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Jobs drive office to be opened

MANAMA: A new Bahrain employment services office is to be opened in the next few days by Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Sulman Al Khalifa, it was revealed last night.

Its aim will be to further the Bahrainisation programme and help to find employment for more Bahraini workers, said Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala.

In a lecture to the Bahrain Bar Society, he said 10 supervisors had been trained to follow through the project which had been under study for eight months.

They would evaluate and monitor demand and supply in the labour market and visit commercial establishments to meet employers and follow up the progress of Bahraini workers.

The supervisors would also discuss and help settle all problems and obstacles which employers face in implementing Bahrainisation targets.

Mr Al Shoa'la said the ministry was keen to benefit from the employment experience of developed countries. It had sought the assistance of several international and local vocational organisations to help the ministry implement a computerisation programme to be used in the employment field.

The programme would help the private sector in employing nationals, he added.

Mr Al Shoa'la said the Bar Society could play an active role in helping the ministry to study and develop the labour laws.

He said the ministry and society could also implement programmes to train lawyers and legal consultants. There were more than 500 job opportunities for these specialists in Bahrain at present, he added.