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Katalin Novak, the President of Hungary, yesterday left Bahrain after a successful three-day official visit that witnessed Novak holding wide-ranging discussions with Bahraini leaders on boosting energy and economic cooperation.

Yesterday, she was seen off at the airport by the Foreign Minister, head of Mission of Honour, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, the Muharraq Governor, ambassadors and other officials.

During her stay in the Kingdom, Novak held talks with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Discussions also led to Hungary's oil and gas company MOL signing deals with two Bahraini



Novak bids farewell to Bahrain. Inset, Novak with HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, during her stay in the Kingdom. The picture was published by Novak on her Instagram account.

companies. Attila Steiner, the State Secretary for Energy and Climate Policy, had said the

deals aimed at extracting more hydrocarbons from an already depleting natural gas or oil field

and making traffic quieter by using materials and additives in road construction.



Royal Guard's rescue mission continues in Turkey

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Esen Cakil

We will never forget Bahrain's help, says Turkish ambassador

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Esen Cakil, Turkish ambassador, yesterday expressed "thanks and gratitude to the leaders and people of Bahrain for their support and solidarity with Turkiye amid the devastating earthquake."

Cakil said the immediate response of Bahrain in the aftermath of the quake on February 6 was a clear demonstration of the strong friendship and close cooperation between Turkiye and Bahrain.

Bahrain's humanitarian approach, Cakil said, has won the hearts and minds of the Turkish nation.

"I would like to express our gratitude to the Royal Guards for leading the search and rescue operation Sawaed Al-Gaith," she said.

The ambassador also paid tribute to BDF heroes for saving a survivor from under the rubble 176 hours after the earthquake in Hatay.

She also praised the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) for raising more than \$ 3.7 million in funds for Turkiye through "The Day of Solidarity" telethon on Friday evening.

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It's raining jobs!

Labour Ministry said private sector hiring exceeded 2022 target by 150%

Nearly 30,000 citizens landed jobs in private sector last year

29,000 beneficiaries for job insurance

Trained 10,281 citizens in 2022

Conducted 2,587 inspection visits

Last year's target was to employ 20,000 Bahrainis and train 10,000 citizens

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Job growth in Bahrain accelerated sharply last year, with citizens landing



Jameel Humaidan, the Labour Minister, interacting with citizens (file)

nearly 30,000 jobs in the private sector.

The strength in hiring, which also exceeded set targets by 150%, Labour Ministry said, occurred as the number of Bahrainis eligible for unemployment insurance also touched 29,000.

The strong job creation in the past year than previously estimated, experts said, shows that

the economy has regained its momentum after the COVID-19 pandemic meltdown.

"Thanks to the cooperation of the private sector, 29,995 Bahrainis got jobs in the private sector last year," said the latest Labour Ministry report.

This remarkable feat exceeded the target to employ 20,000 Bahrainis and train 10,000 citi-

zens annually until 2024 as part of the recovery plan.

Labour Ministry attributes this success mostly to the online job fair launched through its website.

The fair, the Ministry said, allowed employers to pick employees of their choice from the national workforce pool while also allowing citizens to choose a position that suits their qualifications and capabilities.

Further, the platform also allowed job seekers to communicate directly with the establishments they wished to work.

The report came as the Ministry outlined its achievements for the year 2022.

Labour Ministry report further said it reaped similar success in the unemployment insurance system, training programmes, and curbing illegal employment to ensure healthy market competition.

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Europe is already indirectly at war with Russia: Hungary PM Orban



Bloomberg

Europe is indirectly at war with Russia because of its military support for Ukraine, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban said Saturday in a speech addressing his refusal to send arms to Kyiv.

"Europe is getting immersed in war, in reality, they're already indirectly at war with Russia," Orban said in his annual state of the nation speech, predicting fighting in Ukraine may continue for years.

Orban, who is the European Union leader with the closest ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin, reiterated that Hungary won't supply weapons to its eastern neighbour and that Budapest doesn't view Moscow as a security threat.

Aftershocks continue

Ghana winger Atsu's body found under rubble in Turkey

Reuters | Ankara

Ghana winger Christian Atsu has been found dead under the building where he lived in southern Turkey after last week's massive earthquake, his Turkish agent said yesterday.

Atsu had been missing since the Feb. 6 earthquake following the collapse of an apartment building in Hatay. He was 31.

"Atsu's lifeless body was found under the rubble," Murat Uzun-



mehmet told reporters in Hatay. Atsu had been scheduled to fly out of southern Turkey hours before the quake, but Hatayspor's manager said on Friday



More than 46,000 people have been killed in the earthquake that struck Turkey and Syria and the toll is expected to soar, with some 264,000 apartments in Turkey destroyed and many still missing as rescuers listen for signs of life under the rubble.

the Ghanaian opted to stay with the club after scoring the winning goal in a Feb. 5 Super Lig match.

Atsu joined Hatayspor in Sep-

tember last year after spells with English Premier League clubs Everton, Chelsea and Newcastle United.

"We will not forget you, Atsu.

Peace be upon you, beautiful person. There are no words to describe our sadness," Hatayspor said on Twitter.

Newcastle also paid tribute, saying: "A talented player and a special person, he will always be fondly remembered by our players, staff and supporters."

Atsu won 65 caps for Ghana and helped them reach the 2015 Africa Cup of Nations final, where they lost to Ivory Coast on penalties.