

New Bahrain-US Deal Targets AI Growth

Agreement focuses on innovation, supply chains, and advanced computing infrastructure



- **Framework supports semiconductors and data centres**

- **Both countries commit to enhancing research**

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The Kingdom of Bahrain and the United States have signed a Joint Statement on the Artificial Intelligence Opportunities Partnership, marking a significant step in expanding bilateral cooperation in advanced technology and innovation.

The agreement was signed on the sidelines of the official visit of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, to the United States.

On behalf of Bahrain, the statement was signed by Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Bahrain's Ambassador to the US, while Elbridge Colby, Under Secretary of War for Policy, signed on behalf of the United States.

The Joint Statement outlines a shared commitment by both nations to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and technological collaboration, aiming to enhance economic prosperity and security for both countries.

It highlights the importance of trusted partnerships in building and developing artificial intelligence infrastructure, including key sectors such as energy, critical minerals, semiconductors, advanced computing, and digital connectivity.

The framework further strengthens cooperation on policies that encourage innovation, reinforce AI-related supply chains, support research and development, and attract private sector investment in emerging technologies.

Both sides emphasized that the partnership builds on longstanding Bahrain-US relations and reflects a mutual commitment to advancing technological progress, boosting compet-

itiveness, and creating new avenues for sustainable economic growth.



It also promotes cooperation in advanced data centres, trustworthy AI models, semiconductor systems, and the development of next-generation artificial intelligence applications.

Strategic Space Dialogue

Bahrain and NASA explore cooperation in space sciences and advanced technologies



His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Commander of the Royal Guard, has underlined the importance of continued investment in future-focused sectors, particularly space sciences and advanced technologies, to support economic growth, open new development and innovation pathways, and strengthen Bahrain's position as a regional hub for knowledge and advanced technologies.

This came during his meeting with Jared Isaacman, Director of the NASA, held during his visit to the capital of the United States, Washington, DC.

The meeting was attended by His Highness Shaikh Hamad bin Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and Shaikh Khalid bin Ali bin Jaber Al Khalifa, Deputy National Security Advisor and Chairman of the Bahrain Space Agency, along with the accompanying delegation.

HH Shaikh Nasser emphasized that strategic agreements between Bahrain and the United States play a key role in strength-



ening cooperation and partnerships across vital sectors of mutual interest. He noted that these agreements support knowledge exchange and technology transfer in ways that serve the shared interests of both countries.

He specifically highlighted the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA), saying it provides broad opportunities for collaboration and integration across various sectors, enhancing scientific and technological partnerships and expanding expertise exchange.

During the meeting, both sides reviewed potential areas of cooperation in space sciences, research, and advanced technologies, and discussed mechanisms to further strengthen scientific partnerships and knowledge-sharing initiatives between the two countries.

KHGC Hosts High-Level Talks on Religious Diversity in Nicosia

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Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Hamad Global Center for Coexistence and Tolerance (KHGC), met His Beatitude Georgios III in the Cypriot capital, Nicosia.

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the High-Level International Conference on Coexistence and Religious Diversity, organised by the KHGC in partnership with the Republic of Cyprus.

During the meeting, Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, a Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to strengthening partnerships with religious leaders and institutions that promote peace, mutual understanding, and dialogue among peoples.

He highlighted the importance of continued cooperation



with the Republic of Cyprus in advancing the values of tolerance and coexistence, noting that such initiatives contribute to social cohesion and support regional and international peace and stability.

For his part, Archbishop Georgios III expressed appreciation for Bahrain's efforts and for the initiatives led by the King Hamad Global Center for Coexistence and Tolerance. He stressed the importance of sustained collaboration between religious and intellectual institutions worldwide to further promote peace and human coexistence.

Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister. He also extended his best wishes for Bahrain's continued progress and prosperity.

Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed reciprocated by conveying the greetings of His Majesty the King and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to the Cypriot President, along with their wishes for continued development and prosperity for Cyprus and its people.

The two sides reviewed the longstanding bilateral relations between Bahrain and Cyprus, and discussed

ways to further enhance cooperation across various fields. Particular emphasis was placed on strengthening collaboration in promoting coexistence, interfaith dialogue, and intercultural understanding, as well as exchanging expertise and best practices in these areas.

President Christodoulides praised Bahrain's leading regional and international role in promoting openness, tolerance, and peaceful coexistence. He also commended the KHGC's initiatives in advancing a culture of peace and fostering dialogue between religions and civilizations while reinforcing mutual respect among peoples.

Shaping Energy Futures Together

Talks cover oil, gas, advanced energy technologies and joint investments

- **Reviewed progress of the Bapco Refining Modernization Program**

- **Discussed adoption of advanced refining technologies**

- **Focused on improving operational performance and efficiency**

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Energy cooperation between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United States took center stage during high-level talks held in Washington, where senior officials reviewed opportunities to expand strategic collaboration across the oil, gas, and advanced energy sectors.

The discussions took place between HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of Bapco Energies, and US Secretary of



Energy Chris Wright, as part of HH Shaikh Nasser's official visit to the US capital.

The meeting, attended by Bapco Energies CEO Mark Thomas, and accompanying delegation members, focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation and exploring new investment opportunities in the energy sector.

Both sides reviewed Bahrain's ongoing and future energy initiatives, including major upstream and downstream de-

velopments and the company's expansion plans in partnership with global stakeholders. The discussions also highlighted the role of technological innovation in improving efficiency and supporting long-term sustainability goals.

HH Shaikh Nasser outlined progress in the Deep Gas Development and Evaluation Program at Bahrain's onshore field, which aims to unlock hydrocarbon potential in the southern region using advanced US technologies. The initiative is seen as a key step

in revitalizing exploration and development activities. He also noted the resumption of Bahrain's three-dimensional seismic survey program, which will support more accurate resource mapping and exploration planning.

The meeting additionally reviewed updates on the Bapco Refining Modernization Program, including the adoption of advanced refining technologies designed to enhance operational performance and energy efficiency.

Interfaith Dialogue

Cyprus President Receives KHGC Chairman in Nicosia

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The President of the Republic of Cyprus, H.E. Nikos Christodoulides, received Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Hamad

Global Center for Coexistence and Tolerance (KHGC), on the sidelines of a high-level international conference on coexistence and religious diversity held in cooperation between the KHGC and the Republic of Cyprus.

During the meeting, President Christodoulides conveyed his greetings and appreciation to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal

