أكد رئيس غرفة تجارة وصناعة البحرين سمير عبد الله ناس اهتمام غرفة البحرين بالبالغ بمعالجة مختلف المعوقات التي تواجه أصحاب الأعمال البحرينيين والقطاع الخاص في ظل الأوضاع الراهنة التي يواجهها العالم أجمع نتيجة تفشي فايروس كورونا. وأعرب خلال اجتماع المجموعة التنسيقية الرابع عشر للدورة الحالية لمجلس إدارة الغرفة، عن اعتزازه وتقديره العميقين للحكومة ولجميع الجهات الرسمية والوزارات والهيئات على دعمها ومؤازرتها اللامحدودة للغرفة والقطاع الخاص لمساندته ومؤازرته المؤسسات والشركات البحرينية للتصدي للتأثيرات السلبية لجائحة كورونا، ومنحتها ومساعدتها على مواصلة استمراريتها عبر خدمة من المبادرات التي تطابق بها الغرفة لمعالجة التجار ومساندهم في جميع الجهات ذات العلاقة، واتبعت توجيه الرؤوس الإقليمية والعالمية وتوجه رؤوس الاهتمام بها وال отзыв على إعلامتها المرتبطة بحالة الوضع الحالي وازدهار وتطويرها وتكبدتها والالتزامات التجارية ببعضها البعض.

وفي هذا المجال أكد رئيس الغرفة بالمشاركة الواسعة من قبل أصحاب الأعمال، وحضر القمة، ودعا أن مشاركتهم خبر دليل على وجودهم الكبير ولقبتهم في غرفتهم التجارية، ويدل على هذه المشاركة على المحافظة على الشراكة مع الجانب الحكومي وتعزيزها عبر قلق مزجات وتوبيكات الشركات في هذا الاستثناء إلى جميع الجهات ذات العلاقة، ويتكون الغرفة في مثير التجار ومساندتهم من:

المصدر (غرفة تجارة وصناعة البحرين, بتصرّف)

Sameer Nass: We are concerned with addressing the Obstacles Facing the Bahraini Private Sector

The President of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sameer Abdullah Nass, confirmed the Bahraini Chamber’s keen interest in addressing the various obstacles facing Bahraini business owners and the private sector in light of the current conditions facing the whole world as a result of the outbreak of the Coronavirus. During the 14th coordination group meeting of the current session (29) of the Chamber’s Board of Directors, he expressed his deep pride and appreciation to the government and all official bodies, ministries and institutions for their unlimited support to the Chamber and the private sector in their support for the Bahraini institutions and companies to address the negative effects of the Corona pandemic, and help them to maintain their continuity through a package of initiatives called for by the Chamber to protect traders and support their companies and commercial establishments to prevent them from being exposed to the risk of bankruptcy and closure as a result of the economic recession. That most sectors of business and activities they are engaged in.

During the meeting, the results of the third report on the economic effects of the Corona pandemic, prepared by the Chamber’s Studies and Initiatives Center, were reviewed on "The implications of the effects of the Corona pandemic on the private sector." In this regard, the President of the Chamber praised the wide participation by business owners to answer the questionnaire, confirming that their participation is the best proof of their great awareness and confidence in their Chamber of Commerce. Adding that: "From our side at BCCI, we are doing everything we can to maintain the partnership with the government side and activating it by transferring the views and recommendations of the participants in this questionnaire to all the relevant authorities, and thus, the Chamber will be the platform of merchants and their place of trust."

Source (BCCI Website, Edited)
A Virtual Seminar on "Corona's Effects on Arab Electronic Commerce"

The UAE Federation of Chambers of Shipping is organizing a virtual symposium via Zoom application, entitled "The effects of the Coronavirus on electronic commerce, the electronic bill of deposit and its impact on Arab trade and transport". On June 15th, 12:00 p.m. Cairo time.

The organization of the symposium comes within the framework of assigning the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States (Economic Sector - Transport and Tourism Administration) to the Arab Federation of Maritime Navigation Chambers, to express an opinion on proposing practical measures and plans that would counter the bleeding of losses in the maritime transport sector in the Arab countries, in light of the precautionary procedures and difficult emergency conditions that the world is going through to counter the spread of the Coronavirus, in preparation for inclusion in the report of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States, which it is preparing about this in order to be submitted to the Council of Arab Transport Ministers in October 2020.

A group of trade and transport experts in the Arab countries will speak at the symposium, in the forefront of which is the President of the Egyptian Chamber of Commerce in Alexandria Ahmed El-Wakil, former professor of economics and former Egyptian Minister of Economy Sultan Abu Ali, former Tunisian Minister of Tourism and head of the National Chamber of Tunisian Navigation Dr. Gal Gamra, Secretary General of the Union of Arab Chambers Dr. Khaled Hanafy, advisor to the Tunisian Minister of Transport, Youssef Ben Ramadan, Professor of Commercial and Maritime Law and President of the Moroccan Logistic Association, Dr. Mustafa Al-Khayyat, Algerian commercial and maritime expert, Kamel Khalifa, Professor of Computer and Systems Engineering and First Assistant to the former Egyptian Minister of Communications Dr. Noha Adly Attia.

The UAE Central Bank expects an economic contraction of 3.6%.

The UAE Central Bank expected the economy to likely shrink by 3.6% this year after the slowdown in economic activity due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The UAE economy contracted by 1% in the first quarter of this year, on an annual basis, as the non-oil GDP fell by 3%, unlike the GDP of the oil and gas sector, which increased by 3.7% on an annual basis.

According to a report issued by the Central Bank for the first quarter of this year, while the decline in economic activity is expected to be followed by a sharp contraction in the following quarters of the year, it is expected that the contraction of growth other than the energy sector will be 4.1% in 2020. Noting that the total output of the oil and gas sector is expected to shrink by 2.4% this year.

According to the central bank, it is expected that the recovery of economic activity will start in the second half of the year, but the recovery of economic sentiment will depend on the support measures, noting stimulus programs from the central bank itself, the UAE and federal governments. It also expects the employment activity to decrease in the second and third quarters, and then recover in the fourth quarter of the year.

Source (Al-Arabiya.net website, Edited)
Ammar pointed out that, according to the Algerian Central Bank’s report, bank liquidity lost 180 billion dinars, equivalent to 1.4 billion dollars, at the end of last May, compared to December 2019, to settle at 916 billion dinars, or 7.9 billion dollars, the end of May, a figure unprecedented in the past twenty years.

Ammar attributed the increase in the liquidity deficit to the continuous increase in the size of non-performing loans during the past five years, reaching 10 percent in 2015, to increase to 13 percent in the following year, 17 percent in 2017, and then 20 percent in 2018, before jumping to 25.2 percent at the end of May 2019.

ESCWA Executive Secretary, Rola Dashiti, stressed that the report is free of magic solutions and that "what urges us all to be modest, so we recognize that we are not on the path to achieving the sustainable development plan in the Arab region by 2030."

Before the situation was exacerbated by the Coronavirus, conflicts in the Arab region had led to the only increase in extreme poverty rates in the world compared to 2010.