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## The Metal Assay Center Wins Gold Classification "Taqyeem 5"



H.E. Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, affirmed that the awarding of the Ministry's Metal Assay Center, by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, among the government service centers that received the gold classification "Taqyeem 5" in the Government Service Centers Evaluation Program, is a great incentive to continue achievements and continue to develop government services according to the highest standards.



The Minister noted that the Ministry harnesses all available resources and intensifies its efforts to develop performance, update systems and set priorities, in a way that contributes to raising the efficiency of government services provided to beneficiaries.

His Excellency also praised the efforts of all those in charge of the Ministry's service centers, encouraging them to continue these honorable achievements, and continue to develop performance to improve the quality of services and enhance the efficiency of government work.

## Minister of Industry and Commerce Affirms Commitment to Strengthening Economic and Investment Cooperation with Oman



His Excellency Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Bahrain's Minister of Industry and Commerce, affirmed the Kingdom's commitment to boosting economic and investment cooperation with the Sultanate of Oman. This effort aims to build on existing strategic partnerships and open new opportunities aligned with the visions of the two countries' leadership.

During his official visit to Oman, HE Minister Fakhro met with Omani Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, HE Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef. The discussions focused on enhancing bilateral trade, investment, and economic diversification efforts.



The visit also included meetings with HE Sultan bin Salim Al Habsi, Omani Minister of Finance, and other key officials and business leaders. Opportunities for cooperation in priority sectors and between private sector stakeholders were highlighted, along with discussions on high-value investments.

His Excellency Minister of Industry and Commerce witnessed the signing of an MoU between Export Bahrain and Oman's SME Development Authority, in an aim to boost bilateral cooperation in SME and entrepreneurship development, support strategic goals in industrial growth, and help SMEs expand into regional and global markets, enhancing their contribution to GDP.

HE Fakhro concluded his visit by touring the "Invest in Oman" platform and the Youth Center, where he met with Omani entrepreneurs and emphasized the importance of empowering youth to drive economic growth.

## Minister of Industry and Commerce Leads Bahrain's Delegation in the Invest Kerala Global Summit in India



His Excellency Mr. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, led Bahrain's delegation to the Invest Kerala Global Summit in Kochi, India. The event, organized by Kerala's Industrial Development Corporation, brought together global investors and officials.

In his keynote, the Minister highlighted the strong historical ties between Bahrain and India and expressed Bahrain's commitment to deepening these relations to boost innovation and entrepreneurship. He emphasized Bahrain's strategic location as a gateway to Middle Eastern and global markets, supported by investor-friendly policies such as 100% foreign ownership and simplified business procedures.

The Minister showcased Bahrain's promising sectors including advanced manufacturing, fintech, sustainable energy, and downstream industries aligned with Bahrain Economic Vision 2030. He invited Kerala's entrepreneurs to explore Bahrain's well-equipped industrial zones and free trade agreements.

He also identified key cooperation areas: technology and digitization, manufacturing, food security and agriculture, and tourism. Bahrain aims to enhance collaboration by removing trade barriers and simplifying processes.

During the summit, the Minister met with Kerala's Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, India's Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, Kerala's Industry Minister P. Rajeev, and Lulu Group's Chairman Yusuff Ali.

The summit aims to attract investment in key sectors like tourism, fintech, health innovation, and sustainable industries, fostering long-term partnerships.

## Minister of Industry and Commerce Heads Bahraini Delegation in GCC's 52nd Industrial Cooperation Committee Meeting



H.E. Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, headed the delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the 52nd meeting of the Industrial Cooperation Committee of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, in the presence of Mr. Jassim Muhammad Al-Budaiwi, Secretary General of the GCC, and the GCC Ministers of Industry, held in Doha, Qatar.

His Excellency affirmed the Kingdom of Bahrain's commitment to upholding cooperation and exchange of experiences and knowledge to enhance and support GCC economy, especially in the industrial sector and its reproach in adopting advanced technology, innovation, and technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution

The meeting discussed the advancement of the industrial sector in the Gulf, including developing a unified definition of the (Gulf) national product and its standards, reviewing a report of the lists of goods subject to collective protection, discussing the developments of the unified strategy for industrial development, reviewing a report on the activities of the Technical Secretariat Office for combating harmful practices in international trade, as well as a report on the achievements of the Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting



## Industry And Commerce Minister Heads the Delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the Meetings of the GCC Trade and Industrial Cooperation Committees in Kuwait



H.E. Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro Minister of Industry and Commerce headed the delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain at the 68th meeting of the Trade Cooperation Committee and the 54th meeting of the GCC Industrial Cooperation Committee in Kuwait, in the presence of Jassim Mohammed Albudaiwi, Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, and the GCC Ministers of Commerce and Industry.

The meetings discussed topics on the agenda, including the latest developments in the negotiations of free trade agreements between the GCC countries and global economic blocs, in addition to initiatives to support Gulf entrepreneurs and enhance their presence in regional and global markets. They also reviewed the unified Gulf projects and laws and discussed the latest standards for defining the Gulf national product and the proposed policies to support and protect Gulf industries, in addition to initiatives supporting the competitiveness of the industrial sector, the Council's schedule and the mechanism to stimulate advanced and sustainable manufacturing.

During the visit, His Excellency Fakhro participated in the work of the periodic consultative meeting between Their Excellencies the Ministers of Commerce and Industry of the GCC, and the heads of GCC federations and chambers of commerce, and in the work of the fifth consultative meeting between Their Excellencies the Ministers of Commerce and Industry of the GCC countries and a group of Gulf entrepreneurs, and the ceremony honoring Gulf inventors, held on the sidelines of Meetings.



## Following up Preparations for Ramadan Minister of Industry and Commerce Inspects Carrefour at Marassi Galleria and Midway Supermarket



HE Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, toured Carrefour Bahrain Markets store of Majid Al Futtaim Group at Marassi Galleria in Diyar Al Muharraq and Midway in Tubli, in the presence of a number of senior officials from the Ministry, where he was briefed on the preparations to welcome the blessed month of Ramadan, where a wide range of basic food commodities and Ramadan supplements were displayed, including dates, sweets and fresh produce.



During the tour, the minister met with a number of officials in Carrefour and exchanged views on current market conditions, stressing the need for cooperation between the ministry and the private sector to ensure the availability of goods and price stability.

The minister stressed the importance of responding to consumer feedback and improving services, stressing the importance of maintaining price stability during the month of Ramadan, noting that the ministry will continue to supervise markets and take all necessary measures to control prices and provide goods at reasonable prices.

## Minister of Industry and Commerce Inaugurates NEO Chemicals Factory in Hidd Industrial Area



HE Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro Minister of Industry and Commerce stressed the importance of cooperation between the public and private sectors in advancing economic development, noting the private sector's prominent contributions in supporting various industries in the country, enhancing the GDP, and expanding investment and export opportunities.

This came during the official inauguration of NEO Chemical Factory in Hidd Industrial Area, where His Excellency was received by Mr. Saud Kanoo, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and a number of officials.

His Excellency toured the factory and was briefed on the factory's sustainable practices and future plans. Where he praised the company's efforts in strengthening the link between the Kingdom of Bahrain and regional and international markets, wishing the factory team success in achieving goals and aspirations.

NEO Chemical Factory is one of the companies specialized in the production of concrete additives, concrete restoration and protection, specialized mortar, waterproofing, plaster, tile adhesives and separator filling materials, floor solutions, and concrete bases.



## HE Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce Guests

### The Minister of Industry and Commerce Meets Serbian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain

H.E. Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce received the Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to Bahrain, Tatjana Garčević.



### Minister of Industry and Commerce Receives Tunisian Chargé d'Affaires

H.E. Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, received Mona Al Maaloul, Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy of Tunisia to Bahrain.



### Minister of Industry and Commerce Receives UK Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain

HE Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, received Alastair Long, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the Kingdom of Bahrain.



H.E. Minister of Industry and Commerce Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro received HE Andrea Catalano, Ambassador of the Italian Republic to the Kingdom of Bahrain.



H.E. Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, received (BBMA) Chairman Ahmed Abdullah bin Hindi, and Vice Chairman Mr. Abdulhakeem Ebrahim Al Shimari, and a number of members of the Board of Directors.



His Excellency Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce received Dr. Abdulhassan Al Dairi, Chairman of Bahrain small and medium enterprises (SMEs) Society., and a number of members of the Society.

## Minister of Industry and Commerce Chairs 24th SME Development Council Meeting



His Excellency Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, chaired the 24th meeting of the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Development Council at the Ministry's headquarters, with the participation of member representatives.

The Minister emphasized the vital role of SMEs in the national economy and highlighted the importance of adopting innovative policies to boost the sector's resilience and competitiveness.

The meeting reviewed the SME development strategy, its key objectives, implementation stages, and main challenges. It also discussed creating an effective regulatory framework and enhancing collaboration among stakeholders to promote sustainable growth and innovation, increasing the sector's contribution to the GDP.



## Minister of Industry and Commerce Honors Factory of Ideas 2024 Winners



His Excellency Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, reaffirmed the ministry's commitment to encouraging innovative ideas that enhance service quality.

This came during a ceremony honoring the winners of the Factory of Ideas 2024 initiative, held in the presence of His Excellency the Minister of Industry and Commerce, Ms. Eman Ahmed Al-Doseri, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and Chairperson of the Judging Committee, along with a number of officials.



The Minister congratulated the winners, praised their creative contributions, and urged employees to continue striving for excellence and to participate in future editions of the initiative.

The ceremony highlighted the initiative's focus on developing the work environment, policies and procedures, and customer experience. Awards were presented to the top three winners in each category.

In the workplace environment development category, first place went to employee Nada Nasser Al-Thawadi, second place to employee Khawla Yousif Abdulrahman, and third place to employee Maitham Fadhel Al-Hammad.

In the policy and procedure development category, first place went to employee Ali Ibrahim Al-Nasser, second place to employee Ali Jafar Jassim, and third place to a joint idea by employee Hamad Adel Bofarsan and employee Shaikha Khalid Al-Buainain.

In the customer experience development category, first place went to employee Sayed Hashim Shubbar Al-Wedaei, second place to employee Nouf Ahmed Al-Rifai, and third place to employee Mohammed Ibrahim Ashour.

## Minister of Industry and Commerce Congratulates the Ministry's Commercial Attaché in Geneva on Her Appointment as Vice-Chair of the 15th Session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission of UNCTAD



Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, congratulated Maryam Abdulaziz Al Doseri, the Ministry's Commercial Attaché in Geneva, on her appointment as Vice Chair of the 15th session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

The minister highlighted Bahrain's pride in its talented youth, noting their growing presence in international leadership roles. He described the achievement as a reflection of the professionalism and competence of national cadres and their capacity to represent the Kingdom honorably on global platforms.

Al Doseri's appointment was announced during a meeting at UNCTAD headquarters in Geneva. Bahrain is also set to chair the 15th session of the Commission, which will convene on Tuesday and Friday. This marks the Kingdom's first time assuming the presidency of the committee.

The session will address investment promotion and facilitation, support for small and medium sized enterprises, and science, technology, and innovation policy. It will also examine the impact of rapid technological changes, such as digitization and automation, on structural transformation and industrialization. Discussions will focus on strategies to navigate challenges and advance inclusive and sustainable industrial development.



## Ceremony to Honor Participants in the Project of Empowering Bahrain's Youth in the Field of Intellectual Property



The Ministry of Industry and Commerce, in coordination with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), organized a ceremony to honor the participants in the project to empower Bahrain's youth in the field of intellectual property, in the presence of Ms. Eman Ahmed Al Doseri, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Mr. Marwan Fouad Kamal, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Youth Affairs, and His Excellency Ambassador Hassan Kleib, Deputy Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).

On this occasion, Ms. Eman Ahmed Al Doseri, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, stressed that the project to empower Bahrain's youth in the field of intellectual property embodies a strategic partnership to instill a culture of innovation and creativity in young people, and provide them with the necessary knowledge about intellectual property tools and how to benefit from them to protect their ideas and turn them into tangible achievements.

Al Doseri added that the Ministry of Industry and Commerce believes that supporting young people in the field of innovation extends from providing knowledge to promoting safe spaces for experimentation, and linking them with experts and practitioners, enabling them to excel in a supportive environment.

H.E. Mr. Marwan Fouad Kamal pointed out that this project represents a joint national effort, and a qualitative initiative that embodies the well-established strategy pursued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs in supporting youth creativity, promoting a culture of knowledge innovation and protecting intellectual property.

He added that "through this joint program, we went beyond the limits of theoretical knowledge to empower Bahrain's youth with practical tools that allow them to transform their ideas into knowledge assets, and their projects into protected rights based on innovation and entrepreneurship.

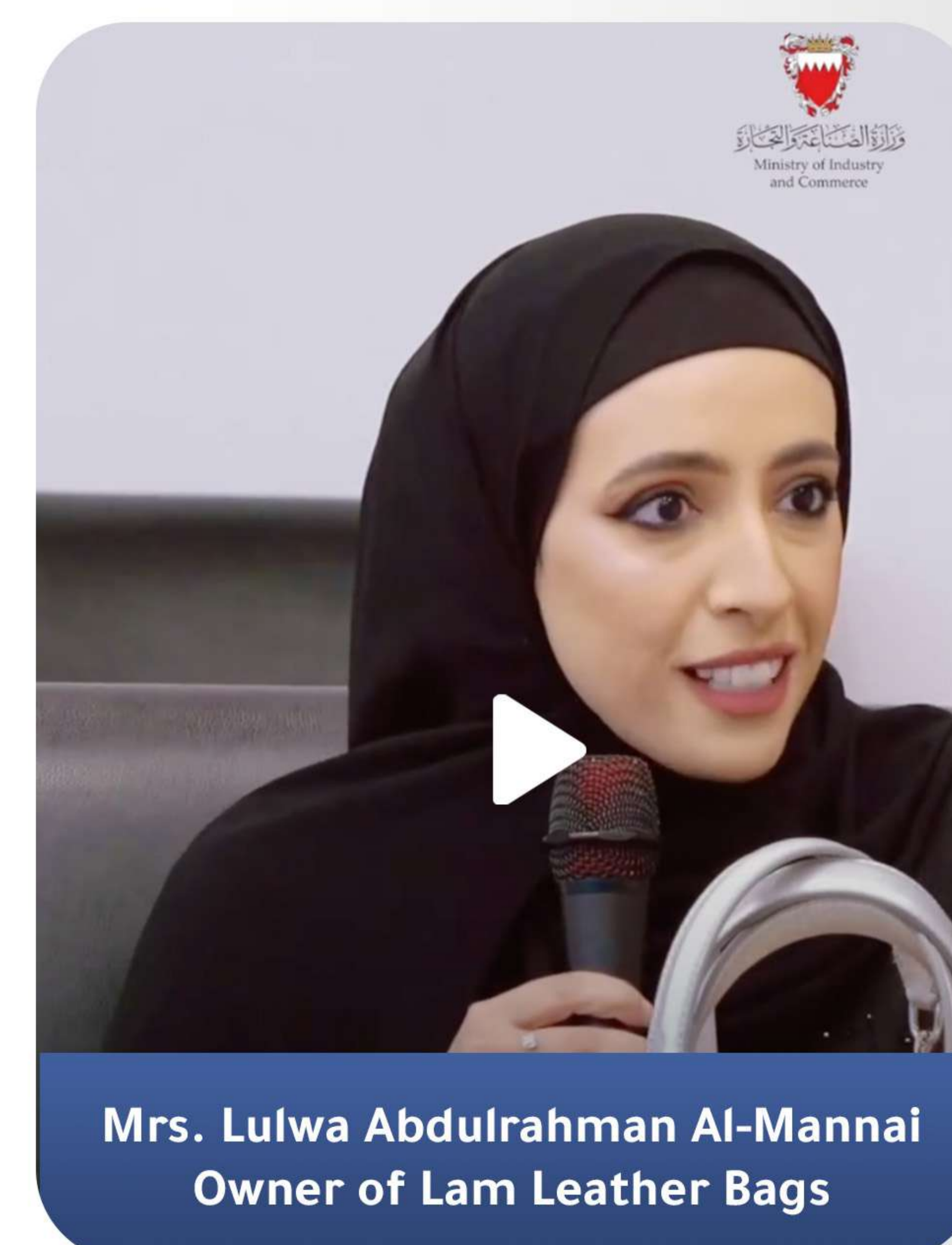
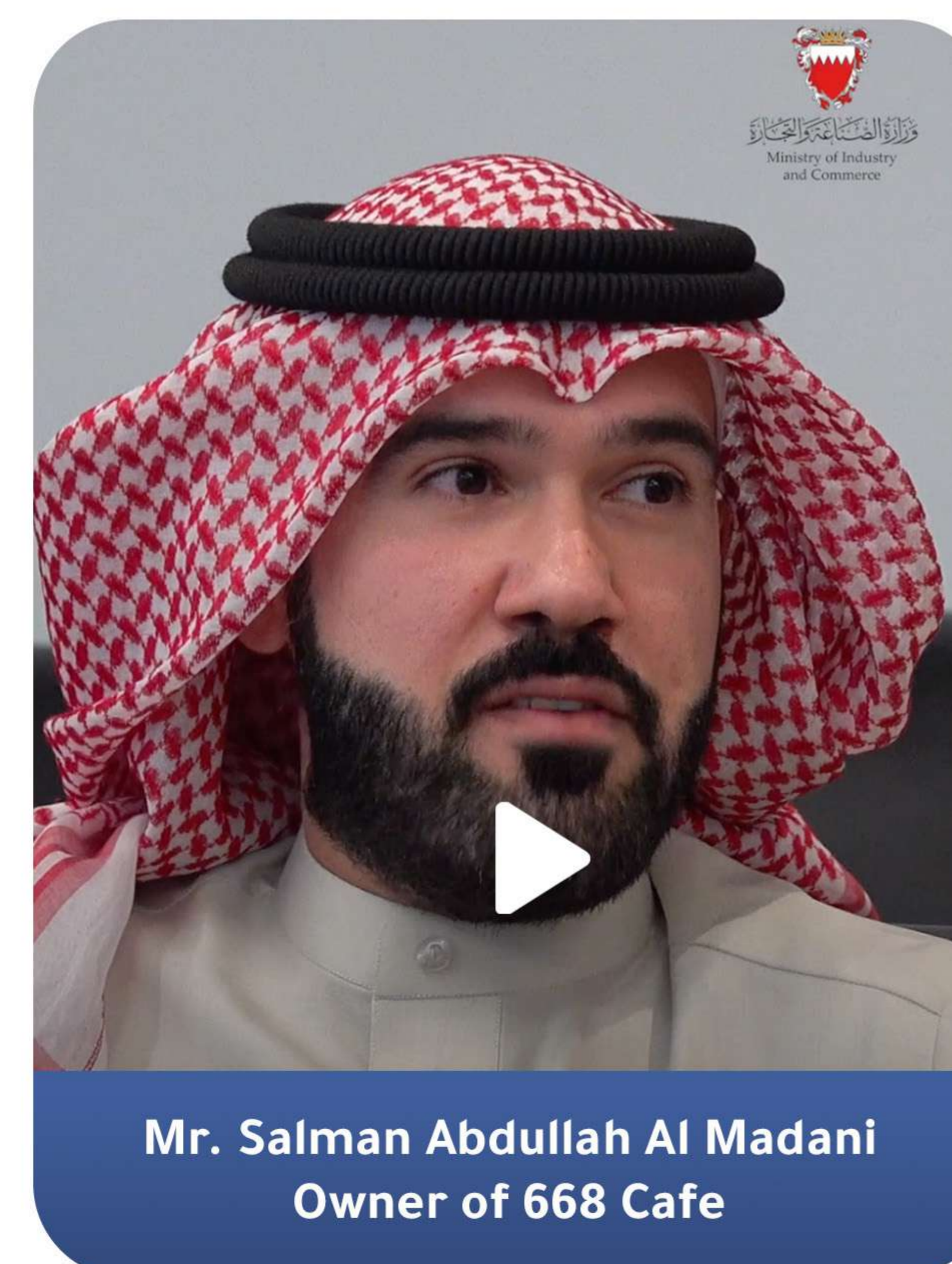
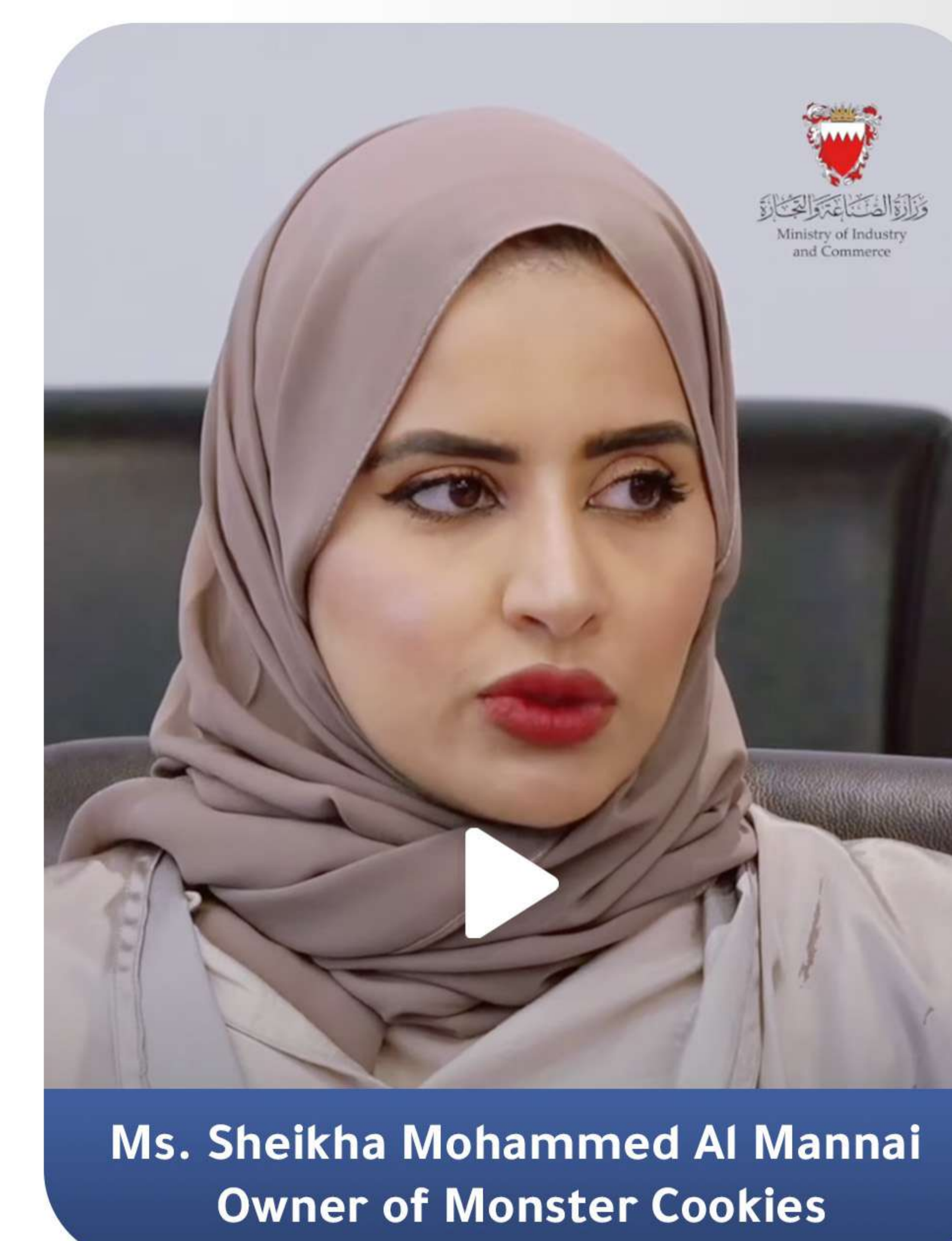
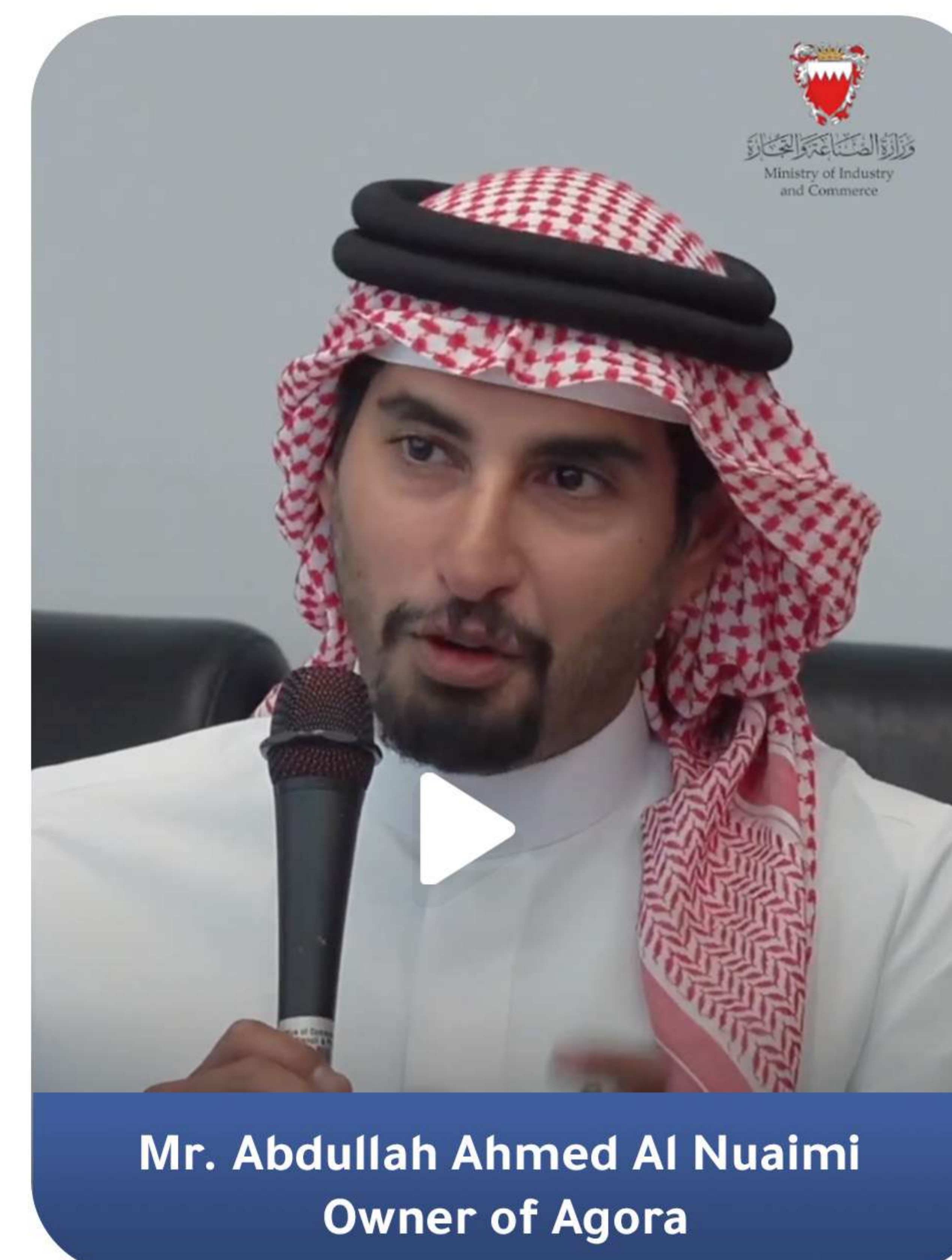
The most prominent outcomes of the project were reviewed, which included a series of training workshops and creative sessions, in addition to announcing the winners of the Intellectual Property Ambassadors Program. Certificates of appreciation were also handed to all participants in honor of their contributions and efforts to the field.



## World Intellectual Property Day 2025



The Foreign Trade and Industrial Property Directorate at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce organized the celebration of World Intellectual Property Day 2025, where HE Ms. Eman Ahmed Al Doseri honored a number of distinguished intellectual property rights holders in the Kingdom of Bahrain, to encourage highlighting intellectual property rights and emphasize their active role in supporting innovation and creativity in the Kingdom. This supports the objectives of World Intellectual Property Day to enable knowledge economy and promote innovation culture.



# Trade Names



Trade names are considered one of the fundamental pillars of conducting economic and commercial activities. They serve as the tool for distinguishing shops and commercial establishments from one another in the market. A trade name holds great importance as it represents the identity of a business and influences consumer perception and trust.

With the development of economic activity and the expansion of markets, the need arose to regulate the use of trade names through laws and legislation that ensure the rights of their owners and prevent deception or infringement. In this context, Law No. (18) of 2012 concerning Trade Names was enacted to provide a clear legal framework for selecting, registering, and using trade names. The law aims to ensure fairness, legitimate competition, and the protection of consumers from fraud and deception.

Regulating trade names also contributes to attracting investments and enhancing investor confidence in the economic environment by providing legal protection for the names and trademarks used to build business reputations. Moreover, it is an important means of protecting intellectual property and preventing commercial disputes related to similarities or violations of others' rights.

Law No. (18) of 2012 on trade names comes as part of the state's efforts to regulate the commercial environment in a way that balances protecting the rights of trade name owners and encouraging investment and competitiveness in the market.

## First: Objectives of the Law

Create a regulated competitive environment.

Protect intellectual property rights related to trade names.

Encourage local and foreign investment.

Prevent infringement or harmful similarities between trade names.

Ensure transparency and clarity in market transactions.

## Second: Key Provisions of the Law

Definition of a Trade Name:

A trade name is the name used by a merchant or business to distinguish its commercial activity from others.

Registration of the Trade Name:

It is mandatory to register the trade name in the commercial registry.

A trade name cannot be registered if it is identical or similar to a previously registered name, unless with the consent of the existing owner or if there is sufficient distinction between them.

Protection of the Trade Name:

The law grants ownership and legal protection to the registered name.

Infringement or imitation of a trade name is considered a legal violation subject to penalty.

Transfer and Assignment of a Trade Name:

A trade name may be transferred or assigned to another party according to specific procedures and within defined regulations.

Cancellation of a Trade Name:

A trade name may be removed from the registry if it has not been used for a certain period or if it violates applicable laws and regulations.

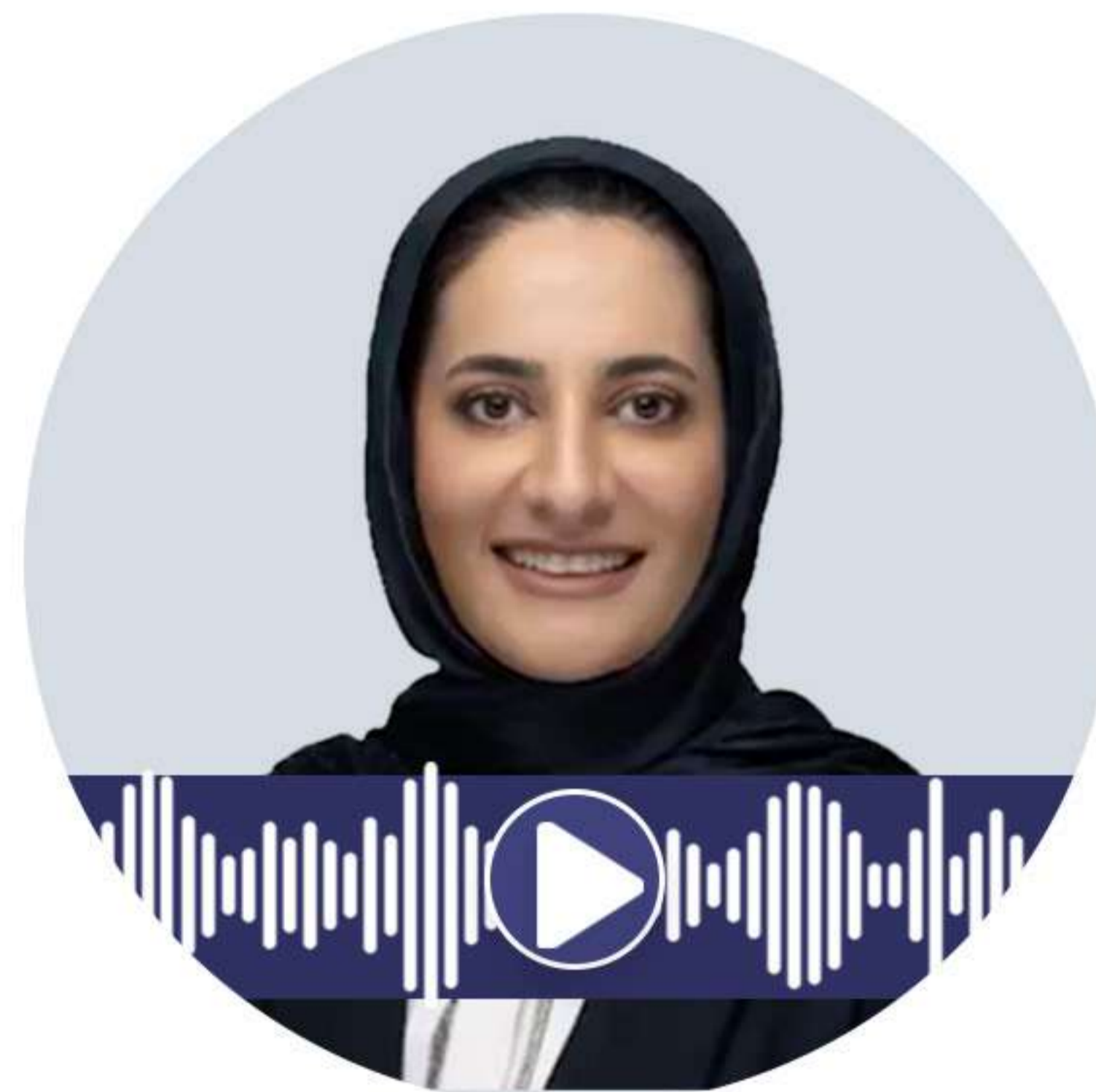
## Third: Penalties

Article (23):

Anyone who uses a trade name owned by another person or uses it in a way that misleads the public, shall be fined between 500 to 1,000 BDs.

# Radio Participations

The weekly message of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce



**Presented by Mrs. Maram Al Mahmeed**  
Director of the Information Systems Directorate  
Information Systems Directorate



**Presented by Employee Abdullah Al-Nazar**  
SR Commercial Relations Specialist  
Foreign Trade and Industrial Property Directorate



**Presented by Employee Anwar Majeed Salman**  
Financial Analyst  
Companies Control Directorate



**Presented by Employee Abdulla AlBin Ali**  
Head of development Programs  
Industrial Development Directorate



**Presented by Employee Hassan Jaber Al Fardan**  
Investor Relations Specialist  
Registration Directorate



**Presented by Employee Mohamed Ateya**  
Investors services specialist  
Registration Directorate

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**Photos of the honorees from the Ministry of Industry and Trade team participating in the 26th study course for officials from Arab countries, held from June 6, 2025 to June 15, 2025, in the People's Republic of China**



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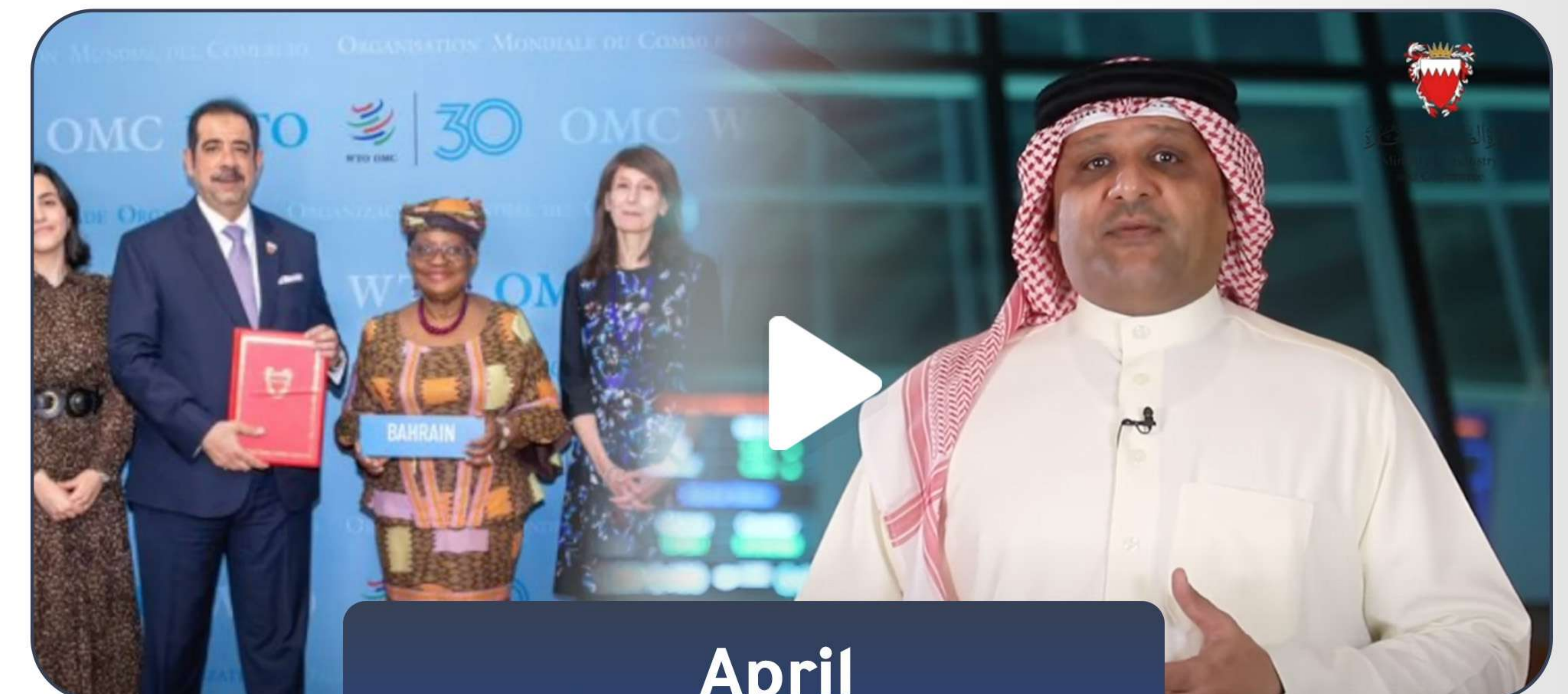
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June

The UAE Juthoor Al Foundation honors the Ministry of Industry and Commerce as the best government entity for AI in media content, in the presence of Mr. Mahmoud Ahmed Mujbel, Director of the Communication and Awareness Directorate



Certificate of Appreciation presented to Ms. Latifa Al Doy and Ms. Sara Bubshait, and Mr. Husain Nayem from the Communication and Awareness Directorate by Mr. Faisal Ahmed Mohamed, Assistant Undersecretary for Commercial Registration and Companies, in recognition of their outstanding efforts which significantly contributed to the successful launch of the marketing plan related to Ministerial Resolution No. (43).



## Bahraini Press Day: A Celebration of Creativity and Dedication



The Kingdom of Bahrain celebrates Bahraini Press Day on the 7th of May each year—an occasion that reflects the importance of journalism as a tool for expression and the dissemination of knowledge. Journalism in Bahrain is a cornerstone of society, playing a vital role in raising public awareness and reflecting the aspirations and challenges of its citizens.

The history of Bahraini journalism is rich with achievements. The Kingdom has witnessed significant progress in this field, from printed newspapers to modern digital platforms. Bahraini journalism has always been at the forefront of the media landscape, striving to provide high-quality content that reflects the culture of society and fosters dialogue.

On this day, we commend the efforts of journalists and media professionals who work with dedication and integrity, delivering truth and information with transparency and professionalism. They are the bridge between events and the public, faithfully conveying the voice of the community.

Let us celebrate this day each year with pride, expressing our appreciation to all who have contributed to building this media pillar. Let Bahraini Press Day be an opportunity to renew our commitment to a free and responsible press.