

Bahrain's foreign policy



Shaikh Khalid addresses the forum.



Many discussions on the Kingdom's foreign policy were held as part of the forum.

ment unnecessary. He noted that the Kingdom of Bahrain and the friendly United Kingdom celebrated two years ago the 200th anniversary of Bahrain-UK relations, which was established at that time to achieve common interests.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs described the Kingdom of Bahrain's foreign policy and priorities as flexible and constantly subject to evaluation, review and realignment of priorities, while also being committed to major principles since joining the United Nations until now, namely: asserting the sovereignty and

territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Bahrain, protecting its security, defending its interests, and strengthening its status and its external reputation as well as consolidating its civilizational image.

He also highlighted the Kingdom's principles in strengthening its relations with brotherly and friendly countries, developing cooperation with regional and international organizations, adopting collective action in defence of Arab and Islamic issues.

He affirmed the consolidation of values and principles of humanity in our society such as

peace, coexistence and dialogue between different cultures and peoples, and the importance of addressing the threats facing the international community as a whole, regarding violence, extremism and terrorism in all its forms as well as the policies of some countries seeking to destabilize security and stability in the region.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs affirmed that the celebration of 50 years of Bahraini diplomacy will pave the way for further Bahraini achievements in various fields, noting the great role of the Ambassadors of the

Kingdom of Bahrain in achieving these goals and implementing His Majesty's directives through maintaining constant communication with the officials of the countries accredited to them and conducting meetings with them on various occasions.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs also expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the Ambassadors participating in the meetings of the Forum and their efforts in introducing innovative ideas that will contribute to developing diplomatic work and reaching its objectives.

The first session of the forum

dealt with "the role of diplomatic missions abroad in promoting and attracting foreign investment", with the attendance of the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa, and the Assistant Undersecretary for Consular Affairs Resources & Information System, Ambassador Khalil Yaqoub Al-Khayat.

The second session discussed "strengthening bilateral and international relations" with the attendance of the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for International Affairs,

Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, and the Assistant Undersecretary for Western Countries & Afro-Asian Affairs, Ambassador Tawfeeq Ahmed Al Mansoor, while the third session revolved around "the challenges and visions of the future of the Middle East", with the attendance of the Assistant Foreign Minister, Abdulla bin Faisal bin Jabur Al Doseri, the Undersecretary of Regional & GCC Affairs, Ambassador Waheed Mubarak Sayyar, and the Assistant Undersecretary for GCC and Arab Countries Affairs, Ambassador Yusuf Mohamed Abdulla Jameel.

Executive-legislature co-operation stressed

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Speaker of the Council of Representatives, Fawzia Zainal, has lauded the positive Executive-Legislature co-operation which enjoys the great interest of the government, led by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

The co-operation between the two branches is based on mutual trust and respect, as well as national responsibility of the two sides to consolidate

the democratic process in order to attain more achievements for Bahrain and its people, she observed.

This came as she met yesterday the Deputy Premier and Chairman of the government's delegation to the committee in charge of studying the Government Action Plan 2019-2022, Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, along with Parliament Affairs Minister, Ghanim bin Fadhul Al Buainain.

The speaker affirmed her confidence in the govern-

ment's positive response to all the issues raised by MPs regarding topics related to the citizens' needs and aimed at serving the kingdom's development march.

She stressed that cooperation between the two branches always aims to serve the interests of the nation and the citizens, in line with the vision and democratic approach stipulated in the Reform Project spearheaded by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Bahraini fined BD50 for attacking wife's mother

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The Lower Criminal Court has fined a Bahraini man BD50 for attacking wife's mother and relative.

The man pleaded not guilty in court stating that the mother-in-law and relative were targeting him and attempting to destroy his marital life.

According to court details, the man became upset after his wife went to meet her relative without seeking his permission.

"He followed her to the rel-

ative's house, manhandled and stripped her in front of the rel-



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atives. Subsequently, the wife filed a divorce as well as a police complaint against her husband."

Upon interrogation, the man told prosecutors that he loved his wife and they had no differences. "She gave me a kiss in the morning before I left home. How can she file for a divorce in the afternoon?"

He alleged that it was his mother-in-law who was fuelling his wife to get separated.

His innocence plea was rejected by the court, which fined him BD50.

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