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# Expert praises labour relations

BAHRAIN'S achievements in the field of labour relations were praised by a visiting international labour expert yesterday.

Arab Labour Organisation (ALO) director-general Baker Mahmood Rasool said the policy of the Bahrain Government in dealing with labour matters and the welfare of workers was commendable.

Mr Rasool, on a three-day official visit to Bahrain, held talks with Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdalnabi Al Sho'ala at his office and described the meeting as constructive and fruitful.

He said he offered ALO's technical assistance to Bahrain in resolving various labour issues by providing the services of international experts.

Mr Rasool said the activities

of the GCC Labour and Social Affairs Ministers' Council in the areas of vocational training, health and safety of workers and social insurance were reviewed.

He said the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Arab Labour and Social Affairs Ministers, scheduled for March 17 to 24 in Cairo, was discussed with the minister.

Mr Al Sho'ala said his ministry was keen to strengthen its ties with the ALO.

The minister also briefed the visiting official about the steps taken by the ministry in training Bahraini nationals and creating more job opportunities for them.

"The social development and the welfare of workers in Bahrain are achieved due to the collective effort of the Government and the private sector," said Mr



■MEETING ... Mr Al Sho'ala, right, during a meeting with Mr Rasool at the Labour Ministry

Al Sho'ala.

The meeting was attended by Labour and Social Affairs Un-

der-Secretary Shaikh Ahmed bin Sager Al Khalifa, Assistant Under-Secretary for Labour Affairs

Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Abdulla Al Khalifa and head of public relations Rashid Al Thani.