

Heritage preservation efforts



Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa

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Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister chaired the Ministerial Committee for Development Projects and Infrastructure, reviewing key national development, heritage, and environmental initiatives.

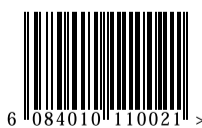
The meeting highlighted ongoing efforts to preserve Bahrain's historical identity, aligning with directives from HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the redevelopment of the historic Manama Souq, guided by HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The committee welcomed coordination between government entities on the Manama Souq redevelopment project and was briefed on progress in mapping historical areas and markets across the kingdom.



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Bahrain Sudan Solidarity

Leaders review Sudan conflict and humanitarian efforts

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received the head of Sudan's Transitional Sovereign Council on Wednesday.

The two sides discussed bilateral ties, regional developments and efforts to end the conflict in Sudan, the royal court said.

The Sudanese delegation, led by General Abdel Fattah Al Burhan, Chairman of the Transitional Sovereignty Council of the Republic of the Sudan, was on an official visit to the kingdom.

HM the King welcomed Al-Burhan and reviewed with him "the close fraternal relations" between Bahrain and Sudan, as well as ways to strengthen cooperation across various fields.

Both sides stressed their com-



HM the King, in the presence of HRH Prince Salman, holds talks with General Abdel Fattah Al Burhan

mitment to further developing ties in a manner that serves mutual interests and supports the

aspirations of the two peoples.

The talks also covered regional and international developments of mutual concern, focusing particularly on the situation in Sudan and ongoing efforts to reach a lasting ceasefire, ensure humanitarian access, and preserve Sudan's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The King expressed appreciation for Sudan's positions and its solidarity with Bahrain following recent Iranian attacks, according to the statement.

For his part, al-Burhan thanked the Bahraini King for the hospitality and reaffirmed Sudan's solidarity with Bahrain, condemning what he described as Iranian aggression, while also praising Bahrain's supportive stance toward Sudan.

Bahrain, UK deepen defence cooperation

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and Prime Minister, held talks on Wednesday with a senior British military official, underscoring the close defence and strategic ties between Bahrain and the United Kingdom.

The Crown Prince met Lieutenant General Nick Perry, Chief of Joint Operations in the United Kingdom, along with his accompanying delegation, at Riffa Palace.

During the meeting, HRH Prince Salman highlighted the longstanding partnership between Bahrain and the United Kingdom, describing it as one anchored in broad cooperation and shared strategic interests.



HRH Prince Salman with Lieutenant General Nick Perry

He stressed both countries' commitment to further strengthening collaboration across various sectors, particularly in defence and military cooperation, in line with existing agreements and frameworks, including the Comprehensive



BDF Commander receives Lieutenant General Perry

Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (CSIPA).

The Crown Prince praised the strategic nature of bilateral relations, noting the importance of continued coordination to advance shared objectives and mutual interests.

He also underscored the role of the United Kingdom and its partners in supporting regional

and international security, stability, and development.

The meeting reviewed the latest regional and international developments, as well as issues of common concern.

Separately, Bahrain's Defence Force Commander also received Lieutenant General Perry and discussed relations between the two countries.

ENHANCING REGIONAL STABILITY

GCC Steps Up Counterterrorism Coordination

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Interior ministers from the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) on Wednesday called for heightened security coordination following the arrest of individuals linked to cells associated with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, officials said.

The emergency meeting, held at the GCC General Secretariat headquarters in Riyadh, was chaired by Bahrain's Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, and attended by ministers and senior officials from across the bloc, alongside GCC Secretary-General Jassim Mohammed Al-Budaiwi. Officials stressed the need to fur-

ther strengthen joint security coordination among interior ministries and relevant agencies, particularly in light of recent arrests involving cells linked to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

The ministers reaffirmed that the security of GCC states is "invisible," and emphasised collective efforts to address emerging threats.



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