

Bahrain, US deepen defence ties at **21st Joint Military Committee**

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Bahrain and the United States have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening military coordination and defence cooperation, concluding the 21st meeting of their Joint Military Committee.

The meeting was held at the Bahrain Defence Force, with Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, Minister of Defence Affairs, leading the Bahraini side and Michael DeMino IV, Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for Near Eastern and Central Asian Affairs, heading the US delegation.

The two sides reviewed existing bilateral military cooperation and discussed ways to further develop coordination and defence ties.



They also considered issues on the committee's agenda aimed at enhancing military cooperation between the two countries. The meeting concluded with the signing of the

minutes of the 21st Bahrain-US Joint Military Committee meeting. The closing session was attended by Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Advisor for Financial and Technical

Affairs at the Bahrain Defence Force General Command, US Ambassador to Bahrain Stephanie Lynn Hallett and several senior Bahrain Defence Force officers.

Gulf unity grows stronger during crisis

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Gulf countries have strengthened coordination during the current crisis, with Bahrain's ambassador to the United States stressing closer regional cooperation, trusted international partnerships and resilient supply chains as key to the region's security and economic stability.

Dr Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalifa made the remarks during a high-level discussion, "The Gulf in a Time of Conflict: Strategic Direction, In-



vestment and Resilience," held in New York on the sidelines of the 81st UN General Assembly.

The session, organised by the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Middle East Security Initiative in partnership with DLA Piper,

brought together senior officials from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Qatar.

Dr Shaikh Abdullah said GCC countries had worked closely and intensively during the current crisis, with broad co-

ordination and cooperation at various levels.

He highlighted the importance of regional cooperation, economic integration, infrastructure investment, trusted international partnerships and resilient supply chains in strengthening Gulf security and stability while supporting continued development and prosperity.

The discussion also examined the impact of regional developments on cooperation, capital flows, investment and long-term economic planning.

Focus on child safety



Northern Governor Hassan bin Abdullah Al Madani chairs the Security Committee meeting at the Northern Governorate, where members reviewed child safety measures, including safe electric scooter use, preventing children from being left inside buses and strengthening cooperation among families and authorities to protect children.

New officers take oath



Bahrain Defence Force Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi receives newly graduated officers from military colleges and institutes as they take the legal oath, congratulating them on their graduation and urging them to apply their academic knowledge and field experience with dedication while continuing to develop their skills.

Bahrain highlights climate risks



Supreme Council for Environment Chief Executive Officer Amina Hamad Al Rumaihi takes part in a high-level UN meeting in New York on rising sea levels, stressing the importance of international cooperation, expertise-sharing and sustainable solutions to advance global climate action. She also attended a high-level event on climate action for a just transition and an interactive dialogue on Bahrain's digital transformation and National Human Development Report.

Korea celebrates Chuseok



Korean Ambassador Choi Byung-sun joins a celebration of Chuseok and the 50th anniversary of Bahrain-South Korea diplomatic relations, featuring traditional harvest games, Hanbok experiences, live Taekwondo performances and displays of Korean products and services.

Family House upgrades compliance



Family House for Microfinance signs a five-year framework agreement with Aman Compliance Solutions to introduce electronic sanctions-list screening and customer verification, strengthening compliance, governance and regulatory procedures in line with Central Bank of Bahrain requirements.

Global experts unite in Bahrain to tackle **infection threats**



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Experts from more than 25 countries have gathered in Bahrain to address two growing challenges facing healthcare systems worldwide — antimicrobial resistance and infectious diseases — with pandemic preparedness and artificial intelligence also on the agenda.

Supreme Council of Health Chairman Lieutenant General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa opened the fourth International Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance and Infectious Diseases in Manama on Thursday.

Organised by the Infectious Diseases Association of the Bahrain Medical Society in co-



operation with Education Plus, the conference brings together international experts and speakers alongside healthcare officials, doctors and medical specialists.

Dr Shaikh Mohammed stressed the importance of international cooperation and the exchange of scientific and medical expertise in tackling infectious diseases and anti-

microbial resistance.

He also highlighted the role of specialised conferences in keeping healthcare professionals up to date with the latest developments and supporting efforts to improve the quality of care. Conference President and President of the Infectious Diseases Association Professor Jameela Al Salman said the growing international partic-

ipation reflected the conference's development over its first three editions and the increasing global focus on antimicrobial resistance and infectious diseases.

The scientific programme covers antimicrobial resistance, pandemic preparedness and the use of AI to promote the appropriate use of antibiotics, alongside advanced genomic sequencing technologies and the latest approaches to preventing and treating infectious diseases.

The opening ceremony also featured a video showcasing milestones from the conference's previous three editions, while supporters and sponsors were honoured for their contributions.