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# Bahrain: A leader in charity work



Bahrain joined the world in marking the International Day of Charity, observed worldwide every September 5, amid its commitment to its noble historical, religious and humanitarian fundamentals that foster the values of giving, compassion and social solidarity, as well as its pride in its pioneering achievements in supporting charity work and preserving the rights and human dignity of all, under the wise humanitarian approach of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The kingdom's celebration of this year's International Day of Charity coincides with the delivery of an urgent humanitarian relief aid to Afghanistan, based on the directives of HM the King, and the support of the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. The shipment was delivered by the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF), led by HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The move is within the kingdom's constant keenness to extend assistance to brotherly and friendly countries, and provide relief aid to the afflicted, out of

its belief in the inherent human dignity of all human beings, and in recognition of the value of benevolence and giving in consolidating peace and promoting understanding and mutual respect among all peoples and civilisations.

Over the past years, the RHF has been able to implement more than 40 relief initiatives for those affected by wars, crises and natural disasters, including the provision of donations, grants, relief aid, medicine and food, launching development projects, and supporting relief efforts and evacuations from Afghanistan.

The kingdom has also stimulated international humanitarian action through the launch of the royal initiatives, such as the "Isa Award for Service to Humanity", and many awards that promote volunteerism and sustainable development.

This international dimension of Bahrain's humanitarian work reflects the culture of charitable and voluntary work of which the Bahraini society has always been known, and strengthened since the establishment of the RHF two decades ago. The RHF has sponsored more than 11,000 orphans and widows, cared for the elderly and people with

special needs, provided educational and health care assistance and supported the social and charitable projects.

Since the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus pandemic, the RHF has stepped up its humanitarian efforts by launching the "Feena Khair" national campaign, succeeding in collecting donations valued at \$100 million allocated to supporting micro-entrepreneurs and Bahraini families, providing computers for distance education, and distributing food baskets, medicines and medical masks.

During the pandemic, the government, represented by the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, continued its efforts in providing financial support programmes for low-income citizens, in an attempt to empower them economically. In this regard, the Labour Ministry's "Khatwa" programme for home projects won the Arab Government Excellence Award for the year 2020 as the Best Arab Government Project for Community Development, after its contribution over the past 10 years to the success of 954 families in obtaining licenses to work from

home, and 48 families in becoming entrepreneurs.

The kingdom's rich record of humanitarian work has been acclaimed locally and internationally, ranking the first in the Arab world and 12th globally in the World Giving Index 2021 issued by the London-based Charities Aid Foundation (CAF).

HM the King was also conferred the Global Leadership Award in the field of orphan care by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation in 2017.

In 2020, HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad received the Honorary Leadership Personality of the Year Award in the donation field, granted by International Donor Service Centre.

The RHF won the "Best Charity Organisation Award", granted by the Foundation of Arab Achievers, in addition to the second edition of the "Prince Mohammad bin Fahd Award for Best Charity Performance in the Arab World" (2019-2020), organised in partnership with the Arab League's Arab Organisation for Administrative Development under the theme "Towards a Better Future for Institutional Charitable Work in Arab Nation".

# UAE spectral library website accessible for public use



education across the dimensions of natural sciences and engineering. The Hyperspectral Remote Sensing Centre is equipped with highly advanced software and tools along with a high-performance computer for research, innovation and learning in the Geographic Information System (GIS) and remote sensing field using satellite imagery.

It also supports the centre and its affiliated laboratories by conducting numerous research in key areas, including space sciences, climate change, marine pollution and water security, among others.

“Since conducting laboratory experiments is one of the best ways to inspire, motivate and revitalize today’s youth, the College of Natural and Health Sciences at Zayed University, as part of its educational strategic plan, aims to provide experiential learning through practical projects that give students the needed ‘hands-on’ experience through learning by doing, which allows students to link theoretical sciences with applied sciences,” Dr Howari said.

The public can now interact with and access spectral information through the UAE’s first spectral library website.

The Hyperspectral Remote Sensing Centre at the College of Natural and Health Sciences at Zayed University has earned a commendable badge by presenting the website for public use.

The centre is considered the first

of its kind in the UAE to carry out planetary studies, environmental studies, training and consultancy in the remote sensing sector.

Professor Dr Fares Howari, dean of the College of Natural and Health Sciences, Zayed University, said that the centre is equipped with a Mars Simulation chamber, which creates the environment of any

planet to study and simulate these environments using hyperspectral imaging in the laboratory.

Established with the help of the Emirates Space Agency, the centre aims to face the challenges of the remote sensing sector in the UAE Space Agency and beyond. It will also provide opportunities for stratified research, innovation and

# Saudi Arabia launches first stage of tourism program in Riyadh



Saudi Arabia has become a tourist destination so the Kingdom’s tourism sector is launching extensive training programs in different cities throughout the country with awards up to SR45,000 (\$11,700).

The first stage of the “Tourism Pioneers Camp” was launched on Tuesday in Riyadh as part of the ministry of tourism’s strategy to build human resources in tourism,

develop their skills, and transform their ideas into innovative prototypes that could be applied in real life.

Jeddah and Alkhobar will launch their programs on Sept. 14, followed by Abha on Sept. 28, and then Tabuk on Oct. 5 in preparation for the second stage of the camp, which will be declared at a later date.

Through these initiatives, the

ministry aims to provide training and developmental programs in innovative ways that target all types of Saudi professionals who will build competitive skills at the international level.

The “Tourism Pioneers Camp” includes extensive workshops with meetings, guidance sessions, prototypes, and training on presenting innovative projects.

The program targets a number of activities related to the tourism sector including tourism accommodation, cultural, recreational, and sports activities. Saudi activities and products, travel and tourism agencies, food and beverages, leasing services, in addition to land, air, sea, and railways transport will also be included.



## FOREIGN MINISTER RECEIVES DEPARTING INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR

Minister of Foreign Affairs, HE. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, received Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Kingdom of Bahrain, HE Nur Syahrir Rahardjo, on the occasion of the end of his tenure as his country's ambassador to the Kingdom.

The minister praised relations of friendship and cooperation between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Republic of Indonesia and their steady growth in various fields.

He stressed the importance of further boosting bilateral cooperation to serve common interests.

He also commended the tireless efforts made by the Indonesian ambassador in strengthening bilateral relations, wishing him

success in his upcoming diplomatic duties.

For his part, the Indonesian ambassador expressed thanks and appreciation to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and all officials in the Kingdom of Bahrain for the constant support and cooperation he received during his tenure in the Kingdom, which contributed to the success of his diplomatic duties.

He wished the Kingdom of Bahrain continued progress and prosperity.

The meeting was also attended by the Undersecretary for Consular and Administrative Affairs, Ambassador Tawfeeq Ahmed Al Mansoor and the Chief of Afro-Asian Affairs, Ambassador Fatima Abdulla Al Dhaen.



## AL SALAM BANK UNVEILS ITS NEWLY FORMED BRAND DNA

Al Salam Bank recently held an exclusive key-note event at the glittering Bahrain National Theatre, one of the largest theatres in the Arab world, which has emerged as an architectural landmark that embodies the artistic and cultural dynamism of the Kingdom. The event was held in celebration of the Bank's newly launched Brand DNA, in the presence of the Bank's Board of Directors and Executive Management, attended by the Bank's employees, which were seated socially distanced as an added precautionary measure.

Addressing the Bank's employees, Rafik Nayed, Group Chief Executive Officer (Group CEO) at Al Salam Bank, revealed, "With the introduction of our new Brand

DNA, we are embarking on a new era and a new visionary journey. It's given rise to a more conscious brand, one that goes beyond purpose, which encapsulates the spirit of who we are at Al Salam Bank".

"Like human DNA, every company has its own Brand DNA, its own genetic make-up that makes it unique. Unlike human DNA, we get to choose what kind of DNA at Al Salam. It will ensure that all our clients' needs are met across every level and department in the bank and therein lies the heart of Al Salam's Brand DNA, underlining our collective purpose, lies our Brand Promise - We nurture relationships by enriching experiences," the Group CEO added.



## LULU CELEBRATED 'EATALIAN' GASTRONOMIC WEEK

Lulu Hypermarket celebrated the "LET'S EATALIAN" promotion at the Lulu Hypermarket in Atrium Mall, Saar. The inauguration was done by the Ambassador of the Italian Republic to the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Paola Amadei, alongside Lulu Group Director Juzer Rupawala. It is supported by the Italian Trade Agency (ITA), Trade Promotion Section of the Italian Embassy in Bahrain.

The event celebrated the goodness and gourmet taste of Italian food and health benefits of a Mediterranean diet.

The festival's inauguration also featured an exciting cookery demo of Italian cuisine by well-known food consultant, chef and restaurateur, Susy Masseti, a lilting saxophone concert and a display of Italy's famed automobile excellence two-wheeler brands designed and made in Italy.

On promotion for the festival, an array of Italian premium food ingredients were displayed, from fresh fruit and vegetables, to cheese, olive oil, pasta sauces, specialty oils like truffle oil and salad dressings like balsamic vinegar, canned tomatoes, as well as the best Italian rice, confectionary, pasta and coffee.

For those with a sweet tooth, there were some seriously delicious sponge cakes, Italian chocolate, macarons, fruit jams, sugar-topped

puff pastry from well-known brands and Italian apples at special prices. Italian kitchen staples such as balsamic vinegar, olive oil, organic pasta, and high-quality cheese, as well as ready-to-go pesto pasta sauce were also the spotlight.

"The collaboration between Lulu Group's hypermarket and our Italian Trade Agency (ITA) in Bahrain has borne fruit. We are pleased with the brand awareness generated for Italian products by this series of gastronomic events. The participation of this Embassy in all the previous promotional moments shows how relevant this initiative has been for us. On the one hand, to consolidate our excellent relationship with LuLu Hypermarkets and, on the other hand, to bring new and authentic Italian products for the Bahraini families to discover and savor. We are glad to see how deeply the variety and quality of the newly arrived Italian products have been appreciated by the local community. I hope we will keep this collaboration with LuLu stable and solid in future too", said Ambassador Paola Amadei.

"LuLu's "Eatalian Week", has always been a popular festival and we are delighted to showcase the best of Italy in our aisles," said Lulu Group Director Mr. Juzer Rupawala.





**TRATTORIA ITALIAN RESTAURANT HOSTS MEDIA DINNER**

Trattoria Italian Restaurant hosted a special dinner for media members of Bahrain. The media gathering was held on Monday, 6th September 2021 at the restaurant's location at Wyndham Garden Manama, Juffair.

During the event, the restaurant team announced the start of The Italian Business Lunch and the unlimited Pizza & Sparkling Beverages promotions; which will continue throughout September 2021.

Trattoria represents a celebration of rich flavors held together by a singular appreciation of high-quality, fresh ingredients, presented in elegant simplicity.

Committed to a belief in Italian food and beverage, style, and service Trattoria serves the best produce, cooked simply and authentically, to truly enhance the fresh taste of Italian Cuisine.

And if you wish to further embrace the taste and smells of Italy, our specialty cellar offers you the chance to taste and experience beverages produced in the region.

Authentic Italian food simply prepared to let the freshest of ingredients sing. Food to share. Menus that are flexible. Simply cooked Italian food crafted from carefully chosen ingredients. Quick, friendly, stylish, unpretentious service.

Guests will enjoy an affordable and authentic Italian experience complete with great service and a stylish ambience.

Wyndham Garden Manama, Juffair features seven specialty dining options ranging from Indian, Italian, International, Brazilian, Sports Bar and Open roof top terrace outlet that is sure to deliver the finest experience in the very heart of the city.



**SHAIKHA MARAM COMMENDS ROYAL DECREE TO ESTABLISH BAHRAIN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY**

National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD) Secretary-General Shaikha Maram bint Isa Al Khalifa has praised the Royal Decree of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to establish the Bahrain Agricultural Development Company, a closed Bahraini joint stock company.

The royal initiative confirms His Majesty the King's great interest in the agricultural sector and the importance of investing in it as one of the pillars of the Bahraini economy, she said.

In a statement, Shaikha Maram lauded the positive effects of the royal auspices on the development of the agricultural sector and the rapid increase of national endeavors to spread a culture of green spaces in Bahrain.

She stressed that the

establishment of an agricultural development company would enhance the NIAD objectives to achieve higher levels of food security and bolster the contribution of the agricultural sector to the gross domestic product (GDP), she said.

Such efforts have the full support and endorsement of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the King and Chairperson of NIAD Advisory Council, she added.

Shaikha Maram stressed that achieving food security for the Kingdom of Bahrain is of vital importance for future development of the country, and that support and diversification of investment in the agricultural sector in Bahrain are among the highest priorities to achieve that aim.



**BIS NEW BOARD MEMBERS MEET WITH THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR**

The Bahrain India Society (BIS) new Board met with the Indian Ambassador. Piyush Srivastava and decided to further deepen the ties with the embassy.

Those present were Abdulnabi Alshodā, the founder chairman of BIS, Abdul Rahman Juma – Chairman, P S Balasubramanyam – Vice Chairman, Zahra Taher – General Secretary, Vijay Bloor – Treasurer and other Board Members Mohammed AlKhaja, Kishore Kewalram . Harish Gopinath, Talal Al Mannai, Soman Baby and Vinod

Das. The Second secretary & Head of Chancery Ravi Kumar Jain was also present.

The Ambassador, while expressing satisfaction at growing trade and economic cooperation between India and Bahrain, expressed the need to further deepen trade, investment, education and economic cooperation between the two countries.

Some of the potential sectors highlighted by the Ambassador included renewable energy, pharmaceutical production, IT - data

center, agro processing, logistics, tourism and infrastructure. Mr Srivastava also emphasized the importance of the BIS working closely with the EDB, The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce, and the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.

The Chairman of BIS highlighted the various initiatives taken by the society to achieve its objectives. Some of which are:

- Working with the Indian Embassy to foster closer relationship in terms of economic, cultural, sports and scientific field between Bahrain and India.
- Developing relations between the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and other National Organizations of India which can lead to the promotion of trade & commerce between Bahrain and India.
- To have closer coordination between other entities in India about business opportunities available in India which can be disseminated to the business community in Bahrain.
- Setting up of Indian companies in Bahrain to take advantage of the FTA agreement between US and Bahrain.
- Hold a Bahrain- India Trade fair/show in coordination with the Embassy of India for specific sectors

like Technology, Manufacturing and Tourism with participants from both countries

- Create a Help Desk for Investors in coordination with the Embassy of India for investors of both countries to coordinate and explore opportunities for investments and assist these investors from both countries.
- Publish a booklet jointly with the Indian Embassy about general country information and doing business environment and legal structures in India and Bahrain .
- To actively pursue the achievement of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between Bahrain and India. In this regard the BIS Chairman handed over a letter addressed to Nirmala Sitharaman - Minister of Finance – India, giving justification for such an agreement.
- BIS' plan to hold a program next month to celebrate the commemoration of 50 years of diplomatic relationship between India and Bahrain as well as the 75th Independence Day of India. The focus during this event will be on culture and food.

The Board thanked the Ambassador for his support and encouragement to the BIS and assured him that the BIS will work closely with the Embassy to achieve all its objectives.

# Thai Fruit Festival Inaugurated in Thai Mart



Organized by Vega Thai Mart Bahrain and Vega Intertrade and Exhibitions in Thailand, in cooperation with The Royal Thai Embassy Bahrain and DITP (The Thai Trade Centre in Dubai ) the Thai Fruit Festival was inaugurated in Thai Mart Mall, Diyar Al Muharraq.

The festival this year is themed "The Fruit Paradise" and was inaugurated by Thai Ambassador

HE Thanis Na-Songkhla. Present during the inauguration is Philippine Ambassador HE Alfonso A. Ver, Indonesian Ambassador HE Nur Syahrir Rahardjo, Brunei Charge d'Affaires Farida Hisham, Thai Mart's C.E.O Mr. Akavut Tangsilikusunwong (Tony) and members of the ASEAN Bahrain Council.

Bahrain citizens and residents had the chance to taste and bring

home the best fruit products from Thailand. The four-day festival started on 8th September 2021.

The festival was packed with participants and Thai Mart vendors, highlighting the fruits and fruit-based products from Thailand. Fresh fruits, dry fruits, juices, skincare, accessories, souvenirs, and much more.

A fruit carving demonstration

was also conducted by the Royal Thai Embassy throughout the festival. Students were encouraged to join the fruit carving demonstration for the Embassy's 'Fine Art' initiative.

Thai Ambassador HE Thanis Na-Songkhla presented the certificate of appreciation to all those who had participated at Thai Fruits Festival 2021.

## 21,000 Tonnes of Plastic and Paper Waste Recycled in Bahrain in 2021 by 'Al Majid Recycling Factory'



Al Majid Recycling Factory (the "Factory"), the Kingdom's leading provider of recycling solutions, has announced that it has successfully processed and recycled around 21,800 tonnes of paper, plastic, and solid materials during the first eight months of 2021, at an average rate of 2,000 and 600 tonnes per month of paper and plastic, respectively.

Almajid Recycling Factory was established in 1985 and was the first operation to introduce paper processing and recycling in Bahrain and the second in the GCC. In 2012, the Factory expanded into end-to-

end plastic processing and recycling. The Factory currently recycles 14 types of paper and 7 types of plastic, including cardboard, printing paper, water bottles, industrial storage barrels, and styrofoam amongst others.

Mr. Hameed Al Majid, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Al Majid Recycling Factory commented: "For the past 28 years, our Factory has played an integral role in protecting the environment of Bahrain by processing and recycling various types of waste that would otherwise end up in a landfill. The Factory

has forged strong partnerships with government entities, financial institutions, schools, and universities, to provide tailor-made recycling solutions, all in the aim of protecting the Kingdom's environment. The Factory is expected to process and recycle more than 30,000 tonnes of waste by the end of 2021. In addition to the environmental significance of our operations, 26 local enterprises depend on the Factory's recycled material as a substitute for expensive virgin raw material inputs, which in turn preserves valuable natural resources."

Mr. Al Majid added: "It is estimated that around 4 billion plastic bottles are consumed in the Kingdom annually, most of which are disposed in the Askar landfill. It takes around 450 years for a plastic bottle to fully decompose. During that time, a decomposing bottle gradually releases harmful toxic chemicals that pollutes the Kingdom's soil and groundwater, ultimately affecting people's health. Alongside plastic bottles, tonnes of industrial barrels are similarly disposed which further exacerbates environmental damage."

Mr. Almajid stressed: "In 2020, a record of more than 600,000 tonnes of municipal waste was disposed in the Askar landfill, with figures expected to increase even further in the coming years. The most successful recycling initiatives globally are based on integrated public-private partnerships, where the public sector is responsible for providing appropriate support in the form of subsidized funding or access to industrial land. In order to effectively address the Kingdom's recycling needs, the industry requires similar aid."



## Resolving minor traffic accidents just got easier through the eTraffic app!



Traffic accidents are an unfortunate part of modern life. While we hope you never find yourself in one, should you ever have a minor traffic accident in Bahrain, that cause traffic jam and may take from accident makers time, there is now a new way to address the issue quickly and effectively.

The eTraffic App, which is available via [bahrain.bh/apps](http://bahrain.bh/apps) allows you to report mutually resolved minor traffic accidents directly through insurance companies, without involving the

traffic directorate. Remember, if someone is injured, it is not a minor accident, and you must call the traffic police right away on 199 or the national emergency hotline on 999 to request an ambulance.

In the case of a minor accident, such as a 'fender bender' or a scrape, both parties must first agree about who is at fault. The affected driver may report the accident through the 'Report Traffic Accidents' feature on the eTraffic app, and the responsible driver must acknowledge it at their end through the 'Traffic Accident Acknowledgement' feature.

Alternatively, the responsible driver may report the incident through 'Report Traffic Accidents', which means he or she automatically acknowledges their fault. Both parties must then visit the insurance provider of the party who is at fault within 48 hours. Other helpful features are 'View Reported Traffic Accidents' and 'Insurance Companies Locator'.

In general, the eTraffic App is a great tool to have on your smartphone if you are a motorist

in Bahrain. It allows you to access various services from the General Directorate of Traffic, such as renewing your vehicle registration or driver's license, issuing international driver's licenses, paying traffic fines, and more. The app is available on iOS and Android.

To learn more about how to use the app's latest feature to resolve minor accidents, you can watch the handy explainer video which is posted on the official social media accounts of the General Directorate of Traffic (@trafficbh) and the Information and eGovernment Authority (@iGABahrain).

For more information, please visit the National Portal, [bahrain.bh](http://bahrain.bh). For inquiries, visit the National Suggestions and Complaints System, Tawasul available via [bahrain.bh/tawasul](http://bahrain.bh/tawasul), download the Tawasul app from the eGovernment Apps Store [bahrain.bh/apps](http://bahrain.bh/apps), or call the Government Services Contact Center on 80008001. To receive updates on the latest news and developments, follow the iGA's social media channels @iGABahrain.

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### TECH UPDATE

# Samsung releases eco-friendly watchbands made from apple peel



Samsung has announced six limited edition watch bands for the Galaxy Watch 4 made of recyclable and eco-friendly materials including apple peel. The range was made in collaboration with Sami Miró, a fashion designer whose previous collections have made use of

upcycled materials.

There are six designs included in the collection. The "Midnight Black" and "Stratus Sky" bands are made out of 100 percent apple peel skin "recovered from the fruit industry." Samsung claims the material has the "premium look of

leather" while obviously not being sourced from animals. The other four designs ("Aurora Night," "Cloud Navy," "Earth Sunrise," and "Dawn Atlas") are made of a thermoplastic polyurethane (TPU) material which Samsung says is recyclable.

Alongside the watch bands

Samsung is also releasing a collection of three complementary free watch faces available for download from the Google Play store.

Yes, the most sustainable choice will always be to use the watch band that came with your smartwatch, but if you're going to buy an aftermarket watchband it's nice to know some effort's been made to reduce its environmental footprint. Personally I hope that Samsung's future smartwatches might use these materials as standard, rather than only in optional accessories.

Samsung already uses sustainable materials in its packaging, and as of last year its sites across the US, China, and Europe were powered by 100 percent renewable energy (that's not the case for all regions, like Korea, but Samsung says it's working on it). But, it still has a lot of work to do to reduce the environmental impact of its devices themselves, particularly when it comes to repairability.

# Bahrain aims to develop sports by upgrading system and gain further successes



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), President of the General Sports Authority and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee has received at his office in Al Wadi Palace HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) and HE. Hameed Rahma, the President of Bahrain Mind Sports

and E-Sports Federation.

The meeting was attended by HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Vice President of the General Sports Authority, and HE Dr Abdulrahman sadiq Askar, CEO of the General Sports Authority.

The meeting came as part of HH Shaikh Khalid's keenness to support local sports associations to implement its programmes and plans to improve the level of sports and

sportspersons, in a manner that is consistent with the policies of the General Sports Authority, in order to redouble efforts to accomplish more achievements in the Kingdom's sports sector.

At the beginning of the meeting, HH Shaikh Khalid welcomed the guests, stressing the huge role played by the federations to meet the aspirations of their members and reach the desired development objectives.

Moreover, HH Shaikh Khalid reviewed the plans and programmes that will be carried out by the federations, in order to develop both sports and upgrade the capabilities of the sportspeople practicing these games.

His Highness said: "Our aim is to continue supporting all the associations and federations in their efforts towards implementing their plans and programmes to reach the highest levels and achieve further successes in the sports area in order to confirm Bahrain's high status in this important field and cement its position at the continental and

international levels,"

From their side, HH the President of BREEF and the President of Bahrain Mind Sports and E-Sports Federation expressed gratitude and appreciation to HH Shaikh Khalid for the endless support provided and His Highness's distinguished efforts, which has a positive impact on the development of the Bahraini youth and sports movements.

The attendees also affirmed the continuity of efforts, in line with the policies of the General Sports Authority, spearheaded by His Highness, in order to develop the sports system administratively, financially and technically, serving the present and future of the local sports movement.



## Bahrain Participates in World Endurance Championship to Meet Various Goals and Continue Development



On instructions of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, the Bahrain Royal Endurance team has concluded its participation at the World Endurance Championship for Young Riders and Juniors which took place in the Netherlands. The event covered 120km and featured wide participation.

The Bahrain Royal Endurance team faced many unlucky incidents,

including seeing two riders completing the event, only for the arbitration panel to disqualify them after their horses didn't pass the veterinary tests. Meanwhile, HH Shaikh Nasser congratulated the UAE team on securing a 1-2 win in the competition, thanks to Saeed Salim Khamis and Abdullah Ali Mohammed who finished first and second respectively.

Furthermore, HH Shaikh Nasser praised the huge efforts exerted



by the Royal endurance team's jockeys and the administrative staff throughout the past period after concluding the season by participating in this prestigious event which showcased the capabilities of the Bahraini talents who represent the future of the Kingdom's endurance sport.

Moreover, HH Shaikh Nasser added that many goals have been achieved through the team's participation in the event at sports and economic levels in line with Bahrain Economic Vision 2030.

"Sports events are one of the genuine facades that we have to



take advantage of to promote the Kingdom, and the World Endurance Championship for Young Riders and Juniors represented a great opportunity," HH Shaikh Nasser said. "In all our participations there are goals we set out, and we always make detailed analysis to understand the objectives that were met. This one was very successful at many levels," HH Shaikh Nasser pointed out, praising the displays showcased by the Bahraini jockeys.

It's worth noting that in the teams' standing, France topped the podium, while Malaysia came second and Tunisia occupied the last podium spot.