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Bahrain, UN Discuss Challenges



Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani met United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on the sidelines of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The meeting reviewed Bahrain-cooperation, regional developments and challenges, including disruptions to maritime navigation in the Strait of Hormuz and Bab Al Mandab. The two sides also discussed issues on the UN General Assembly agenda and exchanged views on matters of mutual interest.

Bahrain-EU Dialogue Expands Across Trade and Security

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Senior Bahraini officials held separate meetings with European Parliament delegation, discussing Bahrain-EU relations, economic cooperation, parliamentary ties and regional developments.

The delegation, led by Reinhold Lopatka, Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the Arab Peninsula, met with His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Deputy King, at Riffa Palace.

HRH Prince Salman affirmed Bahrain's commitment to strengthening its partnership with the European Union in line with the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. He highlighted the longstanding relationship between Bahrain and the EU and its contribution to cooperation across several sectors.

Discussions covered ways to expand bilateral coordination, with particular emphasis on economic, trade and investment cooperation. HRH Prince Salman also highlighted the EU's role, alongside its partners, in supporting regional security and stability.

Separately, Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, Speaker of the Council of Representatives,

received the delegation and reviewed opportunities to deepen cooperation between Bahrain and EU countries.

The meeting also addressed regional security developments and international navigation. Al Musallam commended the EU's support for Bahrain and GCC states in condemning Iranian attacks and its diplomatic efforts concerning the Strait of Hormuz, international trade and energy security.

He stressed the importance of respecting state sovereignty, pursuing disputes through legal channels and ensuring accountability for attacks.



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The meeting examined developments in the Middle East and their implications for regional security, international navigation and the global economy, including concerns over attacks

on Bahrain's civil and vital facilities. Al Saleh emphasised the importance of parliamentary dialogue and joint efforts to support peace, stability and international cooperation.

Arab Parliamentarians Back Bahrain Maritime Proposal

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The Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union's Executive Committee has unanimously backed a Bahrain proposal to place freedom of navigation through international waterways and straits on the agenda of the upcoming 153rd General Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

The proposal was approved during the 43rd meeting of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union Executive Committee in Cairo, attended by Bahrain's parliamentary delegation led by MP Ahmed Abdulwahid Qarata, Second Deputy Speaker of the Council of Repre-



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sentatives. The proposal, submitted on behalf of the Arab Group, calls for an emergency agenda item addressing the need to safeguard maritime navigation and the flow of trade through international maritime corridors and straits,

while condemning armed acts targeting or disrupting them.

Qarata said the proposal reflects Bahrain's commitment to protecting the safety and security of international maritime navigation and ensuring the uninterrupted movement of trade through key maritime routes.

He stressed the importance of respecting international laws and conventions governing maritime navigation and strengthening international cooperation to protect the security and stability of vital waterways.

Qarata also highlighted the role of parliaments in supporting international efforts to promote

security and peace.

The meeting, chaired by Sheikh Dr. Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al-Alsheikh, Speaker of the Shura Council of Saudi Arabia, also reviewed financial and administrative matters concerning the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Discussions included a report by the Interim Financial Committee on financial auditing and oversight regulations, along with criteria for appointing an internal auditor and legal accountant.

The committee also reviewed measures to address the Union's financial position and diversify its income sources, as well as a Gen-

HM King Sends Congratulations



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable of congratulations to Armenian President Vahagn Khachatryan on the occasion of Armenia's Independence Day.

His Majesty also sent a congratulatory message to Belize Governor-General Froyla Tzalam on her country's Independence Day. He received a cable of thanks from Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in response to his congratulations on Uzbekistan's Independence Day.

Housing Ministry Certified



Health Minister Dr. Jalila bint Al Sayyed Jawad Hassan presented Housing and Urban Planning Minister Amna bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi with the ministry's accreditation under the Healthy Lifestyle-Enhancing Workplaces Programme after it met the requirements for the Diamond level.

The Health Ministry praised the Housing Ministry's focus on employee health and safety. The programme promotes healthy lifestyles through initiatives covering proper nutrition, physical activity, smoking prevention, mental health and occupational health.

Space Agency Presents Research



Researchers from the Bahrain Space Agency participated in the SPIE Sensors + Imaging conference in Scotland, presenting two research papers on artificial intelligence and Earth observation technologies.

The participation formed part of a joint research programme between the Bahrain Space Agency and the University of Strathclyde focused on environmental and infrastructure monitoring in the Gulf using remote sensing and artificial intelligence. One study examined the monitoring of temporary water bodies formed by rainfall in extremely arid coastal environments.