

Cabinet reiterates support for Palestinian cause



HRH the Premier

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The Cabinet session, chaired by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, yesterday welcomed the resolutions supporting Palestinian people that were adopted by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held in Istanbul.

The resolutions included the call for forming an independent international fact-finding committee of experts to investigate into Israeli crimes against protestors in Gaza, in addition to a call to send an international force to protect the Palestinians.

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with East Jerusalem as its capital, emphasising the need to exert all efforts and to take all measures to ensure the protection of the Palestinians from the aggression of the Israeli forces.

In another development, the session endorsed a draft-law which inflicts a jail term not exceeding 10 years and a fine on those who manufacture ex-

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per cent of the action plan regarding National Childhood Strategy has been achieved, the Cabinet heard.

plosive materials, a jail term of no more than eight years on whoever distributes them or uses them. Life in jail or a term of at least 10 years will be handed over to the accused if the use of such materials has led to a permanent disability, while death penalty is the punishment if their use has resulted in the death of a person.

The session also approved the

accession of the kingdom, represented by the Supreme Council for Environment, to the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), and the Global Environment Fund (GEF).

Among other things, it followed up on the implementation of the action plan of the National Childhood Strategy 2013-2017.

A presentation by the Labour and Social Development Minister showed that 79 per cent of the action plan of the strategy had been achieved through the mechanisms and initiatives taken by the relevant ministries and government departments.

The session decided to extend the implementation of the action plan for another five-year period to ensure its full implementation, and consolidate the national gains and accomplishments related to childhood development and protection. The Cabinet requested all government departments to use the National Childhood Strategy as their exclusive reference while issuing childhood-related reports.

The session saw the Premier lauding His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's patronage of the opening ceremony of the "Salman Town".



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