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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

With the participation of more than 50 ministers and officials representing 25 countries, the Manama Dialogue Summit was held from 28-26 October, 2018

In his speech during the Manama Dialogue, the Minister of Foreign Affairs affirms the important role of alliances and international partners in achieving a prosperous and stable Middle East

The challenges we face today are deep and complex, and have the potential to alter the region for decades to come and if we, as an international community do not take action to direct the coming changes in a way that ensures regional stability, we will find ourselves facing the possibility of a prolonged state of instability and unease.

Syria

Although the physical presence of Daesh is almost gone, we cannot discount the possibility of its re-emergence in a different form or under a different name within Syria or anywhere else, so long as the situation remains the same.

Yemen

- Yemen has become the latest casualty of the Islamic Republic of Iran's quest for regional dominance. The Islamic Republic's interference in the affairs of Yemen and its support to the terrorist Houthi organization has prolonged the conflict, and contributes to the Houthi unwillingness to return to the political process that all Yemeni parties agreed to in 2012 and to abandon their armed rebellion.
- I assure you, The Arab coalition to restore legitimacy in Yemen is committed to alleviating the effects of this conflict on our brothers and sisters in Yemen and is committed to restoring stability and ensuring that all Yemenis have their say in the future of their country.

Iraq & Lebanon

In Iraq, and in Lebanon, Hezbollah and associated groups continue to use bases in Lebanon and Iraq to destabilize the region. Young men and women are recruited from across the region and trained then sent back to destabilize their countries and advance the Iranian regime's hegemonic ambitions.

Qatar

- Within the GCC, we have witnessed attempts by Qatar to intervene in the politics of other member states in contradiction to the agreements signed between GCC members and to the norms of our region. Yet we remain committed to making the GCC a pillar of regional stability and we view its role as the most important and vital regional actor, along with Egypt and Jordan in helping the region return to stability considering the crises we have faced these past years.
- What we need in the region is balance, a non-competitive balance between major powers in the region, a balance that does not draw lines placing countries on opposing sides against one another, a balance of interests, a balance that places the shared interest of the international community in the region first.

MESA

- Middle East Strategic Alliance (MESA) as part of the solution to the problems we face in the region. MESA is not against anyone, it is an alliance for security and prosperity in the region and it will be open to those who accept its principles.
- MESA is not designed as a purely defensive partnership either, it is also an economic partnership that seeks to boost trade and foreign direct investment between its members.

Bahrain

In Bahrain, we believe in the importance of partnerships between allies, and of our historic alliances in the region. We will remain ready to act in coordination with our friends and allies and do what must be done to ensure the stability and prosperity of the region.
As we look toward the next few years, we must maintain hope and confidence for the future of our region, and we are confident.

Manama Dialogue 2018 most prominent speakers

Saudi Minister of Foreign Affairs
Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir

Omani Minister of Foreign Affairs
Yusuf bin Alawi

US Secretary of Defence
James Mattis

Jordanian Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ayman Al-Safadi

Minister of Foreign Affairs congratulates His Majesty the King on Bahrain's win of UN Human Rights Council membership

United Nations Human Rights

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, has extended his sincere congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.

This came as the Kingdom of Bahrain won membership of the United Nations Human Rights Council for the period 2019-2021, by 165 votes, in the elections held today at the United Nations General Assembly in New York City.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs affirmed that Bahrain's win is the culmination of the wise policies of His Majesty King Hamad in consolidating rights and freedoms. He added that this win also reflects the Kingdom's awareness of the importance of human rights in achieving sustainable development, its tireless efforts at the regional and international levels, as well as its firm approach in cooperating with the United Nations and its various organs in order to address all the challenges facing the international community and to have a brighter future for all countries of the world.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs noted the confidence of the international community in the Kingdom of Bahrain to be a member of the UN Human Rights Council for the third time its history, enabling it to play its role in cooperating with the Member States to promote human rights at all levels.

Minister of Foreign Affairs patronizes "Gandhi ... Arab and Islamic Issues" book inauguration ceremony

Under the patronage of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, an inauguration ceremony was held for Abdulinabi AlShoala's book "Gandhi ... Arab and Islamic Issues". For this occasion, the Minister of Foreign Affairs delivered a speech in which he noted the depth of the long-term relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Republic of India.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs also pointed out that this ceremony reflects the appreciation

of Mahatma Gandhi's role in strengthening the Republic of India's relations with Arab and Islamic countries, as well as an invitation to reflect on his life and inspirational achievements, not only in the Republic of India but also in the region and across the world.

He further stressed the importance of learning from the values and principles that Mahatma Gandhi embodied in his support for the collective efforts aimed to achieve peace, progress, and prosperity.

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Bahrain first Arab country in World Bank Human Capital Index

Based on the royal reform project of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa that came to boost the human and civilizational march in Bahrain

The advanced ranking came in a report issued by World Bank on the sidelines of the annual meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund in Bali, the Republic of Indonesia, on 11 October 2018.

- The Kingdom ranked first at the Arab level.
- And 47th globally in a survey gauging a total of 157 states worldwide.

This assessment is done through the measurement of how the human capital contributes to the productivity of the generations to come, based on some key indicators such as:

- Age
- Number of schooling years
- Quality of education
- Health growth

The World Bank believes that the Human Capital Development Project around the world will contribute to stability and peace by focusing on important and vital human factors such as education and health.

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Government Innovation Competition (Fikra)

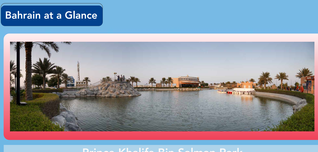
Ahmed Al-Turaifi
Second Secretary - Directorate of Pan-Asian Affairs

My participation in the Government Innovation Competition (Fikra) comes in response to His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa. This distinct initiative reflects His Royal Highness' aim to highlight the government's potential and capabilities in enhancing the development of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

There is no doubt that this participation is an important milestone in my career, culminating in qualifying my proposed idea for the final phase of the competition out of the 565 ideas submitted by various ministries and government entities in the Kingdom. I hope that this idea would contribute to enhancing and developing the foreign policy of the Kingdom through using soft power and cultural diplomacy to serve the interests of the Kingdom abroad and achieve pioneering political and economic diplomacy according to the vision and strategy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Developing the government's performance is a collective mission that pushes us to contribute through raising proposals and ideas that can lead to effective performance and tangible results. We should all exert our utmost efforts towards achieving progress for our Kingdom and strengthening its status at the international level.

Events



The Minister of Foreign Affairs with all Ministry staff

Diplomatic Missions

Ambassador of Kingdom of Bahrain to Oman, Dr. Juma'a bin Ahmed Al-Ka'abi receives a number of Bahraini sponsored students

Bahrain at a Glance

Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Park