



Vision 2030 will turn Bahrain into a global economic powerhouse, offering its citizens even better living standards.

Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030, which aims to improve living standards and create better services and opportunities for all, must be underpinned by sound fiscal policy.

The guardian of the country's economic stability is the Finance Ministry, led by Minister Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa which manages the government's financial policies and allocates resources in order to get the maximum benefits in funding for national projects and services.

It is helping to steer the nation towards the goals of Vision 2030, mapped out under directives from his Majesty King Hamad by the Economic Development Board (EDB), in coordination with the government, other agencies and the private sector.

Vision 2030 is being implemented in all areas, such as employment policy, education, health services, social welfare, environmental protection and more, under the auspices of the Cabinet, chaired by His Royal Highness the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

The prime mover behind Vision 2030 is His Royal Highness Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Deputy Supreme Commander and chairman of the EDB.

Vision 2030 envisages turning Bahrain into a global economic powerhouse, offers its citizens even better living standards through increasing productivity and the creation of new job opportunities, with higher wages, in a safe and secure environment.



● An aerial view of the Al Dur plant

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With this in mind the State Budget for the fiscal years 2009-2010, was drawn up taking into account the need to further development, but at the same time to safeguard Bahrain against the shockwaves of the global economic crisis.

The initial, roughly BD4 million two-year budget, was approved by the Cabinet in October, 2008 and submitted to the Shura Council and Parliament.

It was passed by both chambers after exten-

sive discussions and revision and was endorsed by the King on March 25 this year.

Combined state revenues were initially estimated for the two years at BD2,862,842,000.

This year's estimated revenues were at

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa
The Prime Minister

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa
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