



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa with other ministers and delegates at the convention

# Bahrain joins UAE and France to protect cultural heritage

Abu Dhabi

**B**ahrain has joined hands with UAE and France in establishing an international partnership to protect cultural heritage during armed conflicts.

Supreme Council for Youth & Sport Chairman, Bahrain Olympic Committee President & Royal Charity Organisation (RCO) Chairman HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa made the statements while participating in the 'Safeguarding Endangered Cultural Heritage' Conference held here.

"The nations' heritage embodies their arts, culture



Members of the 'Safeguarding Endangered Cultural Heritage' convention held in Abu Dhabi

and architecture, but the continuing destruction of these treasures in areas witnessing armed conflicts will deny us as well as the next generations valuable resources. All nations must work together towards preserving and protecting

them from destruction, extinction and plunder by anti-civilisation individuals and groups," Shaikh Nasser said.

During the UNESCO-sponsored conference, attended by 40 world leaders, Abu Dhabi Shaikh Crown

Prince and UAE Armed Forces Deputy Supreme Commander Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan along with French President Francois Hollande launched an initiative to establish an international partnership aimed to protect cultural

heritage during armed conflicts.

Shaikh Naseer who attended the conference on behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa stressed that the Kingdom under the leadership of King Hamad has paid tremendous

attention to preserve and protect international heritage as it represents a historical symbol of human civilisation.

The event concluded by agreeing to launch an international network to provide haven for endangered heritage sites, and stressed on the need of joint efforts to protect assets at all times.

The conference also agreed to launch an international fund financed by public and private sectors to sponsor programmes aimed at protecting cultural heritage.

The UNESCO-sponsored conference, was the first of its kind at an international level.

## Sheikha Dr Suad Al Sabah wins Arab Woman Award

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**S**heikha Dr Suad Al Sabah of Kuwait has been honoured with the Arab Woman Award for 2016 for her prominent role

in promoting Arab women's position, and serving Arabic culture and arts.

She was one among the many awarded during a ceremony hosted by the Arab Women

Foundation in London on Thursday to honour creative Arab women in diverse realms.

Sheikha Dr Suad's representative Sheikha Omnia Abdullah Al Mubarak Al Sabah said that in spite of hardships and incalculable social restrictions, Arab women could make their own way by holding high-level posts in various domains.

"She had devoted herself to promoting Arab women's position and providing intellectual, cultural, scientific, social and human services at both local and Arab levels," Sheikha Omnia said, mentioning her intellectual, cultural and poetic contributions, as well as relentless support to writers through the Suad Al-Sabah Polishing and Distribution House.

Amira Al Taweel of Saudi Arabia (for community leadership), Iman Ayadh



During the felicitation ceremony held in London

(media), Taghreed Hekmat (law) and Asmhan Al Oufi (science) were also honoured at the ceremony.

The list also included Salwa Al Idrisi (business), Sawzan

Al Shaer of Bahrain (writing), Haseeba Bulqamra of Algeria (sports), Jannat Al Jemeeli (an Iraqi girl of special needs, for art), Mazoon Rakan (a Syrian girl, for learning) and the

late chairwoman of Sharjah Businesswomen Council Amira bin Makram.

The event was attended by a host of Arab businesswomen and ambassadors in London.

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