

Minister in appeal to aid needy

PEOPLE must reach out to help the less fortunate, a Bahrain minister urged yesterday.

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala also praised the involvement of the Bahrain Round Table in projects and programmes that foster community and social welfare.

Mr Al Sho'ala said during a meeting with Round Table office-bearers at his office that it was the responsibility of every able individual to participate in activities which were designed to rehabilitate the unfortunate sections of the society into the mainstream of the social and economic framework.

"It is heartening to note that the Bahrain Round Table has a deep-rooted commitment towards such a cause and has been an active participant by mobilising financial and material resources for the needy," he said.

Bahrain Round Table chairman Gareth Jarvis said the organisation had donated almost BD60,000, in cash and kind, towards a number of causes during the past 18 months.

The beneficiaries include the Bahrain Mobility International kindergarten, the Bahrain Disabled Sports Committee, the Child Care Home, the Psychiatric Hospital, the Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Children's Deaf Unit, the Information Centre for Women and Children, the Geriatric Hospital in Muharraq and the Friendship Society for the Blind.

"We have been exploring various ways and means of promoting social and community welfare, with a special emphasis on the disabled," said Mr Jarvis.