

UK-Bahrain Working Group discusses reform progress

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Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Minister of Foreign Affairs, yesterday held discussions with Alistair Burt, UK's Minister of State for Middle East and North Africa. The meeting, held as part of the UK-Bahrain Joint Working Group discussed a wide range of issues including recent political and security developments in the Middle East, co-operation on key trade and investment opportunities, and co-operation and assistance on defence, security, education, science and innovation. Officials from Bahrain and the UK participated in the discussions.

The Working Group also discussed the progress on a number of Bahrain's reform initiatives, and its plans for the implementation of the

recommendations of the UN Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

Welcomed

The UK welcomed the positive steps taken by the Government of Bahrain recently, including the introduction of new legislation on alternatives to detention, and a Unified Family Law that gives women and children across all communities extended rights under civil law.

He outlined UK's commitment to support the Government of Bahrain to build on its progress on reform and human rights issues such as the creation of the human rights oversight bodies and the development of effective and accountable justice institutions.

The UK-Bahrain Joint Working Group was



Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa with Alistair Burt

established in March 2013. It is a forum for discussing issues of mutual interest across the bilateral relationship, including regional and trade issues, with a focus on reforms and human rights.



The UK-Bahrain Working Group meeting held yesterday

New mosque opened at Zallaq

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A mosque named after late Salman bin Ahmed bin Khalifa Al-Ghatam was opened at Zallaq eskan.

Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (SCIA) Chairman Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalid Al-Khalifa inaugurated the new mosque, which can accommodate 600 worshippers.

The opening ceremony was also attended by SCIA Vice Chairman Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Khalifa. Sunni Endowments Council Chairman Dr. Shaikh Rashid bin Mohammed Al-Hajeri addressed the opening ceremony, on behalf of the patron.

Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al-Ghatam also addressed the opening ceremony of the mosque on behalf of his father Ibrahim bin Salman Al-Ghatam, founder of the mosque.

Road lanes closed

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In view of the expansion works on Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Causeway with Al Ghous Highway Junction in Muharraq, one lane has been closed for eastbound traffic leading towards Muharraq and two lanes has been provided for traffic movement, the Ministry of Works, Municipality Affairs and Urban Planning announced in consultation with the General Directorate of Traffic yesterday. Also, one right turn lane leading towards Arad and two left turn lanes has been provided for traffic movement leading to Busaiten. The gradual and partial road

closure came into force from yesterday 11:00 p.m. which will remain until October 22 at 05:00 a.m.

Kuwait Avenue

For road expansion works on Kuwait Avenue near Um Al Hassam Junction, the left lane has been closed for northbound traffic leading towards Manama and one lane has been provided for traffic movement, the Ministry of Works said.

The lane has already been closed from at 11:00 p.m. yesterday, which will remain in force until October 21 at 05:00 a.m. All road users are requested to observe and obey the traffic rules for safety of all.

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