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HM King to join Board of Peace

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has accepted an invitation from the US President Donald Trump to join the Board of Peace, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has announced.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the Kingdom of Bahrain's decision reflects its commitment to support the full implementation of President Trump's 20-point peace plan for the Gaza Strip, considering the importance of the plan for protecting the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

The ministry also expressed HM the King's appreciation for the US President's efforts to achieve sustainable peace in the region and the world.

It expressed hope the Board of Peace will achieve its goals of promoting cooperation, supporting stability, and achieving development and prosperity for all.

Bahrain condoles with Pakistan

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed the Kingdom of Bahrain's sympathy and solidarity with Pakistan following a fire at a shopping center in the southern city of Karachi, which resulted in multiple deaths, injuries, and missing persons.

It conveyed Bahrain's sincere condolences to the government and people of Pakistan, as well as to the families and relatives of the victims.

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His Majesty welcomes four new ambassadors to Kingdom

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa welcomed the four new ambassadors and praised the strong relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and their countries, noting the progress achieved in various domains.

He received the credentials of newly appointed ambassadors to the Kingdom during a ceremony held at Sakhir Palace.

The ambassadors are H.E. Hadi Hachem, Ambassador of the Republic of Lebanon; Nasser Abdullah Hassan Al Nasser, Ambassador of the State of Qatar; H.E. Gines Jaime Gallaga, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines; and H.E. Stephanie Hallett, Ambassador of the US.

Success

His Majesty wished them success in their diplomatic missions to further develop relations and cooperation with the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The ambassadors extended the greetings and wishes of their heads of state to HM the King and for further progress and prosperity to the Kingdom and its people.

They expressed appreciation for the strong relations their countries enjoy with Bahrain across all sectors.

Officials

Attending the ceremony were His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Personal Representative of His



HM the King receives the credentials of H.E. Lebanon Ambassador Hadi Hachem (top); H.E. US Ambassador Stephanie Hallett (left); H.E. Qatar Ambassador Nasser Abdullah Hassan Al Nasser (right); and H.E. Philippines Ambassador Gines Jaime Gallaga (bottom)



HM the King wished the new ambassadors success in their diplomatic missions to enhance relations and cooperation with the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Majesty the King; His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His



Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and National Security Advisor; H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of the Royal Court; H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs; and H.E. Major General Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Fadhala, the Chief of Royal Protocol.

The ambassadors had earlier arrived separately at Sakhir Palace, where they were received by the Chief of Royal Protocol and accorded the customary formalities for such occasions.

Economic pillars

Over half a million expatriates hold valid work permits in private sector

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The Ministry of Labour says 505,998 expat workers are employed in Bahrain's private sector under valid work permits, according to a written reply to MP Mohammed Al Rifai.

The ministry said employers in the commercial sector use 2,582 job titles for expat staff, while the domestic work sector uses 13.

A sector breakdown showed the largest share in wholesale and retail trade and the repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, with 124,503 workers.

Construction employed 118,666, followed by accommodation and food services on 63,881.

Manufacturing accounted for 54,022 expat workers, administrative and support services for

40,104, and professional, scientific and technical activities for 26,441.

Activities

The ministry said 18,101 expat workers were employed in personal services and repair activities, and 17,815 in transport and storage. Real estate activities employed 9,199 workers, while education accounted for 7,573.

Financial and insurance activities employed 6,413, and information and communications 6,302.

Human health and social work activities employed 3,684 expat workers, the ministry said, while 3,428 worked in water supply, sewerage and waste management, and 3,038 in agriculture, fishing and forestry. Mining and quarrying employed 1,507 workers, and arts, entertainment and recreation 1,170.

Electricity, gas, steam and air



MP Mohammed Al Rifai

conditioning supply accounted for 151.

Tenure

On job tenure, the ministry said 152,106 expat workers in the commercial sector had remained with the same employer for more than five years.

It also gave figures for expat workers whose permits had expired but who had not left

The Ministry of Labour continues to work with relevant bodies on measures aimed at giving Bahrainis priority in employment and supporting balance and sustainability in the labour market.

Bahrain up to October 2025, saying 11,437 were classed as commercial workers and 5,748 as domestic workers.

Where an employer applies for a permit to recruit an expat worker from outside Bahrain, the ministry said approval is delayed for 21 days.

During that period, the employer must advertise the vacancy in local newspapers for

seven days and interview Bahraini candidates.

Advertisements

The ministry said the newspaper advertisements are published in Arabic to reach Bahrainis seeking work.

It added that it works with training bodies on initiatives to keep training and skills-building in step with labour market needs, and that it contacts employers to promote the hiring of Bahraini jobseekers.

Where an employer agrees to hire Bahrainis and the post is suitable, the ministry said the vacancy is posted on the National Employment Platform to allow jobseekers to apply, as it continues work with relevant bodies on measures aimed at giving Bahrainis priority in employment and supporting balance and sustainability in the labour market.