

Expanding Bahrain-Egypt cooperation



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, emphasised the importance of expanding avenues of cooperation to enhance Bahrain-Egypt relations. HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he received yesterday Her Excellency Riham Abdelhamid Mahmoud Khalil, the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Kingdom of Bahrain, at Riffa Palace. His Royal Highness highlighted the strength of the longstanding Bahrain-Egypt relations, which continues to grow through deepening multisectoral cooperation and a shared commitment to achieve mutual aspirations. These close ties are further strengthened by the continued support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Excellency Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

# Gulf Labour Voice

H.E. Minister engages global labour leaders

● Bahrain joins ILO conference

● Rights and reforms discussed

● Minister holds bilateral meetings

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Bahrain positioned itself as a leading Gulf voice on labour rights at the International Labour Conference in Geneva, where global delegates gathered to debate the future of work and the protection of workers' rights.

His Excellency Yusuf bin Abdulhussain Khalaf, Minister of Legal Affairs and Acting Minister of Labour, led the Kingdom's delegation to the 113th session of the conference, held from June 1st to 14th, engaging with regional and international officials on shared priorities.



H.E. Yusuf bin Abdulhussain Khalaf, right, with other Bahrain delegation members

The Gulf region is home to over 30 million migrant workers, making labour standards a recurring theme in international scrutiny and dialogue at forums like the ILO.

Global platform

The conference, hosted by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), focused on embedding decent work into the core of economic strategies.

ILO Director General Gilbert F. Houngbo urged member states to adopt policies that marry economic growth with

job creation and social justice.

Also on the agenda were discussions around workplace biological hazards, reinforcing labour values, and securing equitable conditions for all social partners.

Strategic meetings

During the sidelines of the conference, H.E. Minister

Khalaf met with several high-ranking officials, heads of delegations, and representatives from regional and global institutions, advancing bilateral cooperation and reaffirming Bahrain's role in shaping labour dialogue at the international level.

Bahrain's participation highlights its efforts to modernise labour policy and align national frameworks with international standards, a move that supports ongoing regional reform efforts and enhances the Kingdom's standing in global discussions on fair work.

## Private Power



H.E. Sameer Nass, third from left, represents the Bahrain Chamber at the event  
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Global challenges are fueling Bahrain's resolve to renew its economic model by empowering the private sector, according to Bahrain Chamber Chairman H.E. Sameer Nass, who addressed the 113th session of the International Labour Conference in Geneva.

Speaking as part of Bahrain's delegation to the 113th ILO conference, H.E. Sameer Nass said that rising unemployment and rapid digital change were not just threats but "opportunities to stimulate entrepreneurship and create meaningful employment."

H.E. called for greater investment in youth skills, social protection, and an enabling business environment, all of which are key priorities in the chamber's strategic agenda.

Vision-driven reform

H.E. Nass emphasised that these priorities align with national policy, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. H.E. credited the government's support for fostering a business climate anchored in justice, sustainability, and competitiveness - the three pillars of Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030.

The Chamber's recent launch of the 'Bab Al Bahrain Forum 2025' was cited as a concrete step toward shaping future conversations on employment and trade in the digital age.

H.E. Nass urged governments and employers worldwide to embrace similar platforms for collaborative reform.

Dialogue and development

Reiterating Bahrain's position at the conference, H.E. Nass underlined the impor-



The private sector in Bahrain contributes over 60% to the national GDP, reflecting its central role in job creation and economic diversification, according to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

tance of social dialogue in building sustainable development.

H.E. said Bahrain offers a robust legal framework that protects workers' rights while enabling economic flexibility.

In a nod to global equity, H.E. Nass also addressed the situation in the Palestinian territories, praising the ILO's decision to upgrade Palestine's status to that of a non-member observer state as a step toward justice.

Strategic solutions

Also speaking at the event, Bahraini ILO board member Sonia Janahi welcomed the Director-General's report titled 'Jobs, Rights, and Growth', saying it outlines actionable strategies to adapt to labour market shifts.

She urged stakeholders to translate policy recommendations into practical initiatives for decent work and economic stability.

## Italy marks Republic Day with reception in Manama

● Present are ministers, diplomats and senior government officials

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The Embassy of Italy in Bahrain held a reception to mark the 79th anniversary of the Italian Republic, attended by ministers, diplomats and senior government figures.

Among the guests were Justice Minister, His Excellency Nawaf Al Ma'awda, Sustainable Development Minister Noor Al Khulaif, and the President of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) H.E. Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa.

Also present were H.E. Ambassador Dr Shaikha Mu-



H.E. Nawaf Al Ma'awda, H.E. Noor Al Khulaif, and H.E. Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa with other distinguished guests

nira bint Khalifa bin Hamad Al Khalifa, director-general of the Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa Academy for Diplomatic Studies, and H.E. Ambassador Shaikh Abdullah bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khali-

fa, who oversees bilateral affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

H.E. Italian Ambassador Andrea Catalano welcomed those in attendance and thanked Bahrain for its role in supporting

what he described as a long-standing friendship between the two countries.

"I'm extremely honoured today to host this celebration, the 79th anniversary of the Italian Republic, here in Bahrain,"



he said. "It commemorates the friendship between our two nations, which we will work to make even stronger, building on the visit of Prime Minister Meloni to the Kingdom last January and future visits we hope to see

to Italy."

The reception in Manama followed a number of recent meetings and visits between Rome and Bahrain, with both sides aiming to deepen political and economic ties.