

# 'Global foundations' for interfaith dialogue

His Majesty the King's initiatives consolidate culture of tolerance among religions and cultures

## Al Asoomi highlights royal directives in speech at Parliamentarians' Session in Bologna

Rome

Arab Parliament (AP) Speaker Adel bin Abdulrahman Al Asoomi has highlighted the pioneering role played by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in promoting

dialogue among various religions and cultures at all levels.

This came as Al Asoomi addressed the Parliamentarians' Session, organised by the G20 Interfaith Forum in collaboration with the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace (GCTPO) in the Italian city of Bologna.

In his speech, Al Asoomi indicated that the landmark initiatives launched by HM the King in this field have laid global foundations for promoting dialogue and consolidating a culture of tolerance among religions and



HM the King



Speaker Al Asoomi delivering a speech

cultures.

He cited the "Kingdom of Bahrain's Declaration" on religious tolerance, which was launched in 2017, as a global document committed to promoting religious freedom for all, as well as the establishment of the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence in 2018.

The Arab Parliament Speaker added that Arab countries have launched and embraced numerous initiatives in this regard, such as the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre

for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID), the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together, signed in the UAE between Al Azhar Al Sharif and the Vatican, and the establishment of the Interfaith Dialogue Centre at the Egyptian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs.

The session was moderated by Pier Ferdinando CASINI, former president of the Italian Chamber of Deputies and current Chairman of the Italian Group at the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

## Shaikh Nasser hails royal support in humanitarian work carried out by RHF



HH Shaikh Nasser chairs the RHF meeting

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's directives, support and continuous interest in the humanitarian work has been praised.

HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa also lauded HM the King's great care for orphans, widows and

all needy groups in Bahrain to provide a decent life for all.

Royal Humanitarian Foundation is carrying out the directives of His Majesty, Honorary President of RHF.

Chairing the RHF meeting, HH Shaikh Nasser expressed gratitude to HM King for his strong support to the foundation and its activities, commending his humanitarian role and compassionate acts for brotherly and

friendly countries and peoples.

They reflect the firm and clear positions of Bahrain, leadership, government and people towards brothers and friends in various countries, he added.

The latest such act was HM's directives to provide urgent humanitarian relief aid to Afghanistan, to help the Afghan people and stand with them during their challenging conditions.

This is part of HM's endeav-

ours to consolidate international solidarity and based on the fraternal and human ties that bind Bahrain with the various peoples of the world, HH Shaikh Nasser said, as he prayed for peace and prosperity in Afghanistan and the world.

HH Shaikh Nasser also praised the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

## Verdict set for Asian man accused of 'faking' record

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The 37-year-old Asian man who has been accused of faking a medical report that was required from him to transfer his work permit to another employer will learn his fate on Thursday.

According to court files, the defendant was all set to complete his transfer, pending the outcome of the medical report, and the result shuttered his chances as it appeared that he had hepatitis.

The doctor informed him, and requested him to re-do the test in order to confirm the result. However, the defendant tried to turn it around, requesting his friend, who looked almost like him, to undergo the test. His plan went as he wished as his friend did the test and the result showed he was healthy.

The hospital stunned the defendant when he went to collect the result by the request that he had to re-do the test for the third time, as per the



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doctor's request. Shocked, the man refused under the pretext that he was fasting.

He immediately left the hospital, and called his friend, urging him to go to the hospital as they wanted to repeat the test.

"I went there, and the cops were waiting for me," the Asian man's friend told prosecutors. He was also charged in connection with this case.

## American charge d'affaires visits King Hamad American Mission Hospital



US Embassy charge d'affaires Margaret Nardi paid a visit to the ongoing construction site of the King Hamad American Mission Hospital in A'ali. Nardi was given a tour and shown around the site by AMH Corporate CEO Dr George Cheriyan and Group CEO Julia Tovey.

## Ministry directorate reviews convicts' requests

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The Verdicts Implementation Directorate at the Interior Ministry has reviewed some requests submitted by convicts to benefit from alternative penalties based on the Decree-Law on penalties and alternative measures endorsed in 2017.

The requests are reviewed

per the rules and conditions of the law issued by His Majesty the King, including not posing a threat to public security.

In addition, the convicts must have paid all the financial liabilities handed down against them by a criminal court unless it is impossible for them to pay.

The directorate highlighted

that after reviewing the social, economic and security aspects of the cases, a list would be drafted of eligible candidates.

The list will be referred to the relevant judge to replace imprisonment sentences with various types of alternative penalties appropriate to the individual circumstances of each inmate.

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