



■ The Amir, Premier and the Crown Prince with members of the new Cabinet

GREAT TASKS AHEAD

MANAMA: Bahrain's new Cabinet was sworn in yesterday, with a pledge to build an even brighter future for the nation.

The ceremony took place in the presence of HH the Amir Shaikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The Amir first received Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Sulman Al Khalifa and Crown Prince and BDF Commander-in-Chief Shaikh Sulman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, to mark the forming of the new Government, under an Amir Decree.

Before the swearing in ceremony, there was a reading of

New Cabinet pledges bright future for all

the opening chapter of the Holy Quran for the soul of the late Amir HH Shaikh Isa bin Sulman Al Khalifa.

The Premier and the ministers then took the oath before the Amir.

The Amir delivered a speech in which he stressed his confidence in the new Government. He praised the Premier for his continued efforts in serving the nation, after "standing side by side with the late Amir."

are capable to perfectly perform this great task," the Amir told the Cabinet members.

"We pray to God to bless you and we affirm our every support in carrying this responsibility to achieve the sublime goals that we have established for the prosperity of Bahrain."

The Prime Minister gave a

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speech at the ceremony in which he reaffirmed the Government's allegiance.

"We had the honour today to have been sworn in before Your Highness, pledging to remain loyal to the nation and to you, reiterating the vow to preserve the freedom of the people and to protect their interests," he told the Amir.

"The great trust and the

■ The Premier gives his televised speech



keenness Your Highness has displayed to overwhelm the new Cabinet with every generous support and directive, shall remain a valid backing as we take the first steps of the

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Fact-finding mission...

MANAMA: HH the Amir Shaikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa begins a private holiday from today. He will tour Bahrain's islands as part of a familiarisation and future planning trip, said the Amir Court. Protection of marine and land wildlife and the environment generally will be a key focus of the Amir's visit as well as ways of protecting Bahrain's territorial waters from pollution.

NEW COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Sulman Al Khalifa
Justice and Islamic Affairs Minister Shaikh Abdullah bin Khalid Al Khalifa
Foreign Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa
Interior Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa
Transportation Minister Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa bin Sulman Al Khalifa
Housing, Municipalities and Environment Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa
Works and Agriculture Minister Ali Al Mahroos (new)
Finance and National Economy Minister Abdullah Saif (new)
Defence Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa
Cabinet Affairs and Information Minister Mohammed Al Mutawa
Oil and Industry Minister Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa
Commerce Minister Ali Saleh Al Saleh
Education Minister Abdulaziz Mohammed Al Fadhel
Health Minister Dr Faisal Al Mousawi
Electricity and Water Minister Shaikh Daij bin Khalifa bin Mohammed Al Khalifa (new)
Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala
Minister of State Jawad Al Arrayed
Minister of State Majid Al Jishi
● Three new ministers took their places in the newly-formed Cabinet yesterday.
They are Finance and National Economy Minister Abdullah Saif, Electricity and Water Minister Shaikh Daij bin Khalifa bin Mohammed Al Khalifa and Works and Agriculture Minister Ali Al Mahroos.
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Bahrain sale begins

MANAMA: The general sale begins today with 545 participating shops. The sale runs until June 15, says Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry first assistant secretary general Mohyideen Bahlool, and stores can extend it by a further week. Shop sale advertisements are required to indicate the sale permit number. A chamber team will be visiting the market to ensure that there are no regulation violations. Traders must offer a minimum reduction of 20 per cent on goods except foodstuffs for which the discount must be not less than 10pc. Goods subject to sale should also carry the actual price of the product.

■ Alba merger talks

MANAMA: Aluminium Bahrain Company (Alba) and the Bahraini Saudi Aluminium Marketing Company, are going to hold talks in the coming few days focusing on the final stages of merger between them, administrative manager

LATE BRIEF

Mahmood Al Daylami, told our sister paper *Akhbar Al Khaleej*, yesterday.

■ 16 dead in Delhi blaze

NEW DELHI: At least 16 people, including four children, were killed and more than 100 injured yesterday in a blaze that swept through a crowded area in the old quarters of the Indian capital, a news report said.

■ 27 killed as sanatorium hit

BELGRADE: Nato missiles hit a sanatorium and an apartment building in southern Serbia yesterday, killing at least 27 people and taking the civilian toll to over 50 in two days, Yugoslav media said. Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic warned that the air strikes were jeopardising new diplomacy to end the conflict.



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ministers in Cabinet

Three new ministers took their places in the newly formed Cabinet yesterday. They are Finance and National Economy Minister Abdulla Saif, Electricity and Water Minister Shaikh Daij bin Khalifa bin Mohammed Al Khalifa and Works and Agriculture Minister Ali Al Mahroos. Here are short biographies of Cabinet members...

Defence Minister and Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the BDF Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, aged 53, has a bachelor's degree in military sciences from Britain's prestigious Sandhurst Military Academy and a master's degree in military sciences from the Staff and Commanders College in Britain.

He has also attended numerous other courses in Arab and other foreign countries.

Shaikh Khalifa joined the BDF as an officer and has occupied several high offices in BDF units before his appointment to his current post in 1988.

He is the recipient of several Bahraini and international awards.

Minister of Cabinet Affairs and Information Mohammed Al Mutawa has a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy, sociology and psychology.

He started his career with the Bahrain Government in 1972 as an officer of youth and national activities at the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry.

Mr Al Mutawa, born in September 1947, was appointed Director of Cabinet Affairs in 1974. From 1977 to 1993, he was the Director General of the Prime Minister's Office.

Mr Al Mutawa was appointed Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs in 1993, taking on the Information portfolio in June 1995.

Oil and Industry Minister Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa was appointed as head of Civil Service Bureau (CSB) with the rank of under-secretary on May 3, 1982.

Shaikh Isa was promoted to CSB president with the rank of minister, in May 1987.

Prior to joining CSB, he was the Assistant Under-Secretary for Immigration and Passports, from 1978 to 1982 and earlier director of Immigration and Passports from 1972 to 1978.

Shaikh Isa was appointed Labour and Social Affairs Minister on December 6, 1993, becoming Oil and Industry Minister in June 1995.

At the CSB, he implemented various measures to enhance the productivity of employees in the public sector and at the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry he drew up plans to improve the welfare of workers in the private sector.

Commerce Minister Ali Saleh Al Saleh was born in 1942 and educated at Bahrain schools.

He studied commerce at the Ain Shams University in Egypt and graduated in 1966, after which he returned to Bahrain and joined the family foodstuff wholesale business.

In 1972, Mr Al Saleh became a member of the constituent assembly, which drafted Bahrain's constitution and in 1973 he was elected to the first National Assembly.

He was also chairman of the finance committee of the National Assembly.

Mr Al Saleh returned to the family business in 1976 and was a board member of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry from 1976 until 1993.



■ Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Sulman Al Khalifa yesterday received Ibrahim Abdul Karim and Abdulla Juma. He thanked them for their good efforts in the ministries of Finance and National Economy and Electricity and Water and their devotion in serving the nation and its citizens, wishing them every success. They expressed thanks and appreciation to the Premier for his kindness and affirmed that they would continue to serve the nation. Present were Foreign Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa and Interior Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.



■ Shaikh Abdulla ■ Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak ■ Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa ■ Shaikh Ali ■ Shaikh Khalid ■ Shaikh Khalifa ■ Mr Al Mutawa

He became minister in June 1995.

Mr Al Saleh sits on the board of several Bahraini companies and organisations and is also a member of the board of trustees of Bahrain University and Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research (BCSR) and chairman of the board of directors at the Bahrain Stock Exchange.

Education Minister Abdulaziz Mohammed Al Fadhel was born in 1948 and educated in Bahrain.

He graduated from the Manama Secondary School in 1967 and attended the Higher Institute for Teachers in Bahrain for one year.

In 1969, he joined the Amiri National Guard as a cadet.

He attended a number of military and administrative courses and graduated from the Jordan Military Academy in 1977.

In 1988, he became BDF Assistant Chief-of-Staff (operations), a post he held up to his ministerial appointment, in June 1995.

Mr Al Fadhel is the recipient of the Bahrain Award and the Kuwait Liberation Award.

Health Minister Dr Faisal Mousawi, one of Bahrain's leading orthopaedic surgeons, was born on April 6, 1944.

He took his medical degree at the University of Cairo, Egypt, in 1966 and took fellowships from the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland, in February 1975 and in Edinburgh, Scotland, in May 1975.

Dr Al Mousawi, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon chaired the department of orthopaedic surgery at Sulmaniyah Medical Complex.

He was also an assistant professor at the Arabian Gulf University's College of Medicine and Medical Sciences.

Since 1988, he has been the chairman of the Arab Board's training committee and since 1992 the chairman of its examina-

Outgoing ministers

THE two outgoing ministers are Ibrahim Abdul Karim (Finance and National Economy) and Abdulla Juma (Electricity and Water).

tion committee.

Dr Al Mousawi served the Health Ministry in various positions including the chairman of its manpower development committee and credential committee.

He became minister in June 1995, after being Assistant Under-Secretary for Medical Services.

He was president of the Bahrain Medical Society from 1977 to 1978 and chairman of the National Disaster Committee from 1977 to 1982.

Dr Al Mousawi also served as vice-chairman of Bahrain Sport Medicine Association.

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala was elected to the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) board with the highest number of votes, first in 1983 and later in 1993.

Born on May 15, 1948, Mr Al Sho'ala graduated in economics and political science in 1973 from Bombay University (St Xavier's College), India, after his schooling in Bahrain.

On his return to Bahrain, he worked for a short period with the Foreign Ministry.

In 1974, he started his own business and established a group of companies dealing in advertising, publishing, public relations, market research, trading, contracting and industry.

Mr Al Sho'ala served the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry in different capacities.

When the Shura Council was set up, Mr Al Sho'ala was nominated as a member and was later elected to its five-member executive committee.

He became minister in June 1995.

He is a member of the executive committee of the Bahrain Marketing and Promotions Board, US-Bahrain Business Council and the Bahrain Training Institute.

Mr Al Sho'ala is a member of the board of trustees of Bahrain Bayan School and president of the Saar Charity Fund.

New Finance and National Economy Minister

Abdulla Saif, aged 54, was educated in schools in Bahrain, before going on to the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, in the UK for higher studies.

He also attended various other courses at IMF Institute and other international organisations.

Mr Al Saif, born on March 10, 1945 in Muharraq, started his career as an apprentice at the Bahrain Petroleum Company in 1957, where he served in all departments till 1971.

From 1971 to 1974 he was the Head of Finance and Administration at the Civil Aviation Directorate.

He was then appointed as the Deputy Director General at the Bahrain Monetary Agency in 1974 and became Director General in 1977.

Mr Al Saif was also a board member at the Gulf Air Company from 1978 to 1989 and served as Chairman at Gulf International Bank from 1978-1991.

He was appointed the Governor of Bahrain Monetary Agency, in 1981.

Mr Al Saif is also the chairman of Specific Council for Vocational Training (banking sector), vice-chairman of Pension Fund Commission, Alternate Governor at the International Monetary Fund and Arab Monetary Fund and Chairman of the Bahrain National Hereditary Anemia Society.

New Works and Agriculture Minister Ali Al Mahroos was born on July 25, 1942 and studied at Bahrain schools.

He obtained a Bachelor's degree in management from Damascus University in 1965 and a Master's degree in political sciences, from Lebanon University in 1975.

Mr Al Mahroos first started work as a teacher at the Education Ministry from 1965-68.

From 1968 to 1974 he was head of the Foreign Minister's office and director of administration and finance affairs at the Foreign Ministry.

He was appointed as Bahrain's Ambassador to Lebanon in 1974.

In 1976, he was designated as Ambassador to the United Kingdom and Ireland, as non-resident Ambassador to Denmark.

Mr Al Mahroos was appointed as director-general of the political department at the Foreign Ministry and became a board member of Bapco in 1981.

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New Electricity and Water Minister Shaikh Daij bin Khalifa bin Mohammed Al Khalifa started his career in August 1961 as assistant port director.

He was then promoted to ports director in 1965 and in the early 70s he was assigned as the Assistant Under-Secretary for Customs and Port Affairs.

Shaikh Daij was promoted to Head of Customs and Ports Affairs, with the rank of an under-secretary, on February 27, 1982.

He was appointed as the Head of Civil Service Bureau, at a minister's rank in October 1995.

Minister of State Jawad Al Arrayed is a qualified lawyer. Born on September 23, 1940, Mr Al Arrayed took a degree in English literature at Cairo University, Egypt, in 1959.

He joined Leeds University in England to study law in 1959 and took a Bachelor of Law Honours degree in 1963.

Mr Al Arrayed later took his Master's degree in law and passed in 1965.

Mr Al Arrayed was appointed Director of Public Prosecution by the Bahrain Government in 1969.

He was appointed Labour and Social Affairs Minister in 1971 and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs in 1973.

Mr Al Arrayed was then appointed as Health Minister and Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee in February 14, 1982 and became Minister of State in June 1995.

He is a member of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn (one of the British Bar's Inns of Court).



■ Shaikh Isa ■ Mr Al Saleh ■ Mr Al Fadhel ■ Dr Mousawi ■ Mr Al Sho'ala ■ Shaikh Daij ■ Mr Al Mahroos ■ Mr Saif ■ Mr Al Jishi ■ Mr Al Arrayed

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