

Bahrain-US Relations Advance



HRH the Deputy King, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, received US Ambassador Stephanie L. Hallett at Riffa Palace. HRH Prince Salman highlighted the continued growth of Bahrain-US ties and the importance of strengthening cooperation under the C-SIPA agreement. They also discussed regional and international developments and issues of mutual interest. Senior officials attended.

Chinese Ambassador Bids Farewell



HRH the Deputy King, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, received outgoing Chinese Ambassador Ni Ruchi and highlighted the longstanding Bahrain-China relationship. The meeting also covered issues of mutual interest and regional and international developments. Senior officials attended.

Cash rewards proposed for recycling

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People need a reason to recycle, not simply another bin, Southern Municipal Council Chairman Abdulla Abdul Latif has said as he called for cash rewards and easier collection.

A proposal has already been submitted for a German-style bottle return scheme, under which people would get money back when they hand in empty bottles.

‘People should get something back when they recycle,’ Abdul Latif said. MP Hassan Ebrahim told The Daily Tribune that Bahrain also needed to make recycling easier to reach and worth the effort.

‘Our strategy therefore needs to move from simply telling people to recycle towards making recycling easy, convenient and rewarding,’ he said.

Abdul Latif said many recycling bins had small, awkward openings that forced people to



He said people were less likely to recycle when doing so took extra effort and offered them nothing in return. A local supermarket had previously tested a reward scheme for recycling, he said. ‘The experiment was tried for a period and the results were very good,’ he said. ‘The municipality benefits and the citizen benefits.’

Ebrahim called for home or neighbourhood collection so families could separate recyclable waste without having to search for a recycling point.

Reverse-vending machines could also be placed in supermarkets, malls, universities and sports grounds, allowing people to return bottles and cans for points, discounts or another reward.

Like Abdul Latif, Ebrahim said Bahrain should study a deposit-return scheme for drinks containers, with people getting back a small sum when they return an empty bottle or can.

He also said recycling should be taught from an early age, with pupils introduced at school to why it matters and how it should become part of everyday life.

‘These are useful projects and the government has to support them,’ he said. ‘We need the ministries concerned to help such ideas grow and become part of how we deal with waste.’

He said recycling would work better when bins were easy to use, collection was closer to homes and bottles, cans and other useful material had some value instead of being thrown into the rubbish.



time feeding bottles and other items through separately.

‘You bring a bag full of bottles and then you are expected to open it and put every bottle in separately,’ Mr Abdul Latif told The Daily Tribune. ‘Why make things hard for people? Give them an open container where they can put the recyclable material in easily.’

Bahrain already has 300 recycling centres across all four governorates.

The Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture said in December 2025 that the 300 centres had been placed across the country, with separate containers for paper and cardboard, plastic, glass and metals.

From January through October 2025, they collected 279 tonnes of recyclable material.

Paper and cardboard made up 209 tonnes, while plastic and glass each came to 28 tonnes and metals to 14 tonnes.

Abdul Latif said the problem now was getting people to use the centres regularly.

Lawmakers urge peaceful settlement of disputes

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Lawmakers say disputes should be settled through dialogue and international law, arguing that peace is key to security, growth and social stability.

Shura Council member Adel Al Assoomi, Parliament Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee chairman Dr Hassan Bukhammas and MP Khalid BuAnaq make the call as Bahrain marks International Day of Peace.

‘Peace is the civilised choice and the way to achieve security, stability and sustainable development,’ Mr Al Assoomi says.

He pointed to Bahrain’s hosting of interfaith and intercultural talks, the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence and programmes aimed at encouraging tolerance, moderation and respect for diversity.

Mr Al Assoomi credited His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa with making coexistence and tolerance part of Bahrain’s national policy, with support from His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He also praised the Foreign Ministry’s work at regional and international forums and the role of parliamentary diplomacy in making Bahrain’s case for peace and dialogue abroad.

Dr Bukhammas says Bah-



rain favours the peaceful settlement of disputes, respect for state sovereignty and non-interference in domestic affairs.

He cited the Kingdom of Bahrain Declaration, calls for dialogue between followers of different religions and sects, and Bahrain’s hosting of dialogue forums.

‘Bahrain continues to call for peaceful solutions, respect for the sovereignty of states and non-interference in their internal affairs, while supporting UN and regional efforts aimed at security for all,’ he says.

Dr Bukhammas says MPs support laws and policies that encourage peace and tolerance at home and reject violence, hatred and discrimination.

He says Bahrain’s long his-

tory of coexistence among its communities is something that should be preserved.

‘The conflicts and crises facing the world today show that peace remains the only sustainable choice,’ he says.

Mr BuAnaq said there can be no development without security, no prosperity without understanding and no progress without dialogue based on respect for others.

He pointed to Bahrain’s interfaith and intercultural work, the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence and programmes promoting moderation and tolerance.

Mr BuAnaq also praised the Foreign Ministry and Bahrain’s parliamentary diplomacy for working with parliaments overseas on peace and security.

The Little Teacher Who Speaks With Her Hands

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Her father is deaf, so she learned to communicate with him through signs from an early age. What started as a way to speak with her father soon became something she wanted to share with others.

At school, Munira began teaching her classmates basic sign language, demonstrating signs and helping them understand how to communicate without spoken words. Her initiative quickly earned her a special place among her classmates, who began calling her the ‘little teacher.’

She later extended the lessons to her teachers, sharing the language she had learned at home and helping them communicate more easily with peo-



ple who use sign language.

For Munira, learning sign language was not about overcoming a difficulty linked to her father’s deafness. It was simply learning the language her family used to communicate.

Her initiative has since become one of the projects emerging from government schools

through cooperation between schools and parents, with support from the Ministry of Education.

Through a skill she first learned to communicate with her father, Munira has helped give her classmates and teachers another way to connect with people who use sign language.

Ministry Orders Dissolution of Inactive Groups

Ministry of Social Development has ordered the compulsory dissolution of several registered civil society organisations that had remained inactive for extended periods.

The move follows a review of organisations that had stopped their activities and were unable to hold general assemblies for lengthy periods, the ministry said.

Before taking action, the ministry gave the organisations an opportunity to regularise their status. They were invited to contact the Civil Society Organisations Support Directorate, update their records and complete the required legal and



regulatory procedures.

Several organisations responded and began correcting their status and fulfilling the necessary requirements. Others, however, remained inactive and failed to respond after the deadline expired.

Minister of Social Development Osama bin Saleh Al Alawi issued Ministerial Decision (57) of 2026 ordering the compulsory dissolution of the organisations covered by the completed

review process.

The ministry said the review of inactive organisations will continue, with further action to be taken where necessary in line with applicable laws and regulations.

It will also begin liquidation procedures for the organisations covered by the decision and complete all legal requirements arising from their dissolution.

The ministry said the measures aim to improve the efficiency and organisation of Bahrain’s civil society sector and ensure that registered organisations remain active and fulfil the roles and objectives for which they were established.