



■ His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday received a cultural delegation from Thailand. He stressed the role of culture in boosting co-operation between people across the world.



■ The Premier yesterday received Sudanese Ambassador Abdullah Ahmed Osman, who conveyed greetings from Sudanese President Omar Al Bashir. He also stressed Sudan's support for Bahrain's security and measures taken to deal with terrorism.

Leaders send condolences

HIS Majesty King Hamad yesterday sent a cable of condolence to Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud following the death of Prince Musaad bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. The King also sent cables to the Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Defence Minister Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa also sent condolence cables to King Abdullah and Prince Salman.

Egypt ties boost

MINISTER of State for Human Rights Affairs Dr Salah Ali yesterday received Egyptian Ambassador Essam Awad and discussed bilateral relations.

Envoy received

GCC secretary-general Dr Abdullah Al Zayani yesterday met Australian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Neil Hawkins and discussed co-operation between the GCC and Australia in various fields. Dr Al Zayani also met Maltese Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Stephen Borg and discussed ways of bolstering economic ties.

Award announced

APPLICATIONS have been invited for the Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa Award for sustainable development project. This was revealed by Social Development Minister Dr Fatima Al Balooshi yesterday. The BD5,000 award aims to promote charity and development projects, in addition to raising awareness on innovative management ideas and practices.

Cables sent

PARLIAMENT chairman Dr Khalifa Al Dhahrani sent a cable to Pakistan National Assembly chairman Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, condoling victims of flash floods that hit the country recently. He also sent condolence cables to Pakistan senate chairman Syed Nair Hussein Bukhari and Pakistan Ambassador Jauhar Saleem.



■ His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday met British Ambassador Iain Lindsay. The Crown Prince highlighted the importance of developing relations as part of wider efforts to promote growth and boost the kingdom's status. He also discussed the recent meeting in London between His Majesty King Hamad and UK Prime Minister David Cameron, stating that it was a source of support for the kingdom as it focuses on reform and development.



■ Interior Minister Lt General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa yesterday received Mr Lindsay and discussed bilateral relations.



■ Industry and Commerce Minister Dr Hassan Fakhro yesterday received Bahrain's Ambassador to Japan Dr Khalil Hassan and praised his efforts to strengthen economic, cultural and social co-operation. They also reviewed joint projects.



■ Bahrain will fund the construction and operation of a public library in Jerusalem. A co-operation agreement was signed yesterday by Royal Charity Organisation (RCO) secretary-general Dr Mustafa Sayed and United Nations Development Programme representative Khalid Shahwan, in Jerusalem. Palestinian Culture Minister Dr Anwar Abu Aisha, Palestinian Ambassador to Bahrain Taha Mohammed Abdul Qader, RCO assistant secretary-general for planning and development of charity resources Yussef Yaqoob Al Abdulla and planning and projects director Ibrahim Dalhan Al Dussari were present.



■ Minister of State for Communications Affairs Shaikh Fawaz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa yesterday received author Khalifa Sulaibeekh, who presented his book Khalifa Bin Salman: A Frontline Knight. The book depicts illustrious moments from the biography of the Prime Minister, including his achievements and humanitarian efforts.



■ Officials from the Bahrain Centre of Excellence Arbitration Committee yesterday visited the Education Ministry and discussed progress of the 'Knowledge Inspiration' project. Minister of State for Implementation Mohammed Al Mutawa said the project will inspire students and develop their skills. Minister of State for Defence Affairs Lt. General Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa was also present.



Musical showcase

■ Music lovers in Bahrain were yesterday treated to a fine blend of European classical and traditional Thai music by a trio of talented Thai musicians. The concert, 'Reflection of Thais,' was organised by the Culture Ministry, in co-operation with the Thai Embassy, as part of the Bahrain Summer Festival. It was held at the Cultural Hall. The trio – a soprano, violist and pianist – hail from the renowned Princess Galyani Vadhana Institute of Music in Thailand.

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