

Saudi mishap victims recovering at SMC

Relatives of victims thank Health Ministry for timely action

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Ms Saleh speaking to an accident victim at SMC yesterday.



Ms Saleh along with senior Health Ministry officials enquiring about the health conditions of accident victims with SMC doctors.

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Health Minister Faeqa Al Saleh yesterday paid a visit to the Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC) to get assured about the health situation of eight people who had been injured during a recent tragic bus accident in Saudi Arabia.

The injured were received by the Health Ministry's Undersecretary, Dr Waleed Al Manae, on arrival at the Bahrain International Airport.

The minister visited the Short Stay Unit, where she met the injured and their relatives.

She urged doctors and nurses to continue providing them with all necessary care and treatment.

Ms Al Saleh met all patients who had been injured during the tragic bus accident, and was informed about the treatment they have received so far in Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, wishing them speedy recovery.

She stressed that they would receive all necessary care and

treatment until they recover fully.

The minister also inspected the units and equipment that had been prepared to receive all those injured in the accident, commending the tremendous efforts exerted by all the Health Ministry's affiliates to follow-up on the health situation of the injured.

She stressed that taking care of Bahrainis, wherever they are, is among the priorities of the government.

The Health Ministry's Undersecretary, while meeting 12 people who had been wounded at the bus accident, highlighted the government's constant keenness to take care of Bahrainis in Bahrain or abroad, noting that the Ministry had activated an emergency plan as soon as the tragic accident happened to provide all necessary treatment for the injured and ensure their safe return.

He asserted that all the Ministry's facilities had been prepared

to receive the wounded and provide them with the necessary treatment.

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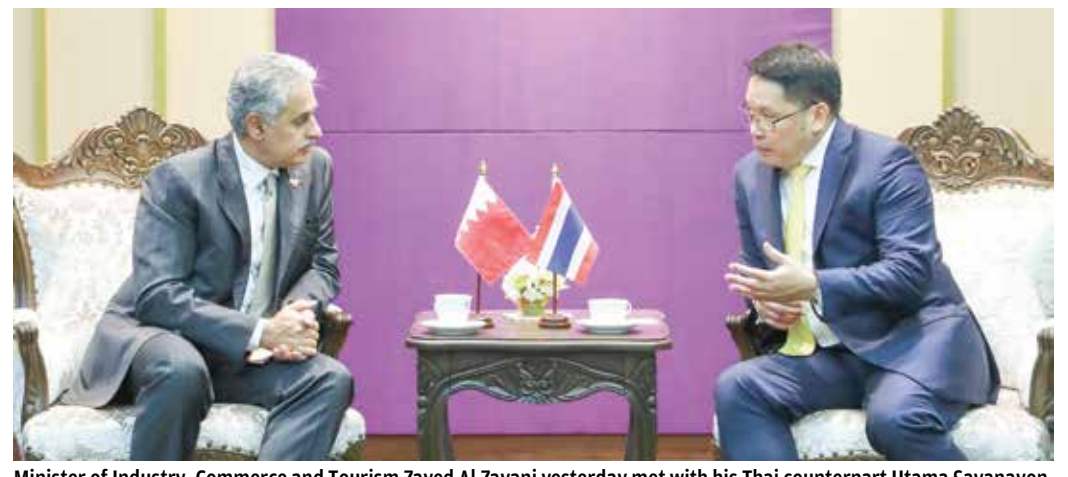
The patients and their families valued highly the support provided for them by the Health Ministry in Bahrain and abroad, and extended thanks and appreciation to His Majesty King

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, for their directives to the competent authorities to take care of them.

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The Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority, Shaikh Khaled bin Humood Al Khalifa received a delegation from the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO). The meeting discussed topics of common interest including ways to enhance cooperation and increase innovative initiatives and means to benefit from international expertise in the field of tourism.



Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Zayed Al Zayani yesterday met with his Thai counterpart Utama Savanayon, in the presence of Bahraini Ambassador to Thailand Ahmed Al Hajeri, Industry, Commerce and Tourism Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Foreign Trade Imen Ahmed Al Dusari, Assistant Undersecretary for Local Trade Hamid Yusef Rahma and members of the accompanying delegation. Both ministers discussed bilateral relations and ways of bolstering cooperation between both countries mainly in the economic field.



Bahrain Polytechnic held the Equal Opportunities Meeting at the campus, chaired by chief executive officer Dr Jeff Zabudsky, where they discussed a number of topics, including honouring Bahraini women in the field of engineering. The polytechnic aims to achieve the national objectives of integrating Bahraini women's needs in all areas, including services provided to employees and beneficiaries.

NIHR's committee holds key meeting

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The National Institution of Human Rights (NIHR)'s Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Committee held its fourteenth regular meeting, under the chairmanship of Dr Hameed Ahmed Husain. Members Abdulla Ahmed Al Derazi and Wedad Radhi Al Moosawi also attended.

The panel discussed the resolutions and recommendations of its previous meetings, and reviewed what has been done regarding them so far.

The committee discussed a proposal to hold a seminar in the fourth quarter of this year on sustainable development goals (SDGs) to shed light



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on the kingdom's steps to achieve those goals, as well as the challenges it is facing in this regard.

Relevant parties such as NGOs, the Shura Council, the Representatives Council, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Foreign Ministry, the Labour and Social Development Ministry and the Supreme Council for Women are expected to be invited to the seminar.

The committee also praised the royal directives to distribute housing units, and commended the government's keenness to ensure the citizens' easy access to housing services without delay. In this context, the panel lauded the efforts of the Housing Ministry to increase housing gains in the kingdom.