

‘A key milestone in Bahraini-Indian relations’

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Prominent businessmen in the Kingdom have welcomed the visit of

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the Kingdom. They said the visit will have a positive impact on the economies of both nations. Trade is expected

to top the agenda as the Kingdom is all set to welcome Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. During his visit, the Indian Prime Minister will hold talks

with His Majesty, HRH the Premier, HRH the Crown Prince and other senior government officials.

Indian Ambassador Alok Kumar

Sinha told media yesterday that preparations are in full swing to organise one of the largest gatherings of the Indian diaspora in the Kingdom.

In a message to Tribune, Yusuffali MA, Chairman and Managing Director, LuLu Group said: “The state visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the Kingdom of Bahrain is the first by an Indian Prime Minister. As such, this is a milestone in Bahraini-Indian relations. It shows the deepening ties between both nations and underscores the significance of Bahrain in India’s West Asia policy.

“For the nearly 400,000 Indian diaspora on the Kingdom of Bahrain, which has contributed so richly to the growth of modern Bahrain, this is a crowning moment, and an honour and celebration of ties between India and this most harmonious, peaceful, prosperous and tolerant countries in the world.

“Bahrain and India are re-casting their millennia-old relations and besides a vibrant trade platform. I believe that the growth of India-Bahrain bilateral trade for the year 2018-19 has touched USD1.282 billion, registering an increase of almost 30 per cent over the previous year and India has become the fifth largest trading partner of Bahrain.

“As of March 2018, India’s total capital investment into Bahrain has been estimated at approximately US\$ 1.69 billion. Of this, we at the Lulu Group are particularly proud of our growing contribution of nearly US\$300 million in the Kingdom.”



Mr Yusuffali

Explaining further, Mr Yusuffali said: “As India is marching towards its ambitious goal of becoming a five trillion economy, the Kingdom of Bahrain too will undoubtedly will play a key role in this thanks to already existing trade ties, close proximity, large Indian diaspora and above all the personal and warm friendship between great leadership of both nations.”



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MR AL ZAYANI

Khalid Rashid Al Zayani, BCCI Board member and Honorary Chairman of Al Zayani Investments, said the relationship between India and Bahrain is so old and valued.

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Excellent ties

Echoing a similar view, Dr B R Shetty, Founder and Chairman of NMC Healthcare, Finabl, BRS Ventures and Neopharma, said: “India has excellent ties with the entire GCC region. India is now being led by a visionary leader like Shri Narendra Modiji. I am confident that our already existing relations of trade, brotherhood and culture is only going to be deepened. We can positively look forward to prosperous times ahead.”



Dr Shetty

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University College of Bahrain Founder and Chairman Shaikh Khalid bin Mohamed Al Khalifa said the relation between the Kingdom and India goes beyond hundreds of years.

“Indian community in Bahrain has contributed to Bahrain’s economy and still plays a vital role as a

major work force. India is one of the largest importers of Arabian oil and thus a strategic business partner.

“Education system In India has a history of 5000 years. The quality of Indian manpower is an evidence for their quality of education. Indian higher education system can play a big role in the coming days in the Kingdom of Bahrain.”

Green technology meet



The Arabian Gulf University participated in two top level meetings organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) Technology Centre for Development in the Jordanian capital Amman. The meetings aimed to discuss the methods of utilising green technology and the investment required to implement the twelfth goal of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which targets “Sustainable Consumption and Productivity”.

Trio accused of murder over financial dispute

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Three Asians allegedly murdered another Asian by hitting him with rocks and hammer following a financial dispute, it was revealed.

The trio are said to have lured their victim to a remote area, where they pounced on him and ended his life before robbing his money and mobile phone.

They were later arrested after investigations confirmed their in-

volvement in the case.

It was said that the victim had received BD1,000 and BD1,500 from two of the accused to bring them to the Kingdom and get them work permits valid for two years each.

However, the duo found out that their work visas were for only one year each.

Angered over the fraud, the duo along with a third friend, a co-defendant in the crime, planned to murder him, although the third

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THIRD DEFENDANT

man denied he was aware of their intention to murder the victim.

He revealed to prosecutors that he was asked to participate in attacking the victim and that he didn’t have any issues with the victim.

“I didn’t know that they wanted to kill him. I was asked to call him and lure him to a deserted place in Daih that night.

“I told him I had some work in the area and I needed him to come to discuss them with me,” the third defendant told prosecutors.

When the victim arrived, the third defendant spoke with him, while the other two were watching closely the conversation.

And they later pounced on him, beating him with rocks and a hammer until he died.

“I crashed his head with a rock. We later stole his mobile phone and cash and we fled,” he added.

The trio have been charged with premeditated murder. They are standing trial before the High Criminal Court.

Asian jailed for attacking police officer

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The High Criminal Court sentenced an Asian man to three years behind bars for attacking a police officer with a plank.

The defendant is said to have been on the wanted list of the police for committing an unstated offence.

The victim and another police officer were assigned to search for wanted men and he detected the defendant.

“We ordered him to present his CPR and he gave it to us without causing any problems. As soon as he knew that he was wanted, he resisted and then picked up a plank and he hit my arms,” the victim told prosecutors.

“My colleague tried to arrest him, but he fled,” he added.

The report of the doctor who examined the victim revealed that he suffered torn muscles and wounds in his left and right arms.

The defendant is yet to be caught and he was sentenced in absentia. He was ordered to be deported once he completes his jail time.

Nine men formed cell to fund terrorism

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Nine Bahraini men formed a cell to collect money purposely to fund terrorist groups, the High Criminal Court heard.

The defendants landed in the police net after investigations uncovered that the first defendant was a member of a dissolved society that was raising funds and later distributing them to terrorists.

And he was helped by some of his co-suspects. The first defendant was arrested in a secret operation and he revealed he gave BD30-BD60 to the family of the fourth defendant and BD300 to the family of the ninth defendant, both

of whom were wanted in connection with security cases.

The second defendant confirmed to prosecutors that he was wanted to serve 11 year’s imprisonment and he requested money from the first defendant.