Bahrain is shining bright in



■ Lighting decorations in Saar

CELEBRATIONS Bahrain's 53rd National Day kicked off last night and are set to continue today and tomorrow as the kingdom comes together to mark the establishment of the modern Arab Muslim state and the 25th anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad's accession to the throne.

A rich programme of diverse festivities have been lined up in addition to landmarks and streets lit up in red and white across malls, main intersections and other locations including Manama, Isa Town and Muharraq.

Last night, fireworks lit up the sky over Seef District, with a stunning display above Water Garden City, in addition to mesmerising traditional shows and performances by the popular police music band.

This evening, a fireworks display promises to dazzle onlookers at the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir at 7pm, alongside the Wen W Bkm Festival taking place until tomorrow.

The Southern Governorate's National Day festivities will continue this afternoon at 3pm at the Khalifa Al Kubra Garden, with local vendors, activities for children, an historical exhibi-

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tion, traditional crafts and more.

The 'Celebrate Bahrain National Days' festival gets an extended run until January 4 at the Heritage Village in Ras Hayyan. Today and tomorrow, it is open from 4pm to midnight.

From 8am to 3pm today and tomorrow, the Farmers Market in Hoorat A'Ali will host festivities featuring traditional crafts, delicious local dishes, alongside engaging activities for children in vibrant indoor and outdoor spaces.

Al Baraha Nights continue at the Souq Al Baraha in Diyar Al Muharraq until the end of the month, as well as Muharraq Nights along the Pearling Path.

The Muharraq Nights Festival has transformed the historic streets of Muharraq into a captivating destination filled with heritage, creativity and art.

Running until December 30, the festival offers diverse activities for everyone, from children enjoying workshops and entertainment areas to art and history enthusiasts exploring traditional homes and unique dining experiences along the Pearling Path.

Shopping centres across Bahrain are also gearing up to welcome visitors with exclusive

