



King Charles crown set to be 'modified'



Historic St Edward's Crown

London

The historic St Edward's Crown, which has been the centerpiece of the coronation of monarchs in England for more than 350 years, has been removed from the Tower of London to be modified for the coronation of King Charles III next May, Buckingham Palace said.

The crown, which usually forms part of the Crown Jewels on display at the Tower, has been used since the coronation of King Charles II in 1661 after the monarchy was restored following the 10-year republic of Oliver Cromwell.

The St Edward's Crown replaced a medieval version, thought to have dated back to the 11th Century reign of Edward the Confessor which was melted down in 1649.

Putin 'falls down stairs'

Moscow

Russian president Vladimir Putin has reportedly slipped down five stairs and soiled himself at his official residence in Moscow, amid speculation about the 70-year-old's declining health.

The New York Post reported Vladimir Putin's fall quoting a Telegraph Channel that claimed that the Russian leader landed on his coccyx or tailbone during the fall.

1,700 dead seals on Caspian coast

Moscow

About 1,700 seals have been found dead on the Caspian Sea coast in southern Russia, officials said yesterday.

The authorities in the Russian province of Dagestan said that it's still unclear what caused the animals' deaths, but they likely died of natural reasons.

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Bahrain, Israel vow to 'broaden cooperation'

HM King Hamad and President Herzog discuss ways to strengthen bilateral ties

Talks held on regional security, stability and prosperity

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Bahrain and Israel vowed to broaden bilateral relations and cooperation, and consolidate joint efforts to achieve regional security, stability and prosperity.

This came as His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received yesterday Israel President Isaac Herzog, in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, at the Gudaibiya Palace.

His Majesty delivered a speech in which he expressed hope that the visit will contribute to enhancing relations between the two countries.

"We are confident that this visit represents an opportunity to witness the beauty of the religious and cultural diversity in our country, and the spirit of friendliness, tolerance and peaceful coexistence among the members of our honorable society of all religions and races," His Majesty said.

Talks focused on ways to bolster cooperation in the economic, trade, investment, scientific, technical, health, educational, youth, tourism and cultural fields.



HM the King receives President Herzog

They also discussed ways to encourage communication between the representatives of the private sector in the two countries, and the exchange of the visits of official delegations, which will contribute to increasing the volume of bilateral trade exchange for the best interest of the two sides.

They also stressed the importance of activating the agreements and memoranda of understanding signed between the two countries in vital areas of common interest, as well as strengthening the role of the joint economic committees in

advancing bilateral economic and trade cooperation, which would serve common interests.

Determination

HM King Hamad and President Herzog affirmed that the Abraham Accords and the Declaration Supporting Peace signed between the two countries embody their determination to promote the values of peace, coexistence and fraternity.

"The Kingdom of Bahrain firmly believes that dialogue and a peaceful and civilised approach are imperative for set-

ting regional and international conflicts and disputes, and ensuring the rights of people to security, development and prosperity," His Majesty said.

He stressed Bahrain's firm support for a just, comprehensive and sustainable peace that guarantees the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people "that will lead to stability, development and prosperity for both the Palestinian and Israeli peoples, as well as all peoples of the region."

The Israeli President expressed thanks and appreciation to HM the King for the warm

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welcome and hospitality accorded to him.

He also expressed appreciation for HM King Hamad's efforts to promote the values of peace, tolerance and coexistence among religions and faiths, as well as consolidate interfaith and inter-cultural dialogue.

"The Kingdom of Bahrain and the State of Israel are considered pioneers in achieving this goal (regional peace), and agree with the rest of the countries that seek to achieve this," President Herzog said.

"This is in the interest of our two countries and peoples, as well as in the interest of the countries and peoples of the region and the whole world, as well."

HRH Prince Salman: We uphold peaceful coexistence

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted Bahrain's commitment to upholding the values of understanding, dialogue, tolerance and peaceful coexistence, and to supporting international efforts that promote sustainable peace regionally and globally.

HRH Prince Salman made the statement as he received yesterday Israel President Isaac Herzog at the EDB's headquarters in Bahrain Bay.

Also Chairman of the Economic Development Board (EDB), His Royal Highness expressed his hopes that Herzog's visit to the Kingdom will strengthen bilateral cooperation for the betterment of both coun-

tries and their peoples.

He emphasised the importance of furthering Bahrain-Israel ties, building on the bilateral agreements and memorandum of understandings signed across economic, trade and investment fields.

Investment opportunities

The meeting also served as an opportunity to explore investment opportunities in Bahrain and Israel, including cooperation between the private sectors of both countries.

HRH Prince Salman noted the Kingdom's diverse community, which has served as the foundation for its robust economic competitiveness.

His Royal Highness noted the Kingdom's firm and supportive commitment to promoting long-



HRH Prince Salman receives Israel President Herzog

term stability, development and prosperity for all peoples of the region.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister reiterated the importance of the Abraham Accords in reinforcing the mutual commitment to promoting the values of peace, coexistence and

cooperation, which are the essence of building constructive partnerships between Bahrain and Israel.

President Herzog expressed his gratitude to HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister for his warm reception in the Kingdom and his commitment to fur-

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thering bilateral cooperation. Senior officials of both countries attended the meeting.