



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received at Sakhir Palace yesterday British Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion and Belief Rehman Chishti. He praised strong and long-standing historical relations between Bahrain and the UK, stressing mutual keenness to further enhance them for the best interest of both countries and peoples. HM the King expressed appreciation of religious freedom in Bahrain, stressing tolerance characterising the Bahraini society and respect of other religions. He affirmed that the Kingdom has always set, throughout its history, a model in religious and cultural tolerance and coexistence. He also underlined the Kingdom's unflinching keenness to promote dialogue between civilisations and foster peace and coexistence between all peoples.



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday held his weekly Majlis at Riffa Palace. Members of the royal family, senior government officials, members of the Shura Council and Council of Representatives, members of municipal councils, religious and community leaders, journalists, and diplomats attended the Majlis. HRH the Crown Prince welcomed the broad range of visitors at the weekly Majlis, which demonstrates Bahrain's commitment to rooted traditions and values, that are underpinned by His Majesty's aspirations to maintain a strong bond amongst Bahrain's society. HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, and President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports; and HH Shaikh Mohamed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa also attended the Majlis.



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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has strongly condemned the military attack by the Republic of Turkey on areas in the north-east of the brotherly Syrian Arab Republic, which is a violation of the international law rules and an attack on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria.

While supporting the call for an emergency meeting of the Council of the Arab League to take a unified Arab position towards this aggression, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs calls on the Security Council to accelerate its responsibilities in confronting this attack, in order to maintain peace and security and to provide a supportive atmosphere to continue efforts aimed at finding a peaceful solution in Syria based on the Principles of the declaration of Geneva and Security Council Resolution (2254), in a manner that preserves Syria's preserve its sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity.

Saudi Arabia as well condemned the Turkish offensive against Kurdish forces in north-

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Turkish move a violation of international rules and attack on sovereignty

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ern Syria, describing it as “military aggression”.

The Kingdom's foreign ministry said the operation is a “threat to regional security” and undermines international efforts in combating Daesh.

The attack was a “blatant violation of the unity, independence, and sovereignty of Syrian territories,” the ministry said.

Saudi Arabia's comments came amid a wave of international condemnation over Turkey's actions.

The military operation aimed at crushing Kurdish fighters in northern Syria started on Monday afternoon with airstrikes and artillery.

Later in the evening, ground forces moved across the border.

The attack comes after US troops pulled back from the area, paving the way for an assault on forces that have long been allied with the United States.

The UAE too condemned the offensive, saying it represented a dangerous development and a blatant and unacceptable aggression against the sovereignty of an Arab state.

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa Al Khalifa, met with Chief Executive of the Economic Development Board, Khalid Ibrahim Humaidan, in the presence of Director of International Offices, Buthaina Amin, and Head of Business Development (Financial Services, ICT and Startups) and international offices of the Council, David Parker. During the meeting, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomed Khalid Humaidan, congratulating him on his appointment as CEO of the Economic Development Board, wishing him every success in his new duties. She praised the great and developmental role of the Economic Development Board in attracting investments from around the world, noting the importance of the activities carried out by the Board to promote the Kingdom on the regional and international levels in various fields, and its continued efforts to promote an attractive investment climate in addition to supporting National Economy.