter and the Constitution were established based on democracy, expressing pride in the civilised images of democracy provided by the legislative branch in Bahrain, which stems from parliamentary elections and the keenness to exercise civil and political rights in the electoral process.

He noted that there is considerable awareness of democracy principles among various groups and segments of society, which motivates them to fulfill their national responsibilities and to participate positively in decision-making processes.

Al Saleh affirmed that this contributed to boosting the success of the comprehensive development process of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, hailing the government's efforts led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in consolidating the values of democracy and the principles of human rights. He expressed his pride in the positive awareness of Bahraini youth of their role in protecting democracy and practicing it within the framework of constitutional and national institutions.

# Bahrain supports growing GCC economic cooperation

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Industry and Commerce Minister Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro has affirmed the importance of strengthening cooperation partnership with the standardisation bodies in the GCC countries.

Fakhro was speaking as he headed Bahrain's delegation in the fifth Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) meeting of the Ministerial Committee for Standardisation Affairs.

Jasem Mohamed Albudaiwi, GCC Secretary General, and the GCC Ministers of Industry attended the meeting.

The minister noted that the gains and advantages that come through integration in various areas of standardisation would

contribute to supporting the Gulf economy by emphasising the importance of imported and exported products that meet technical requirements and smart conformity assessment procedures, which preserve human health and safety and protect the environment.

It also contributes to facilitating intra-trade procedures between the GCC countries, and streamlining the passage of commercial products while following international laws and regulations.

### GCC-UK ties

The meeting was also attended by Nigel Huddleston, UK Minister of State for International Trade.



Mr. Fakhro heads Bahrain's delegation at the event

The minister underlined the strong cooperation between the GCC and the UK which contributed to supporting the efforts of business integration and enhancing the council's economic status. He praised the strong com-

mercial ties between the GCC and the UK and the progress it continues to witness.

The meeting discussed topics of common interest and ways to further expand investments between the GCC and the UK.



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## Labour Minister opens workshop on occupational safety and health

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Labour Minister Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan opened a specialised workshop under the theme "Reviewing and discussing the draft profile of occupational safety and health in Bahrain".

The workshop was organised by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), in cooperation with the Labour Ministry, which was held from 13-14 September.

The workshop reviewed ILO's standards on occupational safety and health, developed a file and a special strategy in this regard, and discussed issues related to heat stress, housing units for workers, and issues specific to the building and construction sector (work at height).

During his opening speech, the minister affirmed that the government has dedicated special attention to occupational safety and health, as well as protecting the work environment.

He noted that the qualified and trained supervisory bodies have been established to ensure that these systems and laws are implemented properly and complied with, to enhance workforce protection.

Humaidan emphasised that the industry requires new skills to keep up with rapid advances in science and technology in occupational safety and health to maintain national standards.

## US-Bahrain Agreement: Key Points

Details of the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement were released on Thursday. Here are the main takeaways:

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**Security cooperation:** The Parties agree to further implement existing security agreements and arrangements, and to meet on a regular basis to discuss ways to further integrate air and missile defense capabilities, special operations forces, intelligence capacity, cyber security, strategic communi-

cation, and mutual awareness of emerging threats. They also agree to coordinate on a regular basis on military and defense matters, and to hold a Defense Working Group annually to review progress on implementation of this Article.

**Economic cooperation:** The Parties agree to deepen and strengthen their economic partnership, and to identify strategic

investment opportunities and develop projects that enhance bilateral and multilateral economic and trade cooperation.

**Science, technology, and network security cooperation:** The Parties agree to promote scientific and technical cooperation, including through the negotiation of appropriate arrangements for such cooperation. They also agree to develop

and share relevant standards, guidelines, and best practices with a view to each Party securing its networks, communications systems, software, and hardware.

**Dispute resolution:** Any divergence in views or disputes regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be resolved through consultation among the Parties.