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HM King Hamad orders 2026 tribute to honour modern Bahraini state founder and his important legacy

HRH Prince Salman commends royal order

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has ordered that 2026 be designated the “Year of Isa Al Kabeer,” in honour of the founder of the modern Bahraini state and the leader of the nation’s institutional renaissance.

The designation commemorates the pivotal role of His Highness Isa Al Kabeer, Ruler of Bahrain and its Dependencies, in consolidating stability, establishing legal and civil institutions, and driving prosperity across the Kingdom.

On the occasion, HM the King said this year celebrates the enduring legacy of His Highness Isa Al Kabeer, whose vision and leadership laid the foundations of modern Bahrain.

He also emphasised that the designation serves to highlight ongoing development projects in historic Muharraq and cities



HM the King receives HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister

across the Kingdom, noting national efforts reflect a deep commitment to preserving Bahrain’s historical and cultural identity for generations to come.

Highlighting the broader significance of Isa Al Kabeer’s contributions, HM King Hamad emphasised his achievements not only for their historical impact but for the inspiration they provide to continue advancing our nation.

The announcement came during a meeting at Al Sakhir Palace with His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, where HM the King reviewed the Kingdom’s ongoing



development and progress across multiple sectors.

HRH Prince Salman commended His Majesty’s Royal

Order designating 2026 as the “Year of Isa Al Kabeer”.

He affirmed that this initiative reflects HM the King’s commit-

ment to recognising Bahrain’s historical figures, who have had a lasting impact on the foundations of the Kingdom’s history

and ongoing development.

His Majesty expressed pride in HRH Prince Salman’s leadership and commended his continued efforts to promote national growth and prosperity.

He also marked Bahraini Diplomatic Day by congratulating members of the diplomatic corps, praising their efforts in strengthening Bahrain’s international relations, safeguarding national interests, and supporting the Kingdom’s development achievements.

HM King Hamad highlighted that these successes are rooted in Bahrain’s civilisational values of tolerance, coexistence, and respect for others, noting that the Kingdom continues to champion peace and harmony among peoples worldwide.

He was briefed on regional developments and their implications for security and stability.

The Kingdom reaffirmed its firm stance on resolving crises through dialogue and diplomatic channels, underscoring the importance of peaceful solutions that serve the interests of the world’s peoples.

France calls for global solutions



H.E. Ambassador Eric Giraud-Telme

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Continuing the series on how 2026 is reshaping the global order, France makes the case for multilateralism as an essential framework for tackling global health, technological autonomy, and economic coordination in an increasingly interdependent world. Read the perspective of His Excellency Mr. Eric Giraud-Telme, Ambassador of the French Republic to the Kingdom of Bahrain, on Page 2.

HM King affirms growing Bahrain-Jordan relations

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa affirmed his pride in the close historical relations and strong bonds that unite the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, which continue to grow through the mutual keenness to enhance and advance them in a manner that fulfils shared goals and aspirations.

HM the King was speaking as he received at Al Sakhir Palace, in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, His Excellency Ayman Safadi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and Expatriate Affairs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

During the meeting, HE the Deputy Prime Minister con-



HM the King receives Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister, H.E. Ayman Safadi, in the presence of HRH Prince Salman

veyed to His Majesty the greetings and appreciation of His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein of Jordan, along with his best wishes for Bahrain and its people for continued progress and prosperity.

HM King Hamad relayed his greetings and sincere wishes

to HM the Jordanian Monarch, and to the Jordanian people for further development and prosperity.

HM the King welcomed H.E. Safadi and commended such fraternal visits for their role in strengthening cooperation, consultation, and constructive

coordination on various issues, particularly in light of regional developments and events, in a manner that serves mutual interests and reinforces their longstanding relations.

He also praised the efforts of HM the King of Jordan in consolidating and strengthening the

distinguished relations between the two kingdoms, as well as the commendable efforts of Jordan, under His Majesty’s leadership, to enhance the framework of joint Arab action and to support endeavours aimed at achieving peace, security, and stability in the region.

Energy and gas sector progress reviewed



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chairs the 33rd meeting of the Higher Committee for Energy and Natural Resources. Several topics related to the development of the energy sector, as well as progress in Bahrain’s gas sector, were reviewed.