

Kingdom's economic development on track

HRH Prince Salman: Citizens at the heart of plans, initiatives and strategies

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the Kingdom's ongoing development across a wide range of economic sectors, which is advancing in line with the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH Prince Salman noted that Bahraini citizens remain at the heart of the Kingdom's development plans, initiatives, and strategies.

He emphasised the country's commitment to continue implementing economic programmes that deliver for Bahraini citizens and contribute to economic growth.

His Royal Highness was speaking as he visited yesterday the majlises of Abdullah bin Hamad Al Nuaimi, Adel Al A'ali, and the Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), Sameer Abdullah Nass.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister exchanged Ram-



HRH Prince Salman during his majlises' visit

adan blessings with the hosts and guests of the majlises.

He noted the importance of Ramadan majlises in reinforcing Islamic and cultural values that guide and maintain bonds between the Kingdom's people.

During the majlis visits, His Royal Highness was accompanied by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin

Salman Charity Educational Charitable Trust, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and several senior officials.

Positive economic indicators

HRH Prince Salman under-

scored the importance of building on the Kingdom's recent positive economic indicators by advancing development efforts by implementing the 2023-2026 Government Program's goals, priorities, policies, and initiatives to benefit Bahraini citizens.

His Royal Highness further emphasised the importance of

strengthening public-private partnerships across investment projects to drive economic development.

He noted the importance of cooperation between the executive and legislative authorities, which guides the success of economic projects that benefit the Kingdom and its citizens.

Pilgrims restricted to one Umrah during Ramadan



Pilgrims perform Umrah in Saudi Arabia

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Pilgrims are not allowed to repeat Umrah during Ramadan, according to Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Hajj and Umrah. Pilgrims only have the right to perform it once.

The announcement was made to give equal opportunity for all other pilgrims in Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah during the holy month of Ramadan, with ease and comfort.

All incoming pilgrims will be required to book the Umrah through the Nusuk app, which can't be altered after their reservation is confirmed. If pilgrims wish to change their booked Umrah date, their only option would be to delete the appointment and make a new booking.

The Ministry said that Umrah permits are available for Saudi citizens, residents, and foreigners with an active visa. Interested individuals are urged to obtain their permits early through the Nusuk app and follow the specified date to perform their Umrah.

UAE appoints vice president, crown prince for Abu Dhabi

Two deputy rulers named

Dubai

The UAE appointed a new vice president, two deputy rulers and a crown prince for Abu Dhabi yesterday.

Shaikh Mansour bin Zayed will serve as vice president alongside Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, vice pres-



Shaikh Mansour bin Zayed

ident, prime minister and ruler of Dubai.

UAE President Shaikh Mohamed bin Zayed issued two Emi-



Shaikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed

ri decrees appointing Hazza bin Zayed and Tahnoun bin Zayed as deputy rulers of Abu Dhabi.

An Emiri decree appointed



Hazza bin Zayed

Shaikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed as the crown prince of Abu Dhabi.

Shaikh Khaled is the eldest



Tahnoun bin Zayed

son of Shaikh Mohamed.

He is a member of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council and Chairman of both the Abu Dhabi

Executive Committee and the Abu Dhabi Executive Office.

He is also a member of Abu Dhabi's Supreme Council for Financial and Economic Affairs; a member of the board of directors of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (Adnoc). He is also the chairman of several boards, including the UAE Genomics Council, and the Advanced Technology Research Council.

He was previously appointed as Head of National Security on February 15, 2016.

Preparations on track to host School Games 2024

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The Kingdom of Bahrain is stepping up preparations to organise the 2024 School Games, which is scheduled to be held in October.

The 2024 edition, the largest

to-date, will be held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The 2024 School Games held a webinar with Bahrain ambassadors in Asia and discussed cooperation as part of preparations to hold the international

tournament.

Committee Deputy Chairman Shaikh Ahmed bin Abdulrahman bin Salman Al Khalifa shed light on the goals of the 2024 School Games, stressing the importance of cooperation to highlight the historic event.

Bahrain keen to enhance ICT government services



The Interior Minister chairs the IT committee meeting

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The Interior Ministry's Ministerial Committee for Information and Communication Technology is committed to reinforcing national efforts to enhance ICT government services.

It is part of the comprehensive development process led by His Majesty King Hamad

bin Isa Al Khalifa and directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to achieve the strategic goal of the comprehensive digital transformation.

Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, yesterday chaired the committee meeting, in the presence of the panel members.

After approving the minutes of the previous meeting, the Ministerial Committee reviewed several topics on the agenda, including the developments of the digital economy strategy and its reliance on e-transactions, which would enhance investments and economic activities, in terms of speed of completion and adoption of modern systems.

BDF-Finance Ministry cooperation



Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa. The meeting discussed areas of cooperation.