

# Peace declaration a significant step towards achieving regional peace

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HM King Hamad referred to the declaration supporting peace signed recently between Bahrain and Israel in Washington, in line with the Kingdom's vision to reach comprehensive peace as a strategic option to promote peace and stability in the Middle East, which will contribute to consolidating global security and harmony.

In this regard, HM the King affirmed that the signing of the declaration is a significant historic step towards achieving comprehensive peace across the Middle East and realising the aspirations of the peoples of the region and of all religions, for security, stability and progress, adding that the move emanates from the spirit of co-existence for which Bahrain has always



HM the King with HRH the Crown Prince during yesterday's Cabinet session

been known.

"Among the goals that we envisioned and sought to achieve through the declaration supporting peace is to make the world recognise that peace is our message and strategic option, and that tolerance and co-existence are among the most important characteristics of our authentic Bahrain identity," HM the King said. "We are tolerant, and we love peace and co-ex-

istence.

"True co-existence and real peace are those based on the acceptance of the other, and this is the essence of Bahraini citizens and their deep-rooted characteristics.

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diversity."

## Widespread welcome

HM King Hamad expressed pride in the widespread Arab and global welcome of the Kingdom's decision regarding the declaration supporting peace, and the steps it has taken for the sake of achieving peace in the Middle East.

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or power," HM the King added. "In fact, they are in the interest of everyone and aim at ensuring good neighbourliness and working for it."

## Firm stance

HM the King reiterated the Kingdom's firm and unwavering stance in support of the Palestinian cause and commitment to achieving the two-state solution, including the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital, in accordance with the Arab Peace Initiative.

Meanwhile, upon HM the King's order, the Minister of Foreign Affairs presented a report on the signing ceremony between Bahrain and Israel, and the Peace Accord between the UAE and Israel, which took place at the White House in Washington last week.

"We affirm that our steps towards peace and prosperity are not directed against any entity

## HH Shaikh Nasser hails INJAZ Bahrain role

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His Majesty the King's Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs representative His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa received yesterday INJAZ Bahrain board chairperson Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa.

HH Shaikh Nasser praised the outstanding efforts made by Shaikha Hessa and the board in implementing programmes aimed at grooming youngsters and preparing them for the labour market. He said the tireless work done by INJAZ Bahrain is highly appreciated for its contribution to providing Bahraini youth with training and employment opportunities.

HH Shaikh Nasser affirmed that INJAZ Bahrain has greatly



HH Shaikh Nasser with other officials

contributed to equipping Bahraini youngsters with administrative and technical experience and developing their skills. He lauded the remarkable role played by Shaikha Hessa and the

board members in this regard, and commended their keenness to provide a suitable environment for Bahraini youth.

Shaikha Hessa expressed her heartfelt thanks and gratitude

to HH Shaikh Nasser for his continuous support to INJAZ Bahrain and keenness to achieve goals, by providing youngsters with the needed skills to enroll at the labour market.

## Johor ruler leaves Bahrain

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Johor ruler Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar left Bahrain yesterday evening following a visit to the Kingdom during which he met His Majesty

King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HM the King's personal representative His Highness Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa and the Muharraq Governor bade farewell to the Johor ruler.

## Health chief praises hospital's systems



Dr Shaikh Mohammed, left, during the review

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Supreme Council of Health (SCH) president and National Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus (COVID-19) head Lt-Gen Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa praised the King Hamad University Hospital (KHUH) health and administrative information system.

The SCH chief was briefed on the Health Information System (HOPE) and Administration (ERP), which was developed by the hospital's Information Systems Depart-

ment, to meet patients' needs in a timely, accurate, and safe manner.

He reviewed the two systems and praised their ease, speed, and accuracy in performance to reach patients' medical information.

The systems provide one medical file for every patient, which includes their medical history without referring to printed documents, which will help hospital executives make accurate and quick decisions while maintaining the proper functioning of work and services provided to auditors, patients, and suppliers.

## Boosting GCC cooperation discussed

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Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa underscored yesterday the significant achievements of the GCC, stressing Bahrain's keenness to further boost joint cooperation.

He also emphasised the importance to continue promoting economic cooperation and integration to achieve forecast goals and create more invest-

ment opportunities.

The Finance Minister was speaking as he received in his office GCC secretary general Dr Nayef Falah Al Hajraf and his accompanying delegation. They discussed the GCC march and ways of enhancing the council's role to achieve set goals.

The GCC secretary general expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the Finance Minister and lauded Bahrain's role in achieving GCC integration.



Shaikh Salman with Al Hajraf

Permit does not allow its holder to carry out activities in various fields, including, but not limited to, the educational, engineering, medical, and taxi service sectors, which require a licence from the competent authority.

The LMRA CEO indicated that appropriate legal procedures will be taken against whoever is caught in violation of the law.

It should be noted that the number of Flexi workers whose permits have been cancelled over the past three years since its launch has reached approximately 1,170.

The LMRA chief further explained that Flexi Permit holders are also not allowed to own

a Commercial Registration (CR). He added that those who do will be invited to correct their status within six months, and they will have to choose between keeping the Flexi Permit or their CR.

The LMRA CEO pointed out that the authority is keen to direct Flexi Permit holders to the correct authorities, should they need a professional licence to carry out their work.

He added that the LMRA is implementing these regulatory policies in a way that preserves the labour market's flexibility, fairness, competitiveness, and sustainability, and in contributing to enhancing Bahrain's work environment.

## LMRA intensifies inspection campaigns on Flexi Permit holders

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) has begun to intensify inspection campaigns on Flexi Permit holders to ensure that they do not work in jobs that require a professional licence, LMRA CEO Ausamah Al Absi said yesterday.

The inspections are in implementation of the directives of the Cabinet and the decisions of the Coordination Committee, headed by His Royal Highness the Crown Prince.

The LMRA chief said that the authority has developed a comprehensive and integrated plan to intensify its inspections on



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Flexi Permit holders, with the aim of ensuring that they do not carry out activities that the permit does not authorise them to undertake.

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## UNDP cooperation hailed

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Foreign Ministry International Affairs undersecretary Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa held yesterday a virtual meeting with UN Development Programme (UNDP) resident representative Stefano Pettinato.

The undersecretary hailed the constructive partnership between Bahrain and the UN, lauding the distinct projects and initiatives launched by the UNDP that are aimed at supporting the efforts exerted to achieve sustainable development around the world.

He stressed Bahrain's keenness, under the wise leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, on meeting the goals and principles of the UN in this regard.

The undersecretary also explained that the Kingdom has provided all means and facilities for the work of the UN programmes and offices on its land, and for working together to ensure coordination and exploration of new opportunities. He stressed the importance of benefitting from the expertise, experiences, and pioneering UN projects to achieve national development priorities.