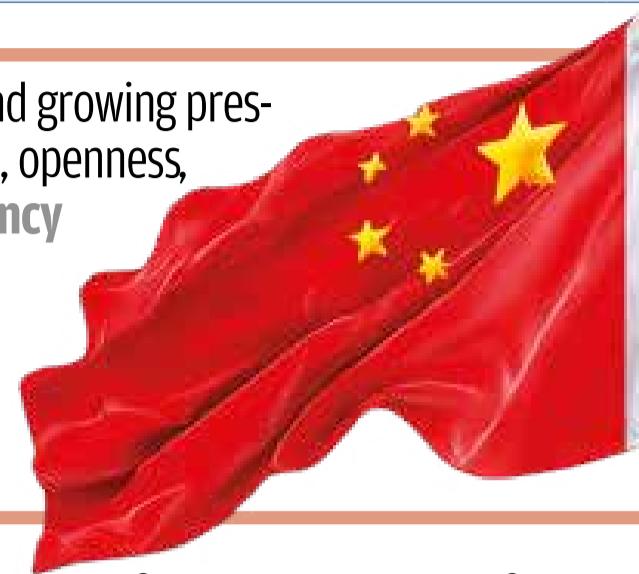


His Excellency Mr. Ni Ruchi, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Bahrain

As 2026 sharpens the realities of a multipolar world amid conflict, protectionism, and growing pressure on global rules, China positions itself as an anchor for stability through dialogue, openness, and reform of global governance. In conversation with **Mahir Haneef, His Excellency Mr. Ni Ruchi, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Bahrain**, outlines China's priorities for the year ahead - from strengthening major-country relations and supporting the Global South to advancing China-Arab cooperation and pursuing deeper engagement with GCC partners.



Opening up New Horizons for Major-Country Diplomacy with Chinese Characteristics at a Crucial Historical Juncture

The year 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the victory of the World Anti-Fascist War and the founding of the United Nations. In 2025, China acted as an anchor for stability, taking concrete steps to foster a new type of major-country relations, promoting dialogue and peace for the deescalation of hotspot issues, fulfilling its responsibility as a major country for world peace.

China acted as a defining force.

President Xi Jinping proposed the Global Governance Initiative (GGI), advocating five major propositions, i.e., sovereign equality, international rule of law, multilateralism, a people-centered approach, and real actions. The GGI gained immediate endorsement and support from over 150 countries and international organizations. The fourth plenary session of the 20th CPC Central Committee adopted the recommendations for China's 15th five-year plan for economic and social development, laying out the plan along the central theme of building a community with a shared future for humanity.

China acted as a main engine.

China has continued to contribute around 30% of world economic growth, higher than G7 combined. We developed five cooperation

frameworks with Arab states, and successfully held the first ASEAN-China-GCC Summit. To date, unilateral visa waiver is extended to 48 countries including Bahrain. In 2025, more than 6500 Bahraini citizens visited China, increasing by 80%. China acted as a steady force.

The Palestinian question must not be sidelined again.

The principle of "Palestinian people owning and governing Palestine" must be upheld, and the two-State solution remains the only right choice for a comprehensive, just and lasting solution to the Palestinian question. Tariff and trade wars hurt the legitimate rights and interests of countries around the world, and undermine the multilateral trading system. We have stood up to such practices in de-

fense of international fairness and justice.

In 2026, China will blaze new trails in forging a new type of major-country relations, which is characterized by peaceful coexistence, overall stability and balanced development. China will foster greater synergy for global peace and stability, actively mediate and cool down

hotspot issues to restore stability, host the second China-Arab States Summit, and accelerate the negotiations on a China-GCC Free Trade Agreement.

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China will make greater contributions to reforming and improving global governance. To build a community with a shared future is a noble goal of China's diplomacy. President Xi Jinping has put forward four major initiatives, namely, the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative, the Global Civilization Initiative and the Global Governance Initiative, calling for an equal and orderly multipolar world and a universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization. This provides strategic guidance for building a more just and equitable global governance system.

Together with like-minded countries like Bahrain, and upon Bahrain's term as the non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, we will practice true multilateralism and remain a steadfast defender and contributor to the current international system.

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BRCS donation for Sudan

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The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) has announced a donation of \$100,000 to the Sudanese Red Crescent Society, as part of its ongoing international humanitarian and relief efforts.

The donation will be allocated directly toward the procurement of specialized equipment to combat epidemics in areas experiencing a significant spread of diseases among local communities as a result of environmental pollution.

Such conditions represent some of the most pressing public health challenges facing several regions in Sudan.

This support aims to strengthen health response capacities, contribute to curbing the spread of diseases, and protect the most vulnerable groups, particularly children and the elderly.

Deadly risks of gas leaks

Explosions, fires on the rise

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Gas leaks claim lives every year, injure many people, and have caused building collapses and fires.

Despite the severe risks, the issue is often overlooked.

Some gas-related accidents in recent years highlight these serious risks.

Injuries

For example, in 2024, a gas cylinder exploded in a Muharraq apartment, causing minor injuries to the owner and three children. The following year, a similar incident in Arad, east of Muharraq, led to a building collapse, killing one person and injuring four others.

These examples underscore



Deadly gas cylinder explosion in Arad leads to one death and four injuries, 2025



Minor injuries reported after a gas cylinder explosion in Muharraq, 2024



He outlined the main causes



of gas leaks and explained how to prevent them through four simple tips, which should be explained, taught, and practised by all household members to avoid similar incidents each year.

Col Dr Bahar warned that gas cylinders must be placed in an open, shaded area, away from any electrical switches or appliances, as even a small spark could trigger an explosion.

Advisory

It is always advised not to touch any electrical equipment if gas is detected, as turning devices or lights on or off can generate invisible sparks strong enough to ignite accumulated gas.

Even a small flame, such as from a lighter or match, can ignite leaking gas by providing enough heat to start combustion.

Col Dr Bahar also highlighted the extreme importance of ventilation and exhaust fans, which help reduce the risk of gas accumulation, especially above the stove.

Regarding maintenance, he advised: "Do not hesitate to protect your home and your children by performing regular maintenance on the connections between the cylinder and the stove, which can be affected by heat and humidity."