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HM King sends letter to Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a letter to His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia.

The message was delivered to Waleed Bin Abdulkarim Al Khareiji, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs in Saudi Arabia, during his meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Riyadh with Shaikh Ali bin Abdulrahman bin Ali Al Khalifa, Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

The meeting reviewed ways to expand cooperation in support of shared interests and the spirit of solidarity between the two nations.

Bahraini police personnel arrive in Qatar for "Arabian Gulf Security 4" exercise

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Bahraini police personnel participating in the joint tactical security exercise Arabian Gulf Security 4 arrived in Qatar.

The exercise will be held from January 25 to February 4, 2026, as part of ongoing cooperation among security agencies of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states.

The Arabian Gulf Security 4 exercise focuses on strengthening coordination among security agencies, developing field capabilities, and improving response procedures for emergency situations, in support of security and stability in GCC states.



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Bahrain engages global partners at WEF 2026



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No 1 billion dollar was paid

Bahrain's Board of Peace seat comes without charge, Minister Ali AlKhulaif says

● The minister said each country must assess the cost and benefits of permanent membership

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Bahrain's seat on Trump's Board of Peace comes without the \$1 billion price tag.

Noor bint Ali AlKhulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development and Chief Executive of the Economic Development Board, confirmed this in Davos in response to queries on the matter.

Trump has said the organisation would work "in conjunction" with the United Nations. Invitations were sent to dozens of world leaders, requesting a \$1 billion payment for a permanent seat on the board.

"The \$1 billion figure applies only to a permanent seat, while Bahrain was offered a three-year seat, which does not require such a payment," the minister said during the Prosperity Agenda for the Middle East session at the World Economic Forum in Davos.

In a video of the telecast published by Al Ayam, the minister said: "I think it's worth clarifying here that no \$1 billion was paid."

When asked about the return on investment for countries considering a permanent seat—

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NOOR BINT ALI ALKHULAIF, MINISTER OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD



particularly given the high price reportedly sought by former US President Donald Trump—the minister said the decision ultimately rests with individual nations.

"Every country would have its own perspective, its own calculations, its own math," she said, adding that for some countries the cost may make sense, while for others it may not.

The minister declined to comment on whether permanent seats would remain available at the proposed price, reiterating that such decisions are for governments themselves to assess.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's

Court, on behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, participated in the signing ceremony of the Board of Peace charter, held at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

The charter was also signed by Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America, and His Excellency Nasser Bourita, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates of the Kingdom of Morocco, formally ratifying the Board of Peace as an international organisation. Following the signing, representatives of several other countries also proceeded to sign the charter.



Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan, Indonesia, Pakistan, and the United Arab Emirates have agreed to join the body, which is to be chaired by Trump.



Family outing ends in tragedy as three die, including child, in Sakhir crash



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Bahrain reiterates support for Syria's sovereignty

Manama

Bahrain reaffirmed its support for Syria's sovereignty, independence, security, and territorial integrity, noting the country is at a sensitive stage that requires coordinated international efforts to facilitate refugee returns, reconstruction, economic recovery, and sustainable development.

The statement was delivered by Counselor Sama Sameer Al Aliwat on behalf of Bahrain's UN Permanent Representative during a UN Security Council meeting on Syria's political and humanitarian situation.

MPs push for 24-hour Muharraq Health Centre

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A push to keep Muharraq Health Centre open 24 hours will be discussed in Parliament on Tuesday, as five MPs call on the government to expand the clinic's service for residents of the Second Constituency.

The proposal, submitted by MPs Hamad Al Doy, Abdulwahid Qarata, Bad-er Al Tameemi, Hisham Al Awadhi and Dr Hisham Al Asheeri, aims to ease pressure on King Hamad University Hospital and Halat Bu Maher Health Center, and respond to the high demand from residents who require regular treatment and medicines.

The Services Committee has recommended approval, citing public-interest grounds.