



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

# CABINET SWORN IN

**MANAMA:** Bahrain's new Cabinet was sworn in yesterday with a pledge to preserve the nation's freedom.

The ceremony was held before HH the Amir Shaikh Isa bin Sulman Al Khalifa.

The Amir said the Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Sulman Al Khalifa, shouldered the responsibility of serving the nation into the future.

**Education and  
jobs priority  
vows Premier**

The Amir first received the Prime Minister, Crown Prince and BDF Commander-in-Chief Shaikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

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and members of the new Cabinet, to mark its formation, under an Amir Decree.

Then the Prime Minister and the ministers were sworn in before the Amir.

The Amir gave a speech in which he expressed his pleasure at receiving the new ministers, who he said had been appointed to shoulder the responsibility of serving the country in its next stage.

The Amir expressed his trust in the ministers and underlined the determination to exert more efforts for the prosperity and development of Bahrain.

The Prime Minister gave a



●The Amir

speech reiterating the Cabinet's pledge to preserve the freedom of the people and their interests.

Present were the chairman of the Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research Shaikh Sulman bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Head of the Amir Court Yousuf Al Dousary, Shura Council chair-

## THE NEW COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

**Prime Minister** Shaikh Khalifa bin Sulman Al Khalifa  
**Justice and Islamic Affairs Minister** Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalid Al Khalifa  
**Foreign Minister** Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa  
**Interior Minister** Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa  
**Transport Minister** Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa bin Sulman Al Khalifa  
**Minister of State** Jawad Al Arrayed  
**Housing, Municipalities and Environment Minister** Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa  
**Works and Agriculture Minister** Majid Al Jishi  
**Finance and National Economy Minister** Ibrahim Abdul Karim  
**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** Brigadier General Abdulaziz Mohammed Al Fadhel  
**Health Minister** Dr Faisal Al Mousawi  
**Power and Water Minister** Abdulla Juma  
**Labour and Social Affairs Minister** Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala



●The Premier

speech reiterating the Cabinet's pledge to preserve the freedom of the people and their interests.

The Prime Minister said during the past years Bahrain had achieved a great deal in the field of development.

He said Bahrain had made major achievements at internal and external levels, to the extent that its policy was taken as an example by others, because it could diversify the nation's revenue resources.

The country has become an outstanding financial centre and a base for national industries, said the Premier.

He said the co-operation between the Government and the Shura Council was positive and encouraged development.

The course of the Shura Council was a true expression of the people's aspiration and feelings, said the Premier.

He said the council had become a Government supporter and partner in charting public policy in all fields.

The priority of the new Government would centre on completing unaccomplished tasks and continuing the development process, said the Premier.

He said the change came in

## Arab leaders condemn Mubarak murder bid

**MANAMA:** HH the Amir Shaikh Isa bin Sulman Al Khalifa yesterday telephoned President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to congratulate him on his safe escape from an assassination attempt in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The Amir expressed the condemnation of the Government and people of Bahrain for the attack which happened when gunmen sprayed bullets at President Mubarak's armoured limousine as he was being taken to an Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit yesterday.

The Amir wished President Mubarak a healthy life so that he could achieve the aspirations of the Egyptian people.

President Mubarak expressed his thanks and gratitude for the Amir's call and for his concern. He wished the Amir good health and the people of Bahrain fur-

ther progress under his wise leadership.

The Amir also sent a cable to President Mubarak expressing his relief at his escape from the attack. Similar cables were sent by Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Sulman Al Khalifa and Crown Prince and BDF Commander-in-Chief Shaikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Other GCC leaders also condemned the attempt. World leaders also denounced it. In Washington, the US expressed "outrage" over the attempt and offered to help track down those behind it.

The Arab League, based in Cairo, denounced "this cowardly attack which contradicts all religious, human and moral values and which shows the desperation of terrorist forces vainly seeking to destabilise Egypt



●Mubarak

## FRONT LINE

### Thirteen of family 'commit suicide'

**MADRAS:** Thirteen members of a jeweller's family, including five children, were found dead yesterday in their house in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Police suspect a suicide pact.

Police who broke open the house after neighbours complained of a foul smell said the cause of death might have been poisoning. Dead were jeweller Krishnaswamy, his four sons, three daughters-in-law and five grandchildren.

### Families seek help

**BELFAST:** The families of a dozen "disappeared" IRA victims, buried in a secret cemetery, launched a campaign last night calling on the IRA and Sinn Fein to help them recover the bodies.

**Prisoners on rampage**  
**JERICHO:** About 100 Palestinian prisoners released by Israel into the self-rule enclave of Jericho last year pointed weapons at an Israeli army checkpoint, threw petrol bombs and clashed with PLO police yesterday.

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# Facts behind the faces of

**Justice and Islamic Affairs Minister Shaikh Abdullah bin Khalid Al Khalifa** was born in 1922 and educated in Bahrain.

He became a judge in the Bahrain Court in 1951 and from 1957 to 1962 he was a judge at the High Appeal Court.

In 1962, he was appointed President of the Riffa Municipality and from 1967 to 1970 he was president of the Manama Municipality and chairman of the Planning and Co-ordination Board.

Shaikh Abdullah became Minister of Municipalities and Agriculture in 1971 and since 1975 he has been Justice and Islamic Affairs Minister.



● Shaikh Abdullah



● Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak



● Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa



● Shaikh Ali



● Mr Al Arrayed



● Shaikh Khalid



● Mr Al Jishi



● Mr Abdul Karim

**Foreign Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa**, aged 59, was educated in schools in Bahrain before going on to the American University of Beirut and London University for higher studies.

He worked as a judge at Bahrain courts during 1961-62.

Shaikh Mohammed moved to the Information Directorate and was Director from 1965 to 1970.

During this time he played a key role in political negotiations which led to Bahrain's independence.

Following independence, Shaikh Mohammed was appointed Foreign Affairs and Information Minister in August 1971.

He held the Information portfolio until January 1973.

Shaikh Mohammed is the recipient of several awards, including the Italian President's Medal in appreciation of his efforts in the international political arena.



● Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed



● Mr Al Mutawa



● Shaikh Isa bin Ali



● Mr Al Saleh

**Interior Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa** is a graduate from University of Sandhurst Military Academy, in Camberley, Surrey, England.

Aged 58, he started his career as a First Lieutenant in 1959 and has since held several top positions.

Shaikh Mohammed was appointed Director of Immigration and Passports in 1967.

He became the Deputy Director General of Public Security in 1969 and was appointed Interior Minister on December 15, 1973.



● Mr Al Fadhel



● Dr Al Mousawi



● Mr Juma



● Mr Al Sho'ala

**Transport Minister Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa bin Sulman Al Khalifa** started his career with the Interior Ministry on October 1, 1973, after graduating from the Hendon Police College, London.

He worked at the Directorate of Training and Operations for six years.

Shaikh Ali later worked for three years with the General Command of Public Security. He was appointed Assistant Under-Secretary for Immigration and Passports on May 3, 1982.

Shaikh Ali joined the Cabinet as Transport Minister on March 21, 1993, following the appointment of previous Minister Ibrahim Humaidan as Shura Council Chairman.

Shaikh Ali was also appointed Batelco chairman on March 27, 1993.

**Jawad Al Arrayed**, who moves from Health Minister to become Minister of State, 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 the 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 masters degree in law and passed in 1965. He also did a short research programme at London University.

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.

Since February 14, 1982, Mr Al Arrayed has been Health Minister and Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee.

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

**Housing Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa**, who adds on Municipalities and Environment to his portfolio, is an engineer by profession.

Born in 1944, Shaikh Khalid obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Cairo University and a master's degree, with specialisation in roads, from the US in 1969.

He was the first Bahraini engineer, with a specialisation in

## Ministries restructured

Some ministries have been restructured as part of the Cabinet changes announced yesterday.

The Housing Ministry becomes Housing, Municipalities and Environment; Development and Industry becomes Industry and Oil; Works, Power and Water is split into Works and Agriculture and Power and Water; Commerce and Agriculture becomes Commerce; and Cabinet Affairs becomes Cabinet Affairs and Information.

designing roads, at the roads section in the Directorate of Public Works.

He became the Director of Public Works in 1971 and was appointed Housing Minister when the ministry was constituted in 1975.

In 1987, he was appointed President of the Central Municipal Council. Shaikh Khalid is a member of the High Council of Youth and Sports and High Council for Traffic.

He was a member of the founding committee of Beit Al Quran and a founder member of the Bahrain Society of Engineers.

**Majid Al Jishi** moves from being Works, Power and Water Minister to Works and Agriculture Minister.

He is a leading engineer and took his Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree at American University of Beirut.

Mr Al Jishi, born in 1931,

started his career as an engineer with Bahrain's Public Works Department in 1955.

From 1957 to 1961, he worked as a construction engineer with private contracting firms in Doha and from 1961 to 1964, as a project engineer on road works with the Ministry of Public Works in Kuwait.

He returned to Bahrain to work as a private consultant in 1964. After four years, he went to Abu Dhabi as Director of Public Works.

On his return to Bahrain in 1970, he was appointed Director of Planning at the Development and Engineering Services Department.

Mr Al Jishi was promoted to under-secretary in 1973 and became Works, Power and Water Minister in 1975.

He has served various professional societies in Bahrain.

Mr Al Jishi is a member of the Supreme Council for Petroleum, the board of trustees of the Bahrain Centre for Studies and

Research, the Traffic Supreme Council and the board of trustees of Bahrain University.

He is also president of the Bahrain Classical Music Society.

**Finance and National Economy Minister Ibrahim Abdul Karim**, aged 55, has a bachelor's degree in economics. He began his career in 1965 in the research and personnel divisions of the Bahrain Petroleum Company.

In 1970 he became Director of Economic Affairs and the next year he moved to the Department of Finance and National Economy, where he was Director of Oil and Economic Affairs.

He was promoted to Under-Secretary at the Finance and National Economy Ministry in 1973 and two years later he joined the Cabinet as Commerce, Agriculture and Economy Minister.

Mr Abdul Karim has held his current post since 1976.

He is also a member of the following ministerial councils: High Council of Defence, High Council of Oil, High Council of Civil Aviation, High Council of Civil Service and the Projects Committee.

Mr Abdul Karim is also governor for Bahrain at several Arab and international institutions, including the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, Arab Monetary Fund, Islamic Development Bank, Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development and Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa.

**Defence Minister and Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the BDF Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa** has played a key role in the development of the BDF.

Shaikh Khalifa, aged 49, 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 Mohammed Al Mutawa** takes on a new portfolio.

He is now Minister of Cabinet Affairs and Information. 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.

He is a member of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, and the Legal Affairs Committee.

**Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa** switches from Labour and Social Affairs Minister to Oil and Industry Minister.

He was appointed as head of the 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 the 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.

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

Shaikh Isa has been chairman of the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) since 1989.

**New Commerce Minister Ali Saleh Al Saleh**, a prominent businessman and second deputy chairman of the Shura Council, 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 new cabinet

## Education and jobs priority vows Premier

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the light of political environment and regional and international circumstances, accompanied by economic change and tremendous development in all domains, which would make the Government mission more difficult and would make meeting priorities a must.

The Prime Minister underlined the plan of the new Government amid the international problems of the transfer of technology, protection of environment, problems of a new world governed by free economy and in which survival would be for the fittest.

At the Gulf and Arab levels, the Prime Minister stressed the importance of boosting and closing ranks in facing challenges or aggression.

He said that in addition to the economic and political aspects of the mission of the new Govern-



●The Premier addresses the nation

ment, other internal issues would require more effort and sacrifice.

In this respect the Premier said the programme of the new Government should centre on upgrading the standard of living of citizens, and on providing them with key services. He said providing new job opportunities for

citizens would remain the Government's top priority.

The Prime Minister said that in addition to this, the new Government would also aim to improve work conditions and upgrade workforce performance and would also concentrate on training programmes and vocational training, a part of a human resources development plan.

He outlined the importance of evaluating and improving the educational programmes and curricula to further reflect Bahrain's history, heritage, tradition and its Arab and Islamic identity, as well as meeting the nation's developmental needs.

The Prime Minister also underlined the importance of giving priority to public services, especially in the field of envi-

ronmental protection.

The Prime Minister said development needed protection from sabotage, and therefore the Government would boost and improve the capabilities of the BDF to protect the nation and to stand by GCC countries against any aggression.

He said the Government would also boost and improve the capabilities of the state security bodies to insure the security of the nation, its people, and the public at large.

The Premier said Bahrain was a home for all and its development and security were the responsibility of all.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister pledged allegiance to the nation and to its security and stability.



●The Prime Minister is sworn in before the Amir, watched by the Crown Prince

## Efforts to bolster progress vowed

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a letter to the Amir on the formation of the Cabinet.

The Premier expressed his deep thanks to the Amir for his trust in him and for assigning him to form the new Cabinet.

The Prime Minister said that he had responded to the Amir's order as part of his duty to the country and also as part of his sincerity and loyalty to the Amir.

The Premier said that the Government would abide by the Amir's directives regarding the responsibilities of the new Cabinet.

He also said the Government would start its work by drawing up a working programme. This would take into consideration priorities and will be governed by studied planning, with continued follow-up, said the Premier.

Minister of Cabinet Affairs and Information Mohammed Al Mutawa thanked the Amir and the Prime Minister for their confidence in him.

He said strong unified efforts were now needed to push forward the development process, upgrading citizens' standards of living and enhancing the national economy.

He also said Bahrain's information must be based on the values and traditions of the country and planned to serve devel-

opment and progress.

Power and Water Minister Abdulla Juma also expressed his appreciation for the confidence shown in him. He pledged to strive for high standards of service and development in the electricity and water sectors.

He said the main concern at present was to make sure all electricity production units and equipment were working efficiently and to full capacity during the summer to meet the increased consumer demand.

On the future strategy of his ministry, Mr Juma revealed that there is an urgent need to establish new power and water plants and also to expand Bahrain's electricity distribution network.

The new Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala also expressed thanks for being appointed a minister.

He said he fully understood the responsibility placed on his shoulders to create new working opportunities. He said he was confident that through the support and directives of the country's leaders and co-operation of ministry officials and the private sector he will succeed in providing more working opportunities for citizens.



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

# Ministers sworn in with freedom pledge

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.

Mr Al Saleh sits on the board of several Bahraini companies and organisations.

He is a member of the board of trustees of Bahrain University and Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research (BCSR), board member of the Bahrain Stock Exchange, chairman of the United Insurance Company, managing director of Al Ahlia Insurance, and board member of the Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait, BMMI and Bahrain Car Parks Company.

**New Education Minister Brigadier General Abdulaziz Mohammed Mubarak 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.

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

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**New Health Minister Dr Faisal Al Mousawi** moves up from assistant under-secretary for Medical Services.

Dr Al 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 Sulmaniya Hospital.

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

Dr Al Mousawi is a member of many professional societies, such as the Amiri Academy for Medical Specialties, World Orthopaedic Concern and the European Society for Sport Medicine, Knee Surgery and Arthroscopy.

He is a Fellow of the British Orthopaedic Association and president of the Gulf Orthopaedic Association.

Dr Al Mousawi served as a registrar and a consultant at Whittington Hospital in London and Wexford County Hospital in Ireland before taking up various positions with Bahrain's Health Ministry.

He served as chief of medical staff at Sulmaniya Hospital and has been a member of the Scientific Council of the Arab Board for Surgery since 1979.

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

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

He was president of the Bahrain Medical Society from 1977 to 1978 and chairman of the National Disaster Commit-

tee from 1977 to 1982.

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

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**Newly appointed Power and Water Minister Abdulla Juma** is one of Bahrain's distinguished engineers.

He is the president of Bahrain Society of Engineers.

Born on November 24, 1946, he was educated in Bahrain's primary and secondary schools before continuing his studies in England from 1963.

Mr Juma did his four-year electrical engineering degree at the University of Salford in Lancashire, England.

He graduated in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering.

He joined Bahrain's Electricity Directorate as a distribution engineer in October 1970 and was promoted to project engineer in April 1974.

Mr Juma was appointed chief engineer at the Electricity Directorate in January 1976 and took over as acting director in September 1976.

He was appointed director of electricity in December 1978, and was assistant under-secretary for power from January 1992

until his latest appointment.

Mr Juma is a member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers (IEE), UK.

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**The new Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, 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.

While in Bombay, he was elected president of the Bahraini Students' Association and the Arab Students' Union in India. 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, who has served

the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry in different capacities, is the chairman of its Public Relations and Information Committee as well as the Bahrain-Asia Trading Committee. He is also in the executive committee of the joint BCCI-Commerce Ministry and BCCI-Development and Industries Ministry panels.

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

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 Al Bayan School and president of the Saar Charity Fund.

He has represented Bahrain in many regional and international forums, where he has presented papers on a number of issues relating to Bahrain's trade, commerce, services, tourism and economy.

**The five outgoing ministers are Yousuf Shirawi (Development and Industry), Tariq Almoayed (Information), Ali Fakhro (Education), Habib Qassim (Commerce and Agriculture) and Hussain Al Baharna (Legal Affairs).**