



The BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday received retired Lt-General Yousef bin Ahmed Al Jalhma.



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, received Dr Abdulaziz Abdullah Al Ajman, Shura Council member. The commander-in-chief reviewed aspects of co-operation and co-ordination between the BDF and Shura Council.

# Support to youth stressed

House speaker highlights Bahrain's youth empowerment programmes in Russia forum

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**C**ouncil of Representatives Speaker Fawziya Zainal led Bahrain's delegation to the annual 'Global Forum on Development of Parliamentarism' in Moscow, Russia.

She underlined Bahrain's development strides led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, stressing the atmosphere of tolerance, co-existence and peace reigning in the Kingdom.

Ms Zainal underlined the importance of upgraded laws and legislations, initiatives, programmes and events to empower youth, underlining Bahrain's openness on regional and international practices.

She underlined the initiative of the Council of Representatives to set up the Youth and Sports Affairs Committee to tackle youth-related issues and contribute to social development.

Addressing the session, she urged an active parliamentary dialogue to pass laws and legislations to serve society and bolster peace and stability.

She underlined the importance of engaging in digital parliamentary work to keep abreast of technological strides in the world.

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Ms Zainal at the forum.

On the sidelines of the forum, Ms Zainal met Chairwoman of the Russian Federation Council, Valentina Matviyenko.

Ms Zainal praised the Bahraini-Russian relations and

co-operation highlighted by keenness of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Russian President Vladimir Putin to further boost them in various fields.

Ms Zainal said the upcoming stage would witness signing and implementing a number of parliamentary co-operation agreements and the exchange of visits and expertise.

She invited her Russian counterpart to visit the Kingdom to activate the parliamentary co-operation and learn about the development and progress seen by various fields.

Matviyenko welcomed the Council of Representative Speaker's invitation to visit the Kingdom to further boost the solid bilateral relations and co-operation that are promoted by active partnerships, agreements and exchanging visits, which reflect both sides' interest in enhancing co-operation to benefit their countries and peoples.



Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Advisor of HRH the Prime Minister, received a delegation from the Medical University of Bahrain headed by Dr Samir Al Otoom. Professor Al Otoom expressed his deep gratitude to HH Shaikh Salman for supporting education progress and upgrading its outputs to serve the various developmental sectors in the Kingdom, especially the medical sector. The university's president praised his patronising and attending the 10th graduation ceremony on behalf of HRH the Prime Minister.



The newly-elected executive committee of the Bahrain Chapter of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India held a courtesy meeting with Indian Ambassador Alok Kumar Sinha. Chapter Chairperson S Sridhar briefed the ambassador on the association's upcoming activities and other matters. The newly-elected members were also introduced to the ambassador.



Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel Humaidan yesterday received Board Chairperson of Indian Ladies Association Kalpana Patil, in the presence of other board members. The Labour and Social Development Minister praised the association's programmes, lauding its positive role in fostering relations between the Kingdom and India.