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Minister visits UK to boost ties

THE Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Abdunabi Abdullah Al Sho'ala, started a three-day visit yesterday to the United Kingdom to boost friendship and bilateral ties.

He met the British Foreign Office Minister Derek Fatchett. They discussed ways of enhancing bilateral relations in the fields of development and social matters, putting the stress on human resources within an educational and training programme.

Al Sho'ala described the meeting as being fruitful in which the two Ministers recalled Bahraini-British relations and their historical depth. They discussed the possibilities of cooperation between the two countries in all fields especially in the spheres of social development and human resources.

Al Sho'ala said that Bahrain was working on a programme to develop human resources and informed his British counterpart about Bahrain's wish to benefit from the British experience in this field.

He also explained that a regional conference on training will be held in Bahrain next November and will be organised by the Directorate of British Working Forces and Training. He added that Bahrain was chosen among five other countries as a model in adopting training needs and programmes on a scientific basis.

Bahrain's Ambassador to London, Shaikh Abdulazia Mubarek Al Khalifa, held a luncheon in honour of the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs. It was attended by British MPs.

During the luncheon, Al Sho'ala explained to the British MPs Bahrain's continuous efforts in the development of human resources and the training courses as well as the Government's limitation of unemployment (1.3%).