

## HM King, HRH Prince Salman condole with Kuwait Amir

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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, sent cables of condolences to His Highness Shaikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Amir of Kuwait.

In the cable, HM the King and HRH Prince Salman extended



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman



HH Shaikh Nawaf

their deepest condolences over the passing of Shaikh Mubarak Abdullah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister sent two similar cables to the Crown Prince, His Highness Shaikh Mishaal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, and to the Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Ahmad Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

## Push for more global strategic cooperation to protect environment

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Oil and Environment Minister Dr. Mohamed bin Mubarak Bin Daina stressed the importance of further developing strategic cooperation with international institutions specialised in preventive and supportive projects to protect the environment in line with achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs).

Dr. Bin Daina, who is also Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, was speaking as he met with Dr. Vania de Stefani, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL).

The minister praised the OSRL's role in protecting the marine environment and responding to natural disasters on regional and international levels.

He underlined the keenness to continue developing capabilities and enhancing professional standards and speed of response in responding to oil spill incidents and protecting coasts and territorial waters.

OSRL is the largest international industry-funded cooperative specialised in dealing with oil spills by providing preparedness, response, and intervention services across 12 locations around the world.

# Tourism industry boom

Bahrain sees 87% surge in Indian tourist arrivals in first half of 2023



Indian Ambassador Vinod K. Jacob  
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Bahrain witnessed an 87% surge in the number of Indian tourist arrivals in the first six months of 2023, with over 500,000 Indians visiting the country during the period, compared to over 270,000 in the same period last year.

The data was revealed by In-



Ambassador Jacob with top businessmen from both India and Bahrain at the reception

dian Ambassador to Bahrain Vinod K. Jacob during a reception organised by the Bahrain-India Society at the Crowne Plaza Hotel yesterday. The event was attended by top businessmen from both India and Bahrain.

In his opening remarks, Ambassador Jacob highlighted the importance of strengthening the economic and commercial ties

between the two countries.

"As of mid-September 2023, the embassy has issued a total of 3,904 visas, of which 64% were tourist visas. On the other hand, I would like to welcome more Bahraini friends to visit India for leisure, business, education, and cultural purposes," he said.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Abdulrahman Mohammed

Juma, Chairperson of Bahrain-India Society, said that the Ambassador would support the Bahrain-India Society in its efforts to promote business between the two communities.

"We are interested in setting up businesses in Bahrain and attracting Bahraini companies or investors to set up businesses in suitable Indian areas. The main

aim of today's event is to welcome His Excellency the Ambassador and to slowly promote the benefit of business for both communities," he said.

The event was a success, and it is hoped that it will lead to increased cooperation and collaboration between the business communities of India and Bahrain.



Abdulrahman Mohammed Juma

## EO Bahrain welcomes entrepreneurs to achieve full potential

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The Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) Bahrain, a global network of more than 18,000 influential business owners, welcomed entrepreneurs from Bahrain to achieve their full potential through life-enhancing connections that lead to infinite possibilities.

EO Bahrain has 44 members, with a median sales of \$2.11 million and 3,672 employees.

At a press conference held at the Gulf Hotel yesterday with the participation of board mem-



EO board members with entrepreneurs from Bahrain at yesterday's press conference

bers of EO Bahrain, Bob Thakar, President of EO Bahrain, said that EO is well-connected to other organisations and societies, and that its members are actively involved in the business community.

"We have four or five mem-

bers who are involved on the Chamber of Commerce committees. We have members who are in other societies as well. So, yes, we are well-connected and we can really be sharing knowledge and sharing information," he said.

Ahmed Shah, Learning Chair of EO Bahrain, highlighted the importance of learning within the organisation.

He said: "Every year we combine our calendar after June to see how many learning units we can have. This year we have

almost 18 learning units."

EO Bahrain offers a variety of events and programs to help entrepreneurs learn and grow, including keynote speakers, momentum speakers, wow events, workshops, ITP events, and EO Talks.

Osama Al Said, Acceleration Chair of EO Bahrain, highlighted the success of the organisation's acceleration programs.

"Last time 11 members in the exclusive programs graduated, which is 46%, that's higher than the global percentage, which is 16%," he said.

EO Bahrain is committed to helping entrepreneurs achieve their full potential and contribute to the growth of the Bahraini economy. The organisation provides its members with the resources, support, and connections they need to succeed.

## Bahrain-Saudi historical ties hailed

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Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani praised the historical ties and strategic partnership between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

The minister highlighted the progress and prosperity witnessed by the bilateral relations under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

Dr. Al Zayani appreciated Saudi Arabia's strategic depth, leadership role in regional and global security, peace, prosperity, and combating extremism and terrorism.

He praised the role of Saudi-Bahraini Coordination



Dr. Al Zayani

Council, jointly chaired by the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

The minister hailed the council's six subcommittees for their efforts in enhancing coordination across political, security, economic, cultural, media, tourism, social, investment, and environmental sectors.

Dr. Al Zayani emphasised Bahrain's support for Saudi Arabia and its efforts to maintain regional security and stability, and wished Saudi Arabia and its people further progress and prosperity.

He emphasised Bahrain's commitment to peaceful conflict resolution, including the Palestinian cause, and the Yemeni crisis.

The minister affirmed that Bahrain also supports economic unity, joint defense, and security systems, and endorses Saudi diplomatic initiatives.



Opening ceremony

Lieutenant-General Theyab bin Saqr Al Noaimi, Chief of Staff of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), attended the opening ceremony of the third National Defence session, and the 16th Joint Command and Staff session, held at the Royal Command, Staff and National Defence College. Rear-Admiral Abdulla Said Al-Mansoori, Royal Command, Staff and National Defence College Commandant, delivered a statement on the occasion. A number of senior BDF officers also attended the ceremony.