

Kingdom's diplomatic strides, peace efforts stressed at major conference

Peace and co-existence pillars of Kingdom's foreign policy

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, noted that the Day of Diplomacy, which was allocated by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, has become a unique annual event that highlights the role of Bahraini diplomacy in supporting Bahrain's achievements at various levels, based on a solid foundation of support by HM the King and the reform approach, which developed the political, economic and social fields in the Kingdom.

The minister was speaking as he participated in opening the Diplomatic Forum in the presence of the Saudi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Cabinet Member Adel Ahmed Al Jubeir, Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) Secretary-General Dr Abdullah Al Zayani, senior officials and diplomats.

Shaikh Khalid expressed deep thanks and appreciation for the keenness of the participants to share their expertise and successful practices, adding that the experience will strengthen

the role of diplomatic missions abroad to continue Bahrain's proactive policy.

Bahrain's foreign policy is committed to asserting the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of the Kingdom, as well as protecting its security, defending its interests, enhancing its global position and reputation, in addition to strengthening its relations with brotherly and friendly countries and developing co-operation with regional and international organisations, he said.

The Kingdom is also keen to defend Arab and Islamic issues and promote the values of peace, coexistence and dialogue among various cultures, and combatting extremism and terrorism, Shaikh Khalid added.

Mr Al Jubeir stressed the depth of relations between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia which extend to centuries, not years or decades, noting their steady consensus in facing challenges, thanks to the wisdom of their leaders and to the good balance, rationality and foresight of their policies.

He stressed the ability of the two countries to continue to accomplish achievements and face various challenges in light of their close co-operation and co-ordination.

The Day of Diplomacy included discussion sessions that addressed the objectives and strategies of the government action, culture as a stepping stone to Bahrain's international standing, and Bahrain's economy in its global context.

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Separately, Shaikh Khalid re-



HH Shaikh Nasser held a special meeting with Kingdom's ambassadors abroad.



Shaikh Khalid speaks at the conference.



Shaikh Khalid receives Mr Al Jubeir.



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ceived Mr Al Jubeir, in the presence of Dr Al Zayani.

The two sides reviewed the historic solid relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, hailing their development in all fields. They also affirmed their keenness to continue co-ordination and co-operation regarding various issues in all international forums.

They exchanged viewpoints on ways to strengthen the GCC process and discussed the latest developments in the region as well as supporting all efforts to enhance regional and interna-

tional peace and security.

National Security Advisor, Royal Guard Commander Major General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa received at his majlis yesterday Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid, Dr Al Zayani and Bahraini ambassadors abroad.

Major-General HH Shaikh Nasser thanked the ambassadors taking part in the forum for their efforts to serve Bahrain and promote its international status.

He said Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the support of His Royal Highness Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, represents a pioneering model in foreign policy that is based on the principles of respect, positive cooperation, no interference in other countries' internal affairs, emphasising the kingdom's sovereignty and territorial integrity, protecting its security and defending its interests.

Verdict date set in 'stabbing neighbour' case

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The First High Criminal Court will pronounce its judgement in the case involving a Bahraini man who's accused of attempting to kill his neighbour in Muharraq Governorate, on January 28.

As reported earlier, the defendant is accused of stabbing the victim several times over a dispute about a parking spot in the neighbourhood.

According to court files, the incident took place on February 12, 2019, in Galali, a town that is located few hundred metres to the east of Bahrain International Airport.

The suspect was reportedly arrested on the same day.

Chief Prosecutor Adnan Fakhro announced back then that the Public Prosecution had completed its investigation into the case.

The results of the investigation revealed that the suspect stabbed the victim several times using a kitchen knife.

Mr Fakhro earlier explained that the Prosecution was initially notified by Samahej Police Station, which arrested the stabber



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and facilitated shifting the victim to the hospital, where he recovered from his wounds.

In a statement issued one day following the incident, the Chief Prosecutor revealed: "The Prosecution has moved to the crime scene and inspected it.

"Testimonies of the victim and eyewitnesses were heard, and a coroner was assigned to examine the victim and the knife used to commit the crime and the fingerprints on it.

"The Prosecution interrogated the suspect and heard his statements, before ordering his detention until the date of the trial."

According to Mr Fakhro, the investigations revealed that the accused had the intention to kill

the victim, as he prepared a knife for this purpose and monitored the victim while the latter was walking on the public road.

"He stabbed him several times, which led to his falling on the ground. The accused then continued to stab the victim with the intention of killing him.

"He later fled the scene and the victim was rushed to the hospital where he received treatment," Mr Fakhro added.

The suspect denied the accusations, claiming that he was attacked by the victim, who the suspect alleged was threatening him (the suspect) using a knife and a fist fight broke out before every walked to separate destination.

However, an eyewitness informed the prosecutors that he saw the suspect stabbing the victim while the latter was on the floor.

The witness also informed that the suspect fled the scene and left the victim bleeding on the floor.

On July 9, the court ordered to conduct a mental evaluation of the suspect to determine if he was responsible for his actions.