

Bahrain-UAE relations

Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Minister Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Ma'awda hailed the deep-rooted historic relations binding the Kingdom of Bahrain and the UAE, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and UAE President His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. During a meeting with UAE Justice Minister Abdulla bin Sultan bin Awad Al Nuaimi, he noted the advanced level of joint cooperation and coordination between both ministries. They reviewed ways of exchanging expertise and practices, focusing on joint judicial cooperation to support development projects, especially digital transformation applications.

Executive-legislative cooperation

Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs Yasser bin Ibrahim Humaidan received member of the Council of Representatives MP Abdulla Khalifa Al Romaihi. Humaidan stressed the importance of cooperation between executive and legislative branches of government towards supporting development across all fields. He praised the key role of the Council of Representatives, commending the efforts of the MPs to support the comprehensive development march towards more growth and prosperity.

Bahrain supports financial sector

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Labour Minister Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan has affirmed the government's support for the financial sector to attract more investment opportunities and enhance the Kingdom's position.

Humaidan stressed the ministry's priority to employ citizens in qualitative sectors by updating the professional training system in line with technological developments.

He highlighted the growth of non-banking financial companies in the Kingdom that support the national economy and provide quality investment opportunities.

Humaidan was speaking as he met with Arab Financial Services (AFS) CEO Samer Suleiman during his visit to the company.

The minister was briefed on



Humaidan visits the Arab Financial Services company



“The Ministry of Labour’s priority is to employ citizens in qualitative sectors by updating the professional training system in line with technological developments.”

- JAMEEL BIN MOHAMMED ALI HUMAIDAN, LABOUR MINISTER

the recruitment plan to employ Bahrainis.

The company employed 64 Bahrainis out of a total workforce of 148 in 2021-2022, while the percentage of Bahrainis in the company exceeds 66%.

Humaidan also reviewed the company's plan to train job-seekers and university students, which takes place periodically in the facility.

Final screening session, general meeting held for Miss Philippines Bahrain 2023



Candidates pose during the screening

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The Miss Philippines Bahrain 2023, which was organised by the Filipino Club Bahrain, held a final screening session and general meeting on January 20 at the Majestic Hall of Arman Hotel in Juffair.

The four-woman screening committee for the evening included Jodel Nagunit (former Miss Philippines Bahrain 2006), Regina Apostol (former Miss Osamis City 1981 and chartered

president of the Philippine Nurses Association Bahrain), Dinah Sta Ana (current President of FC Pinay Ikaw) and Camille Carpio.

The general meeting, which was held after the screening, updated the contestants on the schedule of activities lined up prior to Coronation Night that include Personality Development Seminar, Swimwear and Talent Competition.

The contestants will also be involved in community service

projects to show their love and gratitude for the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Filipino Club President Ric Advincula and Vice President Rosemarie Hernandez were present in the meeting.

So far, seven women have joined in the running to be the next Miss Philippines Bahrain. The contestants will be introduced on January 27, 2023 at 7pm at the Philippine Festival, which will be held at the Oasis Mall in Juffair. Everyone is invited to attend.

It is hosted by the Philippine Embassy of Bahrain.

Screening is extended for another week and the organisers are encouraging others to join the contest. The event is a great platform to showcase one's passions, talents and leadership qualities.

To qualify, one must be a Philippine national passport holder, 18-28 years of age, a Bahrain resident, minimum of 163 cm in height, have never been married nor bore a child, and with a pleasant/positive personality.

Neon-Defender 23 joint drill successful



Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed arrives at the site of the joint drill

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The Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) conducted the concluding stage of the joint drill, (Neon-Defender 23) yesterday.

Under the patronage of BDF Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, several BDF branches, the Interior Ministry's Coast Guard, the National Guard and the United States Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) participated

in the joint exercise.

Upon the arrival at the site of the joint drill, the BDF chief was welcomed by National Guard Commander, General His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, Minister of Defence Affairs, Lieutenant-General Abdulla bin Hassan Al-Nuaimi, and Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Dheyab bin Saqr Al-Nuaimi.

Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed was briefed about the stages of the exercise.

Housing Minister takes part in Riyadh 'Foras'



Al Rumaihi with guests at the event

Riyadh

Housing and Urban Planning Minister Amena bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi participated in the second edition of the Municipal Investment Forum "Foras" in Saudi Arabia.

Al Rumaihi praised the objectives of the forum, which seeks

to raise the private sector's contributions to the development of cities, by stimulating local investments and attracting foreign investments that contribute to raising the quality of life in cities, and enabling the realisation of sectoral and regional strategies.

She appreciated Saudi efforts to host these international in-

vestments, which contribute to enhancing investment opportunities in Saudi Arabia and supplementing the national economy, in line with the economic vision of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 2030.

Bahrain is working on pursuing plans, programs and initiatives.

Parliamentary cooperation

Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam received German Ambassador to Bahrain Clemens Augustinus. The Speaker praised the deep Bahraini-German relations and the mutual keenness to enhance cooperation to achieve shared prosperity. Al Musallam stressed support to boosting cooperation in various sectors and the importance of strengthening parliamentary relations. Ambassador Augustinus expressed his country's keenness to develop cooperation in economic and scientific fields and stressed the importance of parliamentary cooperation.

Bahrain hosts global science and technology workshop

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Riffa Views International School (RVIS) hosted Massachusetts Institute of Tech-

nology (MIT)'s International Science and Technology Initiative (MISTI) in its innovation center LEVEL 5.

The workshop is co-spon-

sored with the US Embassy and was the first of its kind in the GCC. The program was initiated and co-founded by three graduate MIT Bahraini students.