



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister, HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, and Royal Family members, yesterday performed funeral prayers for the late HH Shaikha Noora bint Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, at Shaikh Isa Mosque, in Riffa.



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, yesterday at the Safriya Palace, received HRH Prince Saud bin Nayef bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Governor of the Eastern Province of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Envoy of the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques, accompanied by HRH Prince Ahmed bin Fahad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, who conveyed condolences of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, on the demise of HH Shaikha Noora bint Isa bin Salman. Their royal highnesses prayed to Almighty God to reset the soul of the deceased in eternal peace. HM the King expressed profound thanks of the sympathies of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and HRH the Crown Prince, which reflect the depth of the longstanding bilateral relations and fraternal ties bonding the two kingdoms and their people.



HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, yesterday at the Safriya Palace, received HRH Prince Mohammed bin Fahad bin Abdulaziz Al Saud; HRH Prince Dr Mansour bin Mutaib Al Saud, Minister of State, member of Council of Ministers; HRH Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chairman of Tourism Authority; HRH Prince Fahad bin Bader bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Royal Court Advisor; HRH Prince Dr. Abdulaziz bin Sattam bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Royal Court Advisor; HRH Prince Nayef bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud; HRH Prince Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Deputy Governor of Riyadh; HRH Prince Turki bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. Their royal highnesses offered HM the King deepest condolences on the demise of HH Shaikha Noora bint Isa bint Salman. They prayed to Almighty God to rest the soul of the deceased in eternal peace. HM the King expressed appreciation of their noble feelings that reflect the solid historical relations between the two kingdoms and their people. He wished the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia further progress, security and stability.



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday met the former Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway, Kjell Magne Bondevik, at Riffa Palace. During the meeting, HRH the Crown Prince and the former Norwegian Prime Minister discussed opportunities to further strengthen bilateral cooperation between Bahrain and Norway across various fields.



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister yesterday received a delegation from the US, led by the former Mayor of New York City, Rudolph Giuliani, at Riffa Palace. HRH the Crown Prince highlighted the long-standing partnership between Bahrain and the US, which is centred on shared values and the objective of advancing peace and stability across the region and abroad. HRH the Crown Prince went on to note that wide-ranging cooperation continues to bolster security, economic and cultural ties.

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On behalf of the HM the King's Personal Representative and President of the Supreme Council for the Environment, HH Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa, a Bahraini delegation, led by the Deputy President of SCE, HH Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, participated in the opening of the 24th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP 24), in Poland.

The kingdom's participation in the impor-

tant international event is in line with its keenness to be informed about the global efforts to address climate change and protect the Earth.

It is also an opportunity to highlight its long experience in protecting the environment, as part of its efforts to honour its pledges in the environment-related agreements and covenants it has ratified.

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was established in May 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, and came into force in March

1994 with the promise of strengthening global public awareness of climate change issues.

Among its main objectives is the stabilisation of concentrations of greenhouse gases (GHG) in the atmosphere to prevent risks in the climate system. The annual meetings of the Conference of the Parties (COP), which is the supreme body of the Convention and the association of all the countries that form part of it, are attended by environmental experts, ministers, heads of state and non-governmental organisations.