

Kingdom's anti-chemical weapon stance stressed

Key meetings put spotlight on Kingdom's existing co-operation levels with AAEA, IAEA



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Vienna

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Head of the National Committee on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and their Destruction, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa and her accompanying delegation met Director General of the Arab Atomic Energy Agency (AAEA) Hamdi Salem.

The meeting comes on the sidelines of the participation of the Kingdom of Bahrain's delegation in the activities of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), currently held in Vienna.

Dr Shaikh Rana praised the existing co-operation between the Kingdom and the AAEA, reviewing ways of developing bilateral relations and emphasising the importance of supporting scientific researches in

the field, topped by support for the Arab Strategy for Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy.

Dr Hamdi, in his turn, appreciated the good efforts made by the National Committee, headed by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in banning the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons and their destruction, asserting AAEA keenness on cooperating with the Kingdom of Bahrain and the world.

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Separately, the delegation of the Kingdom to the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) met with Jane Gerardo-Abaya, Director of Technical Co-operation for Asia and the Pacific, on the sidelines of the Annual Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference in Vienna.



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The delegation of the Kingdom expressed its pride to meet Professor Abaya and extended to her sincere congratulations on her recent appointment as Director of the Technical Co-operation Division for Asia and the Pacific at the IAEA, wishing her every success in her duties.

The delegation commended the great efforts of the Techni-

cal Co-operation Department and its outstanding provision of support to member states to enable them to benefit from the advanced technical sciences and comprehensive scientific and technical training to ensure peaceful use of nuclear energy.

They stressed the need to increase the volume of bilateral co-operation between the Kingdom and the IAEA in all matters that would accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030, welcoming all aspects of co-operation with the technical team.

For her part, Professor Abaya appreciated the Kingdom's continued keenness on supporting the IAEA to carry out its tasks and responsibilities, wishing the Kingdom of Bahrain constant progress and prosperity.

The meeting also discussed a number of issues related to peaceful use of nuclear energy and all aspects of enhancing co-operation between the Kingdom and the IAEA.

'Insurance comparison to benefit customers'

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Souqalmal.com, the region's leading personal finance comparison platform has officially launched operations in Bahrain.

The company's innovative car insurance comparison platform is now open to the residents of Bahrain.

An unmatched level of transparency, side-by-side comparison of multiple products, quickly generated quotes, easy application process and secure online payments – are sure to add the 'wow' factor to an otherwise tedious car insurance purchase, the company said in a statement issued.

To truly deliver great value to customers, Souqalmal.com has currently partnered with six of the biggest and most credible insurance companies in Bahrain, with many others to come on-board soon, it added.

Souqalmal.com Founder and CEO, Ambareen Musa: "At Souqalmal.com, we aim to provide our users with the best deals on car insurance from the most reliable providers.

"So it made perfect sense for us to partner with leading insurance companies that prioritise the same values as us - customer focus, innovation,



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and service excellence."

Souqalmal.com is also going one step further by bringing its widely popular financial education initiative to Bahrain.

The team's ongoing efforts in promoting financial awareness have made Souqalmal.com a trusted brand and household name in the region, the company pointed out.

"With the launch in Bahrain, the aggregator is committed towards simplifying insurance and demystifying the jargon surrounding it.

"Eventually, it is customers that stand to benefit from the introduction of insurance aggregation in Bahrain.

"Comparing all options before buying is undoubtedly the most effective and practical way to choose an insurance policy that suits one's budget and specific requirements."

MoU signed in support of Palestinians

Geneva

Saudi Arabia and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) signed a memorandum of understanding in support of the Palestinian people.

The Kingdom's permanent representative to the United Nations in Geneva Dr Abdulaziz Al Wasel, the secretary general of UNCTAD Dr Mukhisa Kituyi and head of the department of support for the Palestinian people at UNCTAD Dr. Mahmoud Al Khafif at-

tended the signing ceremony.

Kituyi thanked the Kingdom for its support for the Palestinian people and its continuing partnership with UNCTAD, Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported.

Dr Al Wasel confirmed Saudi Arabia's firm stance on the side of the Palestinian people, noting that the Palestinian cause is a priority for the Kingdom, lauding UNCTAD's position towards the Palestinian people and hoping for more cooperation between the two sides.

Saudi justice ministry launches 15 new e-services



Dr Al Samaani chairs the meeting.

The ministry said the new services aim at expediting and automating the procedures and saving beneficiaries effort, time and money.

Riyadh

Saudi Justice Minister Dr Walid Al Samaani has ordered the launching of a package of development ser-

vices in the enforcement sector, aiming at facilitating the procedures for beneficiaries.

The new services target both the claimant (or the claimant's representative) and the defendant, where the application is referred to the enforcement panel and treated without the need to visit the enforcement courts and panels.

The ministry said the enforcement sector includes several services' development programmes that aim at finding innovative technical solutions and promoting the digital capacities of enforce-

ment courts, to help beneficiaries and facilitate their procedures.

These development programmes are in line with the ministry's systematic move towards digital transformation.

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The package includes several services, such as informing the defendant of the enforcement order against them and the issuance of visit, custody and eviction orders.

UN urged to condemn 'Iranian behaviour'

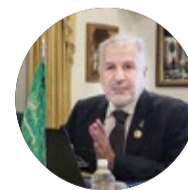
Chicago

The head of the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSRelief) called on the UN to pass a resolution condemning the Iranian government for its support of a wave of violence by the Houthis against civilian targets in Yemen.

Dr Abdullah Al Rabeeah said the violence is having a "significant negative impact" on the people of Yemen and on the humanitarian aid effort led by the Saudi government.

Referring to the recent drone strikes against the Aramco fields in Saudi Arabia that sent a shockwave through the oil industry and spiked oil and gasoline prices around the world, Al Rabeeah said it was obvious the Houthis are not capable of mounting such high-tech strikes.

"The initial info indicates that the incident is an Iranian-made attack. We feel there is a need for an investigation by



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the UN," Al Rabeeah said. "Iran is behind many attacks against the region. The UN should take action. There should be a resolution against Iran. The in-

volvement of the UN delivers a message."

Although he said that the attack is still under investigation, he said that "drones are a technology that the Houthis do not have ... the technology is beyond the abilities of the Houthis. There must be a country behind it."

During a press briefing at the Saudi Embassy in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, Al Rabeeah said as many as 20 humanitarian aid workers funded by a coalition of 80 nations led by Saudi Arabia have been injured or targeted.

He said providing humanitarian aid to the people of Yemen faces many challenges, including the targeting of women and the recruitment of children by the Iranian-backed Houthi militias.

"There is a need for the international community to unify and have the political will to fight any violations against humanitarian support," Al Rabeeah said.