



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received at Sakhir Palace yesterday the Very Reverend Christopher Butt, Dean of St Christopher's Cathedral, and the UK Ambassador to Bahrain Simon Martin, marking the end of the Very Rev Chris Butt's tenure in Bahrain. HM the King welcomed Bishop Christopher Butt, lauding his efforts and contribution to humanitarian fields and praising the role of St Christopher's Cathedral and other churches in Bahrain in promoting religious tolerance and coexistence. He also praised strong historical relations between Bahrain and the United Kingdom and their perpetual growth at all levels.



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received at his palace in Riffa yesterday a commercial delegation from Thailand comprising representatives of major specialised companies in many trade activities. He stressed Bahrain's keenness to boost co-operation with Thailand by maximising ways of benefiting from the investment opportunities in both countries. He added that strong and deep-rooted historic relations between both countries are based on mutual understanding and a desire to bolster co-operation to serve common interests.



HRH the Premier yesterday received, at the Gudaibiya Palace, the UAE Ambassador to Bahrain, Shaikh Sultan bin Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, with whom he discussed the distinguished co-operation relations between the two brotherly countries, and ways to bolster them in various fields. The Prime Minister affirmed the Kingdom's constant keenness to strengthen its co-operation with the UAE through creating new fields that would enhance it so that it would serve common interests better. HRH the Premier lauded the UAE's supportive stances towards the Kingdom, noting that they reflect its full belief in the two countries' common goals and destiny.

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On behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday attended the reception marking the 93rd birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. During the event, HH Shaikh Mohammed delivered a speech in which he extended his best wishes to HM the Queen on the occasion of HM's 93rd birthday, noting that HM the Queen remains a symbol of stability in a time of change. HH Shaikh Mohammed went on to highlight the virtues that HM King Hamad and HM the Queen share, particularly the virtue of respect for different points of views and a joint commitment to seeking common ground.



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa deputised Shaikh Khalifa bin Rashid Al Khalifa and Southern Governor His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa to attend a reception hosted by British Ambassador Simon Martin marking the 93rd birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The event, which was held at the British Embassy's headquarters was also attended by senior officials, members of Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Kingdom of Bahrain and invitees. British Ambassador Simon Martin expressed deepest thanks to HRH the Premier for his support and keen interest in developing the longstanding partnership between the United Kingdom and Bahrain.



Ramesh, Managing Director of Techmaaxx Projects and Services WLL, which is a pioneering firm in solar projects, yesterday held discussions with Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr Abdullhussain Mirza on the sidelines of First Annual International Sustainable Energy Event at the Gulf Convention Centre. In the picture, Mr Ramesh, extreme right, and his Malaysian counterparts with Dr Mirza.