

**INSPECTION VISIT CONDUCTED**  
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Assistant Undersecretary for Roads Huda Fakhro conducted an inspection visit to the Maan bin Zaeda Road in Gudaibiya to look at the flow of work. Ms Fakhro then conducted a tour around the roads in Hoorah and Gudaibiya, and listened to the requests of the people regarding maintaining the asphalt layer in some roads, as well as developing the Abdulrahman Road.

**STUDENT EFFORTS LAUDED**  
Manama

Biotechnology teacher, headmaster of the biotechnology programme and Supervisor of the King Fahad Biotechnology Chair at the Arabian Gulf University Dr Mohammed Al Dahmani hailed the achievement of Buthaina Hassan Salim Abdulla, a student who recently discussed a research paper called 'strategies in improving genetics and DNA vaccinations for Hepatitis B'.

He said: "Ms Abdulla has achieved vital scientific outcomes, as she has created a new strategy in which Bio Informatics are merged with genetic vaccination."

# KING'S SPEECH PRAISED

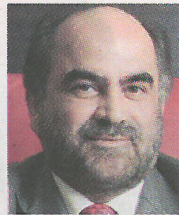
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The need to develop economic growth and boost job creation as well as encouraging investments was stressed by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday in his keynote address at the opening of the second session of the third legislative term in Bahrain.

DT asked prominent business and political personalities in the Kingdom about their opinions on His Majesty's historic declaration.

All agreed that the economic milestones that Bahrain has reached were testimony to King Hamad's progressive policies during the last decade.

Member of Shura Council and GPIC President Abdul Rahman Jawahery thanked His Majesty for "opening his heart, mind and arms for anyone who has the well-



● Mr. Jawahery



● Mr. Murad



● Mr. Al Sho'ala



● Mr. Dadabhai



● Mr. Sharif

being of Bahrain in their minds."

He praised the solid foundations for economic growth that were laid down during the last decade in the country.

"The need to build on the successes of the last 10 years is crucial to gain the confidence of foreign investors as well as to promote stability in Bahrain," he added.

Moreover, Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait Chairman Murad Ali Murad called for the need to develop infrastructure and promote peace to attract investment. "Several projects must

be sped up along with the use of additional funds to give the economy a stronger backbone," he added. Mr Murad also hailed His Majesty's concern for the economy.

Meanwhile, President of Bahrain India Society and former Labour Minister Abdunabi Al Sho'ala spoke of the importance of additional efforts to strengthen investment.

"Roadshows, delegation visits to the US and future visits to Europe and other countries are bound to attract investors to Bahrain," Mr Al Sho'ala said.

He said that overall development of the community is

required for economic growth.

**Infrastructural might**

Former minister and Chairman of Bin Juma Holding Abdulla Juma said that further efforts to develop infrastructure could in turn boost employment. He commended the current sector concerned for meeting the 2,500 MW demand in the Kingdom.

"With the completion of upcoming projects and road network, employment rates would be further boosted," he added.

The concept of employment was described as a two-way affair by Mohammed Dadabhai, Chairman of

Dadabhai Group.

He hailed the immense potential of Bahrainis and emphasised the need for the government and entrepreneurs to look seriously into the matter.

"People should undergo necessary training and develop the necessary mindset required for attaining employment," he added.

He thanked Tamkeen and other training institutes for their contribution.

**Need for unity**

Finally, Othman Sharif, Member of House of Representatives and Chairman of Finance and Economy Committee, spoke of the need for unity as an underlying requirement to boost national economy.

He said that further development would negate the untrue reports of the international media. "Promoting investment and thereby improving the living standards of Bahrainis will in turn attract other investors," he concluded.



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## Al Areen to go green

Manama

The Al Areen Holding Company announced that it would participate in the 'pro-environment drive' by using solar energy.

The official programme set for launch soon is expected to be an efficient replacement to reduce the use of the traditional resources used for generating electricity.

The project was developed under the wise guidance of the new board of directors of the company, in association with the best international companies in the region.

"We will implement this technique to convert an area of two million square metres of land using alternative technologies thus helping in preservation of the environment," said Company Executive Chairman Faisal Abdulla.

"This is a global trend which is going on throughout most of the developed world. We do not consider it enough just to build sustainable buildings with the best designs, but will implement the best available techniques to help sustain the environment for future generations."

Mr Abdulla said agreements and



● Mr Abdulla

economic integration of the two countries, and has been embraced by our companies to build strong relations and strengthen the longstanding bond between our two countries," he said. "This cooperation is aligned to the Kingdom's strategies in strengthening technical and economic relations between the two countries leading to the Gulf Confederation."

Mr Abdulla highlighted that Saudi Arabia was characterised by the presence of a large number of leading companies across many different fields, which have helped greatly with projects in Bahrain, effectively and productively.

"This is a plan originally implemented by our government to provide a better climate for every citizen, resident and visitor," he added.

Mr Abdulla said the Al Areen Holding Company is in the process of introducing a number of environmentally friendly plans in different areas.

"This will also have a strong positive effect and encourage the development of the Kingdom's economy," he said.

Mr Abdulla urged all other private and public sector organisations to