

Bahrain Welcomes Syria Delisting

Bahrain welcomed the United States' decision to remove Syria from its list of state sponsors of terrorism, describing the move as an important step towards supporting Syria's security, stability and reconstruction.

The Foreign Ministry said the decision could help create opportunities for development and investment and facilitate Syria's reintegration into the global financial and economic system.

Peace Message



Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa praised His Majesty King Hamad's message marking the Prophet Mohammed's birth, highlighting its call for peace, tolerance and co-existence.

He said Bahrain remains committed to promoting mutual respect, rejecting hate speech and strengthening understanding among religions and cultures.

He highlighted the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence's programmes and Bahrain's UN-backed initiative establishing the International Day of Peaceful Coexistence.

Former UK Ambassador Returns to Bahrain



Former British Ambassador to Bahrain Simon Martin has returned to Manama to lead the UK Embassy during the transition to a new ambassador, seven years after leaving the Kingdom.

Describing Bahrain-UK ties as "close, warm and historic", Martin said security, trade and investment will remain key priorities, alongside preparations for the UK-GCC free trade agreement before the arrival of incoming ambassador Thomas Allan in early 2027.

A Message of Tolerance and Mercy

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued an address marking the birth of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), calling for reflection on his life and its lessons in guidance, justice and good character.

His Majesty said the Prophet's life reflected Islam's values of tolerance, mercy, peace and coexistence, urging the nation to uphold these principles in daily conduct rather than mere commemoration. He noted the Prophet's message emphasised justice, compassion and human unity.

Amid growing global challenges, His Majesty said the Prophet's life remains a source of guidance in overcoming division through unity and rejecting hatred through mercy, urging these values to guide



national service and Bahrain's progress.

Shura Chief Praises Message

Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh said the royal message reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to peace and Islamic unity, describing the Kingdom as a model of harmony among communities.



Al Saleh praised His Majesty's initiatives promoting global tolerance, including international centres and awards, and said Bahrain's history as a meeting place of civilisations reflects an authentic national approach to protecting societies from division.

Legislative Commitment Affirmed

Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, Speaker of the Council



of Representatives, commended the address's emphasis on tolerance and Islamic unity, stressing the importance of confronting hate speech and extremism.

Al Musallam highlighted the King's call to strengthen social solidarity and support youth, and affirmed the Council's commitment to reflecting these values through legislation protecting the family and preserving Bahrain's social fabric.

33 Horses for Bahrain Stables



His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa directed the distribution of 33 horses to private stables to support preparations for the 2026/2027 endurance season.

The initiative aims to strengthen riders' and horses' readiness and raise competition levels.

Stable owners welcomed the support, saying it will help strengthen Bahrain's performance in local and international endurance events.

Arab Finance Meeting



MP Ahmed Abdulwahid Qarata chaired a meeting of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union's Interim Financial Committee, held remotely.

The meeting reviewed financial audit procedures, internal and external oversight and the appointment of auditors.

Members also discussed the union's draft 2027 budget and proposals to improve financial management.

Unity at Heart of Message



Shura Council Services Committee Chairwoman Dr. Jamila Mohammed Redha Al Salman praised His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's message marking the Prophet Mohammed's birthday, highlighting its emphasis on moderation, compassion, unity and social cohesion.

Al Salman said the message reflected Bahrain's approach to promoting dialogue, tolerance and peace while rejecting division, extremism and hatred. She stressed the importance of drawing on the Prophet's values of justice and good character to build strong and cohesive communities.

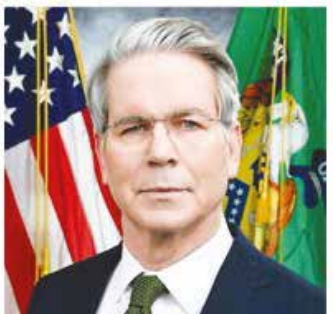
No Room for Economic Blackmail

Manama, Washington Align on Economic Outcast Push

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Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, held a telephone call with US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent to discuss Washington's newly announced Operation Economic Outcast.

The two officials reviewed the close cooperation between Bahrain and the United States in confronting threats to regional security and international trade, including joint efforts to counter illicit finance and



disrupt funding for destabilizing activity. Bessent expressed appreciation for Bahrain's expected role in these efforts.

Shaikh Salman reaffirmed Bahrain's position that peace, stability, and the security of



maritime trade routes are of paramount importance, stressing that the Strait of Hormuz must not be used as a tool of economic pressure. He warned that attacks on commercial shipping raise costs for produc-

ers and consumers and threaten global market stability.

The Minister emphasized the need to deny resources to actors attacking the region's people and infrastructure, citing sanctions-evasion networks and militia financing. He also reaffirmed support for international efforts against Iran's nuclear and missile programs.

Shaikh Salman reiterated Bahrain's commitment to working with the GCC, the US, and international partners on anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing standards.

Women's Role Expands

Legislators point to 25 years of reforms that have strengthened Bahraini women's role across society.

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Members of Bahrain's Shura Council and Council of Representatives highlighted the significant legislative and rights-based gains achieved by Bahraini women over the past 25 years, as the Kingdom marks the Silver Jubilee of the establishment of the Supreme Council for Women.

The legislators said the anniversary, held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, represents an important milestone in Bahrain's efforts to empower women and reflects their growing role as key partners in national development and decision-making.

They praised the efforts of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for



Women, in advancing women's achievements and expanding their contributions to Bahrain's development and prosperity.

Over the past 25 years, the Supreme Council for Women has become one of Bahrain's leading national institutions supporting women's advancement through policies promoting equal opportunities, integrating women's needs into development programmes and contributing to the development of legislation and legal frameworks protecting

women's rights.

At the legislative level, Bahrain introduced a series of laws and amendments that strengthened women's rights, promoted equal opportunities, and expanded women's participation in political life and decision-making.

The legislators also highlighted developments in legislation concerning family and child protection, labour-market regulation and the rights of working women, alongside government policies aimed at helping women balance

their professional and family responsibilities.

Bahraini women have also expanded their presence in the Kingdom's legislative and executive branches, holding prominent positions in the ministerial, judicial, diplomatic and leadership fields.

Their representation has also grown on the boards of government and private institutions and across sectors including finance, education, healthcare, engineering, technology and entrepreneurship.