

Bahrain discusses ties, cooperation with Kazakhstan



H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani
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His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, held a telephone call with Yermek Kosherbayev, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Dr. Al Zayani congratulated Minister Kosherbayev on his appointment and wished him success in his duties.

He expressed his aspiration to further strengthen relations between the two countries.

Minister Kosherbayev emphasised his keenness to expand cooperation between the two countries.

Bahrain supports US efforts for peace in Gaza

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has affirmed that the Kingdom of Bahrain is closely following the latest developments in the Gaza Strip.

The Ministry expressed the Kingdom's appreciation for the efforts of US President Donald Trump and reiterated Bahrain's support for his initiatives aimed at achieving lasting peace in the Middle East.

Bahrain urged all parties to work swiftly toward a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, ensure the immediate and safe release of all hostages and detainees, and facilitate the entry of humanitarian aid.

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Hundreds of thousands turn out at pro-Palestinian marches in Europe

AFP | Rome, Italy

Huge numbers turned out at pro-Palestinian rallies in Europe yesterday, calling for an immediate end to the war in Gaza and the release of activists on board a flotilla carrying humanitarian aid to the territory.

Organisers of the protest in Rome said hundreds of thousands of people had turned out for a fourth day running, after Israel intercepted the 45-strong flotilla seeking to reach Gaza earlier this week.

Some 70,000 people, according to police, took to the streets in Barcelona, in one of several pro-Palestinian protests to take place across Spain.

Genocide

Elsewhere, several thousand people marched through the centre of the Irish capital, Dublin, to mark what organisers said was "two years of genocide" in Gaza.

With Ireland, Spain is one of the fiercest European critics of Israel's military offensive in Gaza, which was sparked by Hamas' October 7, 2023, attack on Israeli communities near the Gaza Strip.

But in Italy, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's hard-right government has been criticised for its inaction on the siege of the



Protesters display banners in Madrid during a demonstration expressing solidarity with Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. (AFP)

Palestinian territory.

Protesters in the Italian capital, including families with children, shouted, "We are all Palestinians", "Free Palestine" and "Stop the genocide", with many carrying Palestinian flags and wearing black-and-white chequered keffiyehs.

Streets

In Barcelona, Marta Carranza,

a 65-year-old pensioner demonstrating with a Palestinian flag on her back, said Israel's policy "has been wrong for many years and we have to take to the streets".

The Global Sumud flotilla, which was intercepted on Wednesday, left Barcelona in early September and had been seeking to break the Israeli blockade of Gaza, where the United Nations says famine has

taken hold.

Around 50 Spaniards on the flotilla have been detained by Israel, Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares told public television in an interview aired yesterday.

Illegal

The flotilla organisers say Israel's actions were "illegal" since they intercepted the ves-

sels while they were traversing international waters.

In Paris, where some 10,000 people gathered, a spokesperson for the French contingent of Global Sumud, Helene Coron, told the crowd: "We'll never stop.

"This flotilla didn't get to Gaza. But we'll send another, then another until Palestine and Gaza are free."

Investing in leadership

15 government employees for development program

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The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has announced the selection of 15 government employees for the 11th intake of the Prime Minister's Fellowship Program, following a rigorous screening and evaluation process.

The selected candidates are Bayan Abduljalil Al Ajaimi from the Ministry of Health; Jassim Ahmed Al Ateya from the Electricity and Water Authority; Hanin Aref Marsal from

the Ministry of Industry and Commerce; Sara Ebrahim Abbas from the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications; Sara Mohamed Ghuloom from Government Hospitals; Salman Isa Al Mannai from the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority; and Salman Mohamed Al Jawder from the Ministry of Interior.

Also chosen are Abdulla Ameen Al Aamer from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Abdulla Ali Al Mahdi from the Ministry



of Education; Isa Hasan Al Saqr from the Urban Planning and Development Authority; Faisal Husain Al Faqeer from the Ministry of Information; Nasser Raed Nasser from the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and

Waqf; Muhannad Mohamed Al Doy from the Ministry of Legal Affairs; Noof Abdulaal Habib Abdulaal from the Primary Healthcare Centers; and Sayed Yusuf Aaref Mohamed from the Electricity and Water Authority.

Professionals

The Prime Minister's Fellowship Program aims to develop highly qualified young government professionals through a one-year secondment at the Prime Minister's Office.

During the program, participants receive advanced training in research, analysis, and leadership, gaining first-hand experience in policymaking and implementation.

Through direct engagement with senior officials and decision-makers at the PMO, fellows enhance their professional capabilities, equipping them to contribute more effectively to their respective government entities and further strengthen the public sector's overall performance.



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