

Strategic vision

HRH Prince Salman highlights importance of research studies in resolving global challenges

● Key to supporting security, stability

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, affirmed the important role of research and strategic studies in international affairs, and their contribution to supporting international security and stability.

He highlighted the role of such research in aligning perspectives and developing solutions to shared global challenges through conferences and forums, which enhances regional and international development and prosperity.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with Dr Bastian Giegerich, Director General and Chief Executive of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), at Riffa Palace.

Commitment

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister stressed Bahrain's continued commitment to strengthening the Manama



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister with Dr Bastian Giegerich



Dialogue as a leading diplomatic platform for dialogue on regional and international issues.

He highlighted the strong partnership between the Kingdom and the IISS, which has advanced the Manama Dialogue's regional and international standing as one of the world's leading forums addressing se-

curity, political, and economic challenges, with broad global participation.

Gratitude

For his part, Dr Giegerich expressed his gratitude to His Royal Highness for his unwavering support in strengthening cooperation between Bahrain

and IISS, wishing the Kingdom continued progress and prosperity.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, also attended the meeting.

“Bahrain is committed to strengthening the Manama Dialogue as a leading diplomatic platform for dialogue on regional and international issues.”

— HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

Bahrain launches first international boat show

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Bahrain officially launched its first Bahrain International Boat Show yesterday, marking a major milestone for the Kingdom's marine and maritime sector.

Held under the Sea World Expo Bahrain 2026 banner, the three-day specialised exhibition brings together regional and international companies showcasing boats, yachts and marine accessories.

Organisers described the inaugural edition as a foundation event aimed at establishing Bahrain as a new meeting point for the global boating industry.

Categories

The exhibition features eight main categories, including boats and yachts, diving, fishing, marine tourism, marine technology, naval and maritime services, watersports and marine environmental protection.

Despite the wide scope, organisers said the core focus remains on boats, yachts and the engines, accessories and technologies that support them.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Sea World Expo and Orka Projects chief executive Khalid AlSaeed said the long-term goal is to position Bahrain as a global hub for the boats and yachts industry and to make the Kingdom an opening season destination on the international marine calendar.

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He added that future editions are expected to expand further, with plans to announce the next show at a central location in Bahrain.

AlSaeed noted that the exhibition is designed to attract foreign direct investment and support the growth of shipyards and marine tourism projects, aligning with Bahrain's wider national development plans and recent initiatives in marine transport and sea based services.

Among the exhibitors, Mercury announced it will officially open operations in Bahrain within two weeks, offering engines, spare parts and after sales services.

The company also highlighted a first of its kind project involving triple high performance engines installed on coastguard vessels in the Kingdom.

Dubai based jet car manufacturer Edrive is making its Bahrain debut at the show.



Royal celebration

His Excellency Shaikh Ali bin Abdullah bin Hamad bin Mohammed Al Khalifa celebrates the marriage of his son, Shaikh Isa.

Ministers tour ‘Hawa Al Manama’ event



His Excellency Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications; H.E. Ibrahim bin Hassan Al Hawaj, Minister of Works; H.E. Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism; and H.E. Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth Affairs, toured the “Hawa Al Manama” event, held at Manama Market. During the tour, the Minister of Tourism provided an overview of the event and its components, outlining its cultural and tourism-related elements, which reflect a specific historical period of the capital and are intended for citizens, residents, and visitors. Hawa Al Manama is one of the main events organised as part of the Bahrain National Day celebrations for 2025, which commenced in December. The event includes a range of activities highlighting aspects of Manama's heritage, such as interactive activities, food-related experiences, and a number of museums and exhibitions covering various themes. The event will continue until January 15, 2026.

US Ambassador credentials



His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, received a copy of the credentials of Her Excellency Stephanie Hallett, the newly appointed Ambassador of the US to the Kingdom of Bahrain. H.E. Dr. Al Zayani commended the longstanding strategic partnership between Bahrain and the US, and wished her success in her diplomatic role supporting the interests of both countries and peoples. Ambassador Hallett expressed her pride in her appointment and reiterated her commitment to enhancing bilateral cooperation and further developing the partnership between the two countries.