

Bahraini women 'key partners' in progress

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Senior government officials commended the Bahraini women's achievements in all fields on the 21st anniversary of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) establishment.

They praised the unwavering support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and wife of HM the King, and SCW President HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa's belief in the ability of Bahraini women.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, praised the contributions of SCW in supporting Bahraini women as effective partners in the kingdom's comprehensive and sustainable development process.

The minister also highlighted the efforts of Bahraini women at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, lauding their contributions in achieving the objectives of the kingdom's foreign policy.

Dr Al Zayani affirmed that the Kingdom will continue to support Bahraini women in line with the National Plan for Human Rights (2022-2026) and the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women (2013-2022).

Industry and Commerce Minister Zayed Rashid Alzayani said that SCW celebrated many achievements to empower Bahraini women in all sectors that



Foreign Affairs Minister



Industry Minister



Labour Minister



Justice Minister



Health Minister



Information Minister



Tourism Minister



Housing Minister



Oil Minister

contributed to strengthening the industrial and commercial sectors and women holding leadership positions in the ministry.

The accomplishments indicate the Council's commitments within government's plan 2013-2022 to enhance the role of Bahraini women.

Labour Minister Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan noted the care and support of HM the King and the government headed by HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to

push Bahraini women towards high positions locally and internationally.

He hailed HRH Princess Sabeeka's interest to promote equal opportunities, which showed the creativity of Bahraini women and their ability to participate in the Kingdom's development process.

Health Minister Dr Jaleela bint Al Sayyed Jawad Hasan noted the role of Bahraini women in the health sector, which is a large part of the workforce and is posi-

tively reflected in the ministry's achievements in the gender balance, equal opportunities, high institutional performance and integration of the needs of Bahraini women and families within its objectives and services.

Information Minister Dr Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Nuaimi emphasised his pride in the SCW initiatives that strengthened societal stability, women's exercise of their rights and holding the highest executive, legislative, judicial and media positions.

Justice, Islamic Affairs, and Endowments Minister Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Maawda praised the national achievements in enhancing the role of Bahraini women as a key figure in the national development that embodies the objectives of the comprehensive development process led by HM the King.

Tourism Minister Fatima bint Jaffer Al Sairafi praised the ability of the SCW to implement the directives of HRH Princess Sabeeka to launch initiatives that

promote the progress of Bahraini women in various fields.

Al Sairafi said that the percentage of women in the ministry reached 47%, of whom 39% are in leadership positions, which indicates keenness to support both sexes in the tourism sector and create the appropriate environment to attract more Bahraini women.

Housing and Urban Planning Minister Amna bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi highlighted cooperation between SCW and the Housing Ministry through establishing the Equal Opportunities Committee in the Ministry, which has become an active element in many programs in terms of awareness, education and other fields.

Oil and Environment Minister, Climate Affairs Special Envoy (SCE) Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina highlighted the role of the SCW in enhancing Bahraini women's role in the development process, noting Bahraini women's role in the oil and environmental sectors.

Ministerial decisions issued on classic vehicles plates' numbers

Part of Traffic Law provisions amendment

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Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa issued two ministerial decisions for the amendments of the provisions of the Executive Regulations of the Traffic Law 23/2014, concerning the registration of classic vehicles' number plates.

The first ministerial decision includes amendments to classic vehicle registration number plates, their issuance regulations and the conditions related to importing and regulating those vehicles that are banned from driving on the road.

The second ministerial decision includes the registration fees for these vehicles.

Per the two decisions, the classic vehicle registration number plate is optionally issued according to the request of its owner, provided that the registration number should be of those numbers specified for private cars.

It is not permitted to repeat the registration number on more than one classic or private

car or that the registration number plate issued for the classic car is used on other vehicles.

The Second Article of the first decision stipulates the specifications of the classic registration number plates in terms of the types of vehicles for which the plates are issued, the color of the plate and its special signs.

According to the decision, the registration of the classic imported cars would be after paying the specified fees for opening the file of an amount of (BD 500) instead of (BD 1000) for vehicles over five years old.

It is permissible - upon the request of the owner - to issue an ownership certificate and a registration number plate for the classic car without registering it as long as it is not being used and driven on public roads or is not suitable to be driven on the road, and after paying the specified fees.

Concerning the second ministerial decision regarding specifying special fees for registering the classic car, its First Article determines a BD100 fee for registering the classic vehicles for the first time and the annual registration fee per the vehicle's weight.



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