

Pakistan and Bahrain: A celebration of friendship



Left, Members of Pakistani and Bahraini during a photocall with Pakistani Ambassador Javed Malik. Right, Pakistani Ambassador Javed Malik with Speaker of Council of Representatives Ahmed Al Mulla

Manama

Prominent members of Pakistani and Bahraini communities joined in celebrating the longstanding business, trade and economic ties between both countries at a special ceremony organized by Ejaz Chaudhary and Akram Chaudhary at the Gulf Hotel, where the Ambassador of Pakistan, Javed Malik was the Chief Guest.

The Special Guest of Honour was Speaker of Council of Representatives, Ahmed Al Mulla whereas a large number of Parliamentarians, and business leaders were also present including, Khalid Al Zayani, Isa Abdul Rahim, Ahmed Bin Hindi, Muhammad Sajid, Muhammad Usman

and others.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Javed Malik said that "the people of Pakistan and Bahrain are connected together through a shared

faith, a similarity of cultures, and historic ties that can be trace back to centuries."

He said that just like the histories, even the future is connected, and Pakistan

regards the stability and progress of Bahrain as the that of Pakistan.

He paid tribute to the Pakistani community in Bahrain for their ongoing

contributions and appreciated the Rulers, government and the people of Bahrain for their warm hospitality towards the people of Pakistan.

He appreciated the role being

played by Bahrain Chamber of Commerce, and the business community and fondly remembered the recent visit by Khalid R. Al Zayani, and other delegation members to Pakistan under the leadership of the Minister of Commerce, Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani which opened the new avenues of cooperation between both countries.

The Ambassador also announced that the Global Overseas Pakistanis Organization, Pakistan International Council will be launching its Bahrain chapter soon, which would work to promote, consolidate and expand people to people contacts between both countries.



Pakistani Ambassador Javed Malik speaks during the event

Google Earth discovers ancient stone gates in Saudi Arabia

Riyadh

Scientists have discovered about 400 previously undocumented stone structures known as 'Gates' in Saudi Arabia with the help of Google Earth imagery.

While Saudi Arabia is largely thought of as barren mountains and desert, it was also home to an immense number of archaeological sites that were yet to be identified, recorded and mapped, said David Kennedy, researcher at University of Western Australia.

"You can not see them in any intelligible way at the ground level but once you get up a few hundred feet, or with a satellite even higher, they stand out beautifully," Kennedy said.

The structures look like flat field gates from top in the images obtained from Google Earth.



An aerial view of mysterious "gates" in Saudi Arabia.

"I refer to them as Gates because when you view them from above they look like a simple field gate lying flat, two upright posts on the sides, connected by one or more long bars," he said.

They do not look like

structures where people would have lived nor do they look like animal traps or for disposing of dead bodies. It is a mystery as to what their purpose would have been, researchers said.

Since 1997, Kennedy has flown in helicopters over

Saudi Arabia's neighbour Jordan, photographing tens of thousands of stone-built structures scattered over its lava field or 'harrat'.

Shapes range from giant circles of stone that may be 400 metres across to kites



Ground views of Samhah Gate 31. (Courtesy: nytimes)

that may have been used as animal traps, pendants used as funerary monuments, and many more.

Not much is known about the people who built the edifices, but they are thought to have constructed them

2,000 to 9,000 years ago, researchers said.

They are believed to be the ancestors of the modern-day Beduin in the region who describe them collectively as 'The Works of Old Men', they added. (PTI)