

New era of bilateral relations

Cypriot President Anastasiades leaves Bahrain after 'fruitful' visit marked by promising opportunities to enhance cooperation



Finance Minister Shaikh Salman signs an economic and technical cooperation agreement



Minister Al Zayani bids President Anastasiades farewell at the Bahrain airport



Tourism Minister Al Zayani with Cypriot Minister Pilides

● Topics of mutual interest discussed

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Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades and his accompanying delegation left Bahrain yesterday concluding a fruitful visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain and opening a new chapter of relations between the two countries.

Main highlights of President Anastasiades' landmark visit was his meeting with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, as well as the signing of key agreements to bolster bilateral ties and cooperation at various fields, and pledges by both countries for more exchange visits and investment opportunities.

The Cypriot leader was bidden farewell at Bahrain International Airport by Foreign Minister Dr Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani, Youth and Sport Affairs Minister Ayman bin Tawfeeq Al Moayed, the Head of the Mission of Honour, Muharraq Governor Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al Mennai, and a number of senior officials.

Dr Al Zayani held a session of talks with his counterpart, Nikos Christodoulides, within the framework of Anastasiades' official visit.

During the meeting, the two ministers reviewed the distinguished relations between Bahrain and Cyprus, their mutual appreciation and joint coordination, ways to develop bilateral cooperation in all political, economic and social fields. They also discussed several topics of common interest on the regional and international arenas.



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Mohammed briefs Anastasiades on EDB's role

Royal support

Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa paid tribute to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, hailing royal support to bolstering joint cooperation between Bahrain and Cyprus.

He noted steadily-growing relations in the economic and trade fields in particular, affirming Bahrain's keenness on expanding cooperation and enhancing bilateral relations between the two countries.

He made the statement after signing a Memorandum of Understanding on economic and technical cooperation with Cypriot Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry, Natasa Pilides.

He stressed the importance of the agreement in supporting innovation, entrepreneurship and exchanging SMEs expertises, in addition to boosting the volume of non-oil trade exchanges and encouraging economic sectors and businessmen to take part in exhibitions in both countries.

Investment boost

Anastasiades visited the Economic Development Board (EDB) headquarters where he was welcomed by Deputy Prime Minister His Highness Shaikh Moham-

med bin Mubarak Al Khalifa. The meeting discussed ways of enhancing bilateral relations and investment cooperation and reviewed facilities and services provided to investors, and promising investment opportunities in the Kingdom.

President Anastasiades was briefed on EDB's role in promoting the Kingdom in various global markets and attracting direct investments and its strategic plan to achieve Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030.

"We conducted a presentation about the economy of Bahrain, the incentives Bahrain offers for investors and the priority sectors. Bahrain offers 100 per cent ownership to foreign companies and repatriation of capital," EDB Chief Executive Khalid Ebrahim Humaidan said at a media briefing.

The official visit of the President of the Republic of Cyprus to the Kingdom of Bahrain

Two-day visit
September 12 - 13, 2021

A visit to the Bahrain Economic Development Board

Bilateral meetings between senior officials

Minister of Foreign Affairs	Minister of Foreign Affairs
Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning	Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment
Minister of Oil	Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry
Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism	Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry
Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism	Deputy Minister of Tourism
Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, CEO of Supreme Council for Environment	Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment

Signing of Agreement and MOU between the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus

- Agreement on mutual visa exemption for holders of diplomatic, special and services passports.
- MOU on Economic and Technical cooperation.

Remarks by the President of the Republic of Cyprus during the visit

- Expressed appreciation of HM the King's efforts to promote historical relations of friendship and cooperation with his country.
- Commended HM the King's humanitarian initiatives to boost coexistence and tolerance between different cultures.
- Stressed the keenness of Cyprus to promote relations with the Kingdom of Bahrain at all levels.

Decree-Law extending progressive criminal justice reforms is praised

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The Cabinet reaffirmed the importance of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's Decree-Law extending progressive criminal justice reforms on alternative sentencing.

It commended the efforts of the Ministry of Interior and the concerned authorities and directed the expeditious implementation of all necessary steps to implement the Decree-Law.

This came as the Deputy Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, yesterday chaired



Deputy Prime Minister

the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace.

The Cabinet highlighted the importance of bilateral engagement to be held between HM

King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades in strengthening broad cooperation and coordination between the two countries.

It welcomed Anastasiades' visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain and the bilateral agreements in place.

In recognition of the International Day of Democracy, the Cabinet commended HM the King's commitment to supporting Bahrain's national democracy, which has contributed to furthering the Kingdom's progress and development.

Strong Bahrain and US relations stressed



Deputy Prime Minister, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, stressed strong and strategic relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the US, pointing out keenness to continue boosting bilateral relations and achieving common aspirations. HH the Deputy Prime Minister was speaking as he met yesterday with former US Vice President Dan Quayle, the Board Chairman of Cerberus Global Investments, who was accompanied by the Deputy Board Chairman Brian Hook, and Chief Executive Frank Bruno. The meeting was attended by Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa. The Deputy Prime Minister welcomed the Board Chairman of Cerberus Global Investments and his accompanying delegation, praising the role of the international capital management companies in backing economic development. The meeting cast light on issues of common interest and the latest global economic developments.

des during his official visit.

The meeting was attended by Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Undersecretary Iman Ahmed Al Dosari and officials from both sides.

Agriculture cooperation

Bahrain and Cyprus said they would work closely on exchange of expertise in agriculture, sustainable water management and preservation of marine resources.

This was stated during a joint press briefing held by the Minister of Works, Municipality Affairs and Urban Planning, Essam bin Abdullah Khalaf, and his Cypriot counterpart, Costas Kadis, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment.

"The meeting was fruitful and we discussed various aspects of cooperation between the two friendly countries, particularly in the agricultural field and food security," Khalaf said.

Khalaf also briefed Kadis on national initiatives adopted in Bahrain to develop the agricultural sector.

Industrial and commercial

Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani stressed the importance of boosting relations between Bahrain and Cyprus to promote development in both countries mainly in the industrial and commercial field.

He was speaking as he met with Cypriot Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry, Natasa Pilides, who was accompanying Anastasiades

Oil and gas investment

Oil Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa stressed the need to boost relations between Bahrain and Cyprus to achieve development and prosperity for the two friendly countries and peoples, and particularly cooperation and investment opportunities in oil and gas.

Shaikh Mohammed and Cyprus Energy, Commerce and Industry Minister Natassa Pilidou held a meeting.

"I indicated that the oil sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain is a priority sector, and we discussed various promising opportunities to enhance cooperation between the two countries in this field," Shaikh Mohammed told a media briefing following their meeting.

Environmental protection

Bahrain and Cyprus stressed the importance of developing bilateral relations related to environmental cooperation and combatting climate change.