

29,000 covered by job insurance

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The unemployment insurance system, the Labour Ministry said, also proved highly successful last year in supporting the Bahraini workforce in times of adversity.

The system now has over 29,000 eligible Bahrainis covered to receive compensation and aid for losing jobs for reasons beyond their control.

Unemployment Insurance Scheme

The Unemployment Insurance Scheme (UIS), which is funded through a 3% contribution from employees, employers, and the government, offers two types of benefits: Unemployment aid and compensation.

The Unemployment aid provides a monthly payment of BHD 150 to new university graduates and BHD 120 to other first-time jobseekers for a maximum of six months. On the other hand, the Compensation Benefit is available to unemployed individuals and provides a monthly benefit calculated at 60% of the insured salary (with a minimum of BHD 150 and a maximum of BHD 500) for up to 6 months. Additionally, the UIS provides job-matching, career guidance, and training services to its beneficiaries.

Services related to compensation and unemployment support is on www.mlss.gov.bh.



Trained 10,281 jobseekers

Moving on, the Ministry said it also exceeded its training programme target by serving 10,281 job seekers.

Tamheed Career Training Programme for recent Bahraini graduate engineers and the Daman employment assurance programme are some of them. The Ministry also had on-the-job training initiatives.

The Ministry used offline, online and in-person training services.

82 licenced training institutions



As with the beneficiaries, the number of licensed private training centres also grew, and now have on the list 82 institutions, which include 13 vocational and technical centres and 69 administrative and commercial centres and institutes.

Last year, the Ministry said it also cancelled the licences of 10 institutions.

Labour Ministry also confirmed rolling out 491 training programmes, which include 262

local programmes and 229 by international bodies.

The Ministry also granted 289 licences to administrative, training and technical staff in various institutions.

Held 2,587 inspection visits

Labour inspection was another area where the Ministry focused on boosting job growth.

Last year, Labour Ministry inspectors held 2,587 inspection visits to establishments that housed 168,386 workers, of which 401,135 were expatriates and 84,845 citizens.

The campaigns resulted in recording 61 warnings.

Through a virtual inspection programme, the Ministry said it reached 602 establishments.

Labour Ministry also held six workshops to enhance awareness of Labour laws last year.

Outdoor work ban hits 99.87% compliance

The Ministry said it conducted 820 inspection visits to worksites and workers' accommodations to ensure safety and compliance with preventive measures.

"Our inspectors also made 19,481 worksite visits during the summer work ban to ensure compliance with Resolution No. (3) of 2013.

The ban, the Ministry said, achieved 99.87% compliance, with only 27 establishments and 52 workers breaching set rules.

LMRA, Northern Police Directorate hold joint inspection campaign

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) yesterday referred several workers to legal action for breaching labour and residency laws in the Kingdom.

The move followed a joint campaign with the Nationality, Passports, and Residence Affairs (NPRA) of the Ministry of Interior and the Northern Governorate Police Directorate.

The LMRA emphasised its commitment to identifying and reporting any violations through continuous and rigorous inspections in cooperation with relevant government agencies.

Officials further urged the public to support the government's efforts to combat illegal labour practices by reporting violations using the electronic form on the LMRA website www.lmra.bh or by calling the authority's call centre at 17506055.



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Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Daina, the Oil and Environment Minister and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, urged for shared responsibility in achieving zero neutrality during talks yesterday with the representative of APM Terminals Bahrain. Farooq Zaheer Zuberi, the Acting CEO of APM Terminals Bahrain, Shaikh Ahmed bin Isa bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Undersecretary for Ports and Maritime Affairs at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, and other top officials were in attendance. The ministry emphasised the need to redouble efforts and align with global initiatives in order to achieve zero neutrality. The minister also received a briefing on APM Terminals Bahrain's strategic plan to achieve sustainable development goals and protect the environment, including their efforts to reduce carbon emissions and reach zero neutrality.



The 3rd national symposium on sickle cell anaemia opened in Bahrain yesterday under the patronage of the President of the Supreme Council of Health (SCH), Lieutenant General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa. The event, organised by government hospitals in collaboration with Education Plus Company, and sponsored by Novartis, was attended by Dr Ahmed Mohammed Al-Ansari, Chief Executive of the government hospitals, as well as senior officials from SCH, the Ministry of Health, and government hospitals. Medical professionals from Bahrain and abroad also participated in the seminar. Dr Shaikh Mohammed emphasized the importance of developing the health system in the Kingdom of Bahrain, in line with the comprehensive development initiatives led by HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.



The Chief of Public Security and Chairman of the National Disaster Management Committee, Lieutenant General Tariq Hasan Al Hasan, yesterday attended a graduation ceremony for the officers of the committee's Executive Office who attended a workshop on civil emergency management from February 12 to 16. The course was part of capabilities building and the national strategy for civil protection to enhance the workforce's skills.