

Italy Reaffirms Support for Bahrain

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received Andrea Catalano, Ambassador of the friendly Republic of Italy to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The King reaffirmed the depth of the strategic partnership and long-standing friendship between the two countries, expressing Bah-

rain's commitment to further developing cooperation across various fields.

He also praised the ambassador's efforts in supporting and enhancing relations, wishing him continued success.

Appreciation

For his part, the Italian ambassador expressed his appreciation

to the King for his role in advancing relations between the two countries.

He reiterated Italy's condemnation of the recent Iranian attacks on the territory of Bahrain and reaffirmed his country's solidarity with Bahrain, supporting all measures taken to safeguard its sovereignty, security, stability, and the safety of its citizens.



HM the King receives H.E. Ambassador Andrea Catalano

Regional Security Cooperation Discussed

● Focus on Iran attacks

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Recent regional developments, including concerns over Iranian attacks targeting Bahrain and other Gulf Cooperation Council countries—described as a serious threat to regional security and stability—



H.E. Dr. Al Zayani with H.E. Ambassador Stephanie Hallett

were at the centre of talks between Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani and US Ambassador to Bahrain Stephanie Hallett at the ministry's headquarters.

The discussions further highlighted concerns over the potential closure of the Strait of Hormuz and its implications for international maritime navigation.

The meeting also reviewed the long-standing historical

relations and close strategic partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United States across various fields. Both sides explored ways to further strengthen cooperation in line with shared interests and mutual aspirations.

In addition, the talks covered ways to enhance coordination within the United Nations Security Council on issues of shared concern.

Festive Resilience



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Vishu reminds us of new beginnings, no matter where we are.

— P. V. RADHAKRISHNA PILLAI, PRESIDENT OF BAHRAIN KERALEEYA SAMAJAM

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Malayali expatriates across Manama marked Vishu, the Malayalam New Year, with smaller and more intimate gatherings this year, as families balanced festive traditions with ongoing regional challenges.



Young and old join the celebrations

Observed as a symbol of new beginnings, Vishu coincides with the sun's transition into Aries and the start of the Malayalam month of Medam. In Bahrain, many families celebrated at home, recreating traditions such as the Vishukkani and sharing Vishu Kaineettam, often connecting digitally with relatives in Kerala.

Retail outlets, festive essentials, offering Vishu Sadhya kits and ingredients to help families prepare traditional meals. P. V. Radhakrishna Pillai, President of the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam, said celebrations this year were largely home-based, with a small gathering organised for members and families.

GCC Pushes Emergency Motion Against Iran

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The Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates jointly submitted the draft emergency proposal to the 152nd IPU General Assembly, denouncing “unjustified Iranian aggressions” against GCC countries and the Jordan. The proposal calls for condemning and rejecting attacks that targeted civilian facilities, infrastructure, and vital installations.

Speaker of the Council of Representatives and head of Bahrain's parliamentary delegation's executive committee, confirmed that the emergency item has been formally submitted to the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Satellite Image Unveiled

Al Munther continues successful operations in orbit



Shaikh Khalifa bin Abdullah with Dr. Al Aseeri and other Space Science Agency officials

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Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, received Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim Al Aseeri, CEO of the Space Science Agency and presented him with the first full satellite image of Bahrain captured by the satellite Al Munther.

During the meeting, Deputy PM highlighted that Bahrain's investment in future sciences reflects the vision of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa to strengthen the Kingdom's global position in space science.

He described the establishment of the Bahrain Space Agency as a key achievement, praising efforts led by Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa to advance the sector and develop national talent.

Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah also congratulated the agency



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on the first anniversary of the satellite's launch, noting its successful and precise operation in orbit.

He stressed the importance of using satellite data to support government projects, including urban planning, infrastructure development, and environmental monitoring.

Vaisakhi Celebrated

The auspicious occasion of Vaisakhi Khalsa Sajjan Diwas was observed with deep devotion and spiritual fervour at The Sikh Community Center Salmabad Gurudwara in Bahrain. Hundreds of devotees gathered to mark one of the most significant days in Sikh history, symbolising faith, unity, and gratitude. Vaisakhi commemorates the formation of the Khalsa Panth by Guru Gobind Singh Ji in 1699 and is also celebrated as a harvest festival in Punjab, expressing gratitude for nature's abundance. The celebrations concluded with Ardas (prayer) for peace, prosperity, and the well-being of humanity, followed by the distribution of Guru Ka Langar.

