

'A nation of peace'

HM King: Bahrain continues to embody compassion, solidarity, and human unity amid regional tensions

Royal address on final 10 days of Ramadhan

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to peace and regional cooperation in a royal address marking the final 10 days of the Holy Month of Ramadhan.

"Bahrain has always been, and will remain, a nation of peace that has never initiated hostility toward any party, and has consistently pursued the path of cooperation and good neighbourliness," HM the King said.

He underscored the Kingdom's enduring dedication to stability amid regional tensions.

Faith

HM King Hamad emphasised: "In doing so, we embody the greater purposes of our faith that elevate our societies to the highest ideals of compas-

sion, solidarity, and human unity."

Addressing the nation during these spiritually significant nights, His Majesty also praised the Kingdom's armed forces and civil authorities for their swift and effective response to recent security threats.

"Through their firm response, these attempts were thwarted, and the security of the nation and the safety of citizens and residents were preserved. It is an effort of which we are deeply proud and one that will remain etched in the nation's memory," he said.

Cohesion

HM the King highlighted the role of the Bahraini people in safeguarding national cohesion.

"We are proud of our citizens for the sincere national spirit they have demonstrated through their loyalty and deep sense of belonging during these critical times. They have consistently proven true to the trust placed in them, capable of overcoming challenges and confront-



HM the King addresses the nation



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ing threats, regardless of their source," he stated.

His Majesty also acknowledged the support the Kingdom has received from regional and international partners, including the Gulf states.

Backing

"Bahrain has been fortunate to receive genuine support and backing from its brethren, most notably the Gulf solidarity that has once again manifested itself in its finest form," he noted.

Amid ongoing challenges, HM the King affirmed Bahrain's continued commitment to balanced policies both regionally and internationally.

He cited the Kingdom's participation on the Board of Peace for Gaza reconstruction as an example of Bahrain's efforts to promote stability and lasting peace.

Concluding his address, HM King Hamad extended greetings for the upcoming Eid Al Fitr, praying for continued dignity, pride, and security for the Kingdom and its people.

Religious leaders foster unity and solidarity

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, affirmed the importance of religious leaders serving as role models within their community.

He emphasised that they play a key role in spreading awareness and fostering a sense of unity and solidarity, especially in the face of conflicts.

HRH Prince Salman made the remarks as he met yesterday with several religious leaders at the Ahmed Al-Fateh Islamic Center.

Directives

The meeting took place as part



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister with religious leaders

of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's directives to protect the Kingdom, and its people, in line with developments following the ongoing hostile Iranian aggression.

During the visit, His Royal Highness conveyed the greetings of HM the King to the re-

ligious leaders, as well as his wishes for them to promote tolerance and understanding during the blessed Holy Month of Ramadhan.

He also highlighted the importance of enhancing the spirit of responsibility and cooperation for the benefit of the Kingdom

and its people.

Coexistence

HRH Prince Salman affirmed that the Kingdom is resolute in its efforts to promote coexistence within the community.

He noted that the strength of the country is rooted in the

resolution and determination of its people.

His Royal Highness emphasised the profound importance of gathering in a place of worship, which serves as a living embodiment of the Kingdom's values of unity and solidarity, and a steadfast rejection of all

efforts to incite discord or division.

He affirmed that these enduring values, rooted in the Kingdom's faith and heritage, are integral to preserving its national institutions and maintaining its stability and security in confronting all challenges.

Model of coexistence and tolerance



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, affirmed that throughout its long history, Bahraini society has been a model of coexistence and tolerance among various religions and cultures. He noted that the Kingdom is committed to building a social environment that is founded on mutual respect and coexistence. HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with Christian religious leaders at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Arabia in Awali, to ensure the wellbeing of Bahrain's Catholic community. Upon arrival, His Royal Highness was received by Bishop Aldo Berardi, Apostolic Vicar of Northern Arabia. His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, and H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, were also present.

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