

**Health minister inaugurates Sitra Special Health Care Center**



Health Minister Faeqa bint Said Al Saleh inaugurated Sitra Special Health Care Center. The Undersecretary Dr Waleed Al Manea was present. The inauguration reflects the ministry's keenness to develop and operate the center with the best capabilities and equipment to enhance the long-term health care system. The opening of the center came in line with the ministry's approach to complete vital projects in the fields of healthcare and rehabilitation to serve all governorates of the Kingdom, which contributes in raising the quality of life of individuals and meeting their health needs through modern specialised centers. The minister expressed her pride in the building's advanced structure level and equipment to complement the center's health services, and she appreciated the unlimited support that people with various disabilities enjoy in Bahrain through the government's care and follow-up to ensure high-quality health services to citizens and residents.

**BDF Chief of Staff attends graduation ceremony**



Bahrain Defence Force Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Dhiyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, yesterday attended the graduation ceremony of a specialised training session at a BDF unit. Al Nuaimi presented the graduates with certificates and congratulated them on the distinguished level they had shown throughout the session. He also expressed thanks and appreciation to trainers and graduates for the tremendous efforts they had exerted to ensure the success of the course. Assistant Chief of Staff for Human Resources, Major-General Shaikh Ali bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Royal Tanks Commander, Major-General Rashid bin Abdulla Al Nuaimi, Military Training Director, Major-General Salah Rashdi Al Saad, and a number of senior BDF officers attended the ceremony.

**Bahraini-Indian relations and progress praised**



Advisor to His Majesty the King for Diplomatic Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa received Indian Ambassador to Bahrain Piyush Srivastava. The Advisor praised the distinguished Bahraini-Indian relations and the progress witnessed by both countries at all levels. The meeting reviewed bilateral relations and ways to enhance cooperation. It also discussed the latest regional and international developments and issues of common interest.

**HM King's Advisor for Diplomatic Affairs receives Iraqi Charge d'Affaires**



Advisor to His Majesty the King for Diplomatic Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa received Iraqi Charge d'Affaires Muayyad Omar Abdulrahman. The Advisor praised the historical Bahraini-Iraqi relations and their development at various levels for their peoples' interest. He wished the Charge d'Affaires success in his diplomatic duties.

**Support for projects to improve educational output**



Higher Education Council Secretary General and Board of Trustees Deputy Chairperson, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Duaij Al Khalifa, yesterday received the Board of Directors of the Arab Academy for Research and Studies (Ahlia University), Farouk Yousif Khalil Al Moayyed, and Ahlia University's Board of Trustees Chairman, Dr Abdulla Yousif Al Hawaj. Dr Shaikha Rana expressed appreciation for the Ahlia University for its efforts to improve the performance and outputs of higher education in Bahrain, stressing the kingdom's keenness to provide an environment that attracts investments in education, implement projects aimed at enhancing the higher education sector and ensure the graduation of generations with all the skills required by the labour market.

**BACA head, Sri Lankan Ambassador boost cultural cooperation**



Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) President Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa received yesterday Sri Lankan Ambassador to Bahrain Pradeepa Saram. They discussed means of boosting bilateral cooperation, mainly in the cultural field.

**BACA Director General receives Saudi artist**



Culture and Arts at Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) Director General Shaikha Hala bint Mohammed Al Khalifa received yesterday Saudi artist and musician Abdulrab Idris. She praised his long artistic march and creativity which influenced the Saudi as well as the Gulf and Arab song.

**RAP concludes training programmes**



The Officers Training College of the Royal Academy of Police (RAP) has concluded specialised training programmes organised in cooperation with the British Durham Police. It targeted 75 Interior Ministry affiliates. The courses were part of the annual training plan to enhance the skills and professionalism of affiliates in different fields. The programmes will resume next year in cooperation with the Durham Police.

**Bahrain tolerance, coexistence and brotherhood lauded**



The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Fouad Sadiq Al Baharna, met the Head of the Basilique Notre Dame d'Afrique, Father Youssef Kantal. The Ambassador congratulated the Church on the holidays, highlighting the religious and cultural coexistence in the Kingdom of Bahrain under the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. Father Kantal hailed the prominent efforts made by Bahrain to promote the principles of tolerance, coexistence and brotherhood, wishing Bahrain further progress and prosperity.

**Health Minister sponsors ceremony honouring Bahraini women**



Health Minister Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh has sponsored a ceremony honouring Bahraini women on Sunday. It was on the occasion of the Kingdom of Bahrain's celebration of the Bahraini Women's Day, which is observed every first day of December each year. This year's event - under the slogan "Bahraini Women in National Development ... A Journey of Advancement in a Giving Country" - was organised by the Equal Opportunities Committee at the ministry, in the presence of senior officials and Shaikha Dina bint Rashid Al Khalifa, Assistant Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Women. It is an important national occasion that receives remarkable attention from all institutions of the Bahraini society.