

Two-state solution is the way

Foreign minister affirms Bahrain's commitment to the two-state solution

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● Minister reaffirms Bahrain's policy regarding goods and products from Israel

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Bahrain is always with the two-state solution when it comes to resolving the Israel-Palestinian conflict, said Bahrain's Minister for Foreign Affairs.

"We are with the two-state solution which is in line with the Arab peace initiative," said Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani as he also called on both parties to get to the negotiation table.

Bahrain, the minister said, stand ready to help both Palestine and Israel in resolving the differences.

The minister said: "At the negotiating table, we are fully prepared to provide any assistance, support, and advocacy for our

Palestinian brothers, within the decisions that are in line with United Nations and Arab League resolutions."

The minister was speaking during the second plenary session on day two of the IISS Manama Dialogue 2020.

On the goods and products manufactured in the West-Bank and Golan Heights, the minister said the Kingdom has already made its stance clear regarding products from Israel and elsewhere.

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Bahrain's Ministry of Industry and Commerce in a statement issued earlier clarified that the ministry is committed to the firm position of the government of Bahrain and the United Nations, the League of the Arab States and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, regarding Israeli settlements in the West Bank and the Syrian Golan Heights.

The minister also said it is es-

Review, re-negotiate Iran nuclear deal

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Bahrain's Minister for Foreign Affairs called on to review the Iranian nuclear agreement and re-negotiate it in light of the new developments.

Talking at a plenary session of the IISS Manama Dialogue, the minister also recommended consulting people and countries in the region on the issue.

This would, Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani said, ensure that the agreement thus reached has covered the concerns of all parties involved.

"Iran has become a concern of the international community," Al Zayani said highlighting the ballistic missile programme, interferences in internal affairs, supporting militias with weapons and other support and nuclear programme.

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Israel minister to participate

Moving on, Al Zayani also described the recently signed Abraham Accord as having potentially game-changing implications which will be discussed in detail today with Gabi Ashkenazi, Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs in the closing plenary

session.

Taking part in the session alongside Al Zayani was Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamood Al Busaidi, the foreign minister of Oman and Harjit Sajjan, the Minister of National Defence and Director-General and Chief Executive of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), was the moderator.

Do not view Middle East as a source of all conflicts

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The Minister for Foreign Affairs has urged the world not to view the Middle East as a region from which all problems stems.

Do not view the Middle East as a "source of all conflicts and instability that must be contained," Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani told the summit pointing to the importance of building a region that adopts dialogue and mutual respect.

The challenges to security in the region directly affect the entire world, the minister said highlighting the existence of threats that must be deterred "some of which stem from malicious government threats or proxy wars."



Participants during a plenary session

In this regard, the minister said that the Middle East security is tightly-linked to global security and that connection has grown stronger in recent times. The minister said that there are parties who are working to subvert the regional security and in that sense the international security.

Deterring them, the minis-

ter said, will be through vigilance and resilience, for which we need a robust, flexible and multilayer deterrence which includes electronic, economic, technologic and active diplomacy.

The situation, the minister said, also calls for the need to ensure that our infrastructures are strong enough to withstand

and overcome any potential threat - direct or by proxies- for which international cooperation is critical.

He further revealed having a strategic dialogue between China and the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, where the discussion focuses on "all economic fields and cooperation, and security policies."

Summit in pictures



Bahrain Defence Force Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Dhiab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, taking part in the inaugural session of the 16th edition of the Manama Dialogue Forum at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. The three-day forum, themed "Competing for Influence in the Middle East", casts light mainly on the security and foreign policy as well as challenges facing the Middle East.



Minister of Defence, Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, during the inaugural session of the 16th edition of the Manama Dialogue summit at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.



The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman, Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamoud Al-Busaidi, arrived in Bahrain to participate in the 16th Manama Dialogue.



Minister of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia, Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah Al Saud, arrives in Bahrain. He was received upon arrival, alongside his accompanying delegation, by Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Assistant Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Faisal bin Jaber Al Dosari, Saudi Ambassador to Bahrain HRH Prince Sultan bin Ahmed bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and senior official from the Foreign Ministry.



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, meets his Omani counterpart, Badr bin Hamad bin Hamoud Al-Busaidi, on the sidelines of the 16th IISS Manama Dialogue