



■ His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday received senior members of the Ruling Family and state officials. He warned of challenges and threats to security of the Arabian Gulf region. All GCC countries stand in the same trench in confronting dangers, particularly the scourge of terrorism, he said, stressing the need to maintain regional security and stability. He commended the Saudi-led Arab coalition which represents a model of Gulf and Arab co-operation to thwart foreign designs and conspiracies targeting pan-Arab security.

Prime Minister hails theatre movement

THE Premier yesterday underlined the importance of art in highlighting civilisational features of peoples and nations, and praised its role in reflecting society's visions and aspirations.

His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa made the remarks as he received at Gudaibiya Palace the Awal Theatre board chairman, mem-

bers, and delegates taking part in the ninth Awal Theatre Festival.

The Premier hailed the achievements of the GCC theatre movement, voicing pride in the outstanding elite of theatre artists whose creativity, he said, has succeeded in promoting GCC art across the Arab world.

He praised Awal Theatre and its pioneering role in



■ HRH The Premier with Awal Theatre officials

deepening literary and artistic awareness through its outstanding artists, and high-

lighting social issues in all fields.

He also affirmed that the

support and care enjoyed by the art and theatre movement in the kingdom has enabled

it to educate new generations that art embodies Bahrain's deep-rooted values.

His Majesty issues decrees

HIS Majesty King Hamad yesterday issued a decree, naming the Health Minister as minister in charge of implementing provisions of a decree-law on private health institutions.

According to the decree, the minister will also be responsible for the National Health Regulatory Authority before the Cabinet and the bicameral National Assembly. The King also issued a decree, restructuring the Labour Market Regulatory Authority board.

The panel will now be chaired by the Labour Minister, and comprise Sabah Salim Al Dossary, Mohammed Ali Mohammed Al Qaed, Shaikh Ahmed bin Isa Al Khalifa, Maha Abdulhameed Mufeez, Nabeel Khalid Kanoo, Jehad Ibrahim Ameen, Jaafar Khalil Ibrahim and Yaqoob Youssef Mohammed as members for four-year terms.

King ratifies agreement

HIS Majesty yesterday issued a law ratifying the Agreement Encouraging and Protecting Investments, signed between Bahrain and Tajikistan. It stipulates that the agreement, signed in Manama on May 28, 2014, will be implemented by the Prime Minister and relevant ministers, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

National Day greetings

His Majesty sent a cable of congratulations and good wishes to Governor General of Grenada Dame Cecile La Grenade on her country's Independence Day.

MP asked to pay BD7,600

A Bahrain court has ordered an MP to pay BD7,600 as outstanding rent. A landlord filed a complaint at the Urgent Matters Court against the MP, who failed to pay rent for two months, according to court documents. He said that he had agreed to lease a building for BD3,800 monthly to the MP, who turned it into a restaurant.

However, the MP ignored the payments for two months and the court yesterday ordered him to be kicked out of the building in Adliya and to pay back the money.

Exam results approved

Bahrain Polytechnic acting chief executive Dr Mohammed Ebrahim Al Aseeri has approved the final exam results of the first semester 2015-2016. They will be available on Bahrain Polytechnic website www.polytechnic.bh

Rayat Card introduced

Al Mebarrah Al Khalifiya Foundation has introduced its new "Rayat Card" to students registered in Rayat scholarship programme. The cardholder can benefit from reduced sale prices offered by a number of bookstores, stationery shops, hotels, restaurants and shopping centres.

The foundation seeks to increase the number of participating establishments that offer a wide range of services to university students.



■ A meeting between a Health Ministry delegation, led by the assistant under-secretary for training and planning and King Abdulla bin Abdulaziz Medical City officials explored ways of treating patients in Bahrain instead of sending them abroad. Arabian Gulf University president Dr Khalid Abdul Rahman Al Ohaly and Medical City director general Abdulwahab Al Abdulwahab attended.



■ Supreme Judicial Council organised a workshop entitled "Quadrilateral analysis and strategic planning for judicial development" for the affiliates of its secretariat general, Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Ministry and National Institution for Human Rights. It aims to develop administrative mechanisms at the secretariat general.



■ Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities is representing Bahrain at the 39th National Culture and Heritage Festival being held in Riyadh. Bahrain's pavilion includes a section to promote Bahrain's cultural heritage.

Top officials on Russia visit

A HIGH-POWERED delegation of senior officials is accompanying His Majesty King Hamad to Russia.

The King is set to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin in Sochi and discuss crucial investment and security related issues.

The delegation includes Deputy Premier Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, His Majesty's personal representative Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa, representative of His Majesty the King for charity works and youth affairs Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Energy Minister Dr Abdulhussain Mirza, Royal Court Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Survey and Land Registration Bureau president Shaikh Salman bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Shaikh Hamad bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa, His Majesty's adviser for media affairs Nabeel Al Hamer, Royal Protocols president Major-General Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Fadhala, His Majesty's personal secretary Hamad bin Ali Al Kaa-bi, Shaikh Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa, Bahrain Ambassador to Russia Dr Ahmed Al Saati and Sakhir Airbase commander Major-General Mohammed bin Bahussain Al Mussallam.