

Bahrain condemns Israel confiscation of Palestinian lands in West Bank

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Bahrain has strongly condemned the Israeli authorities' announcement to confiscate 800 hectares of land in the occupied Palestinian territory in the Jordan Valley in the West Bank.

The Kingdom stressed that it is a blatant violation of the principles of international law, as well as a threat to the peace process, and the rights of the Palestinian people to establish their independent state on the borders of June 4, 1967 with East Jerusalem as its capital, in accordance with the two-state solution, the Arab Peace Initiative, and international legitimacy resolutions.

In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs renewed the kingdom's call on the international community, especially the UN Security Council, to implement its resolution regarding an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, provide protection for civilians, and expand the unimpeded flow of humanitarian aid.

Fighting around Gaza hospitals

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Israeli forces pounded besieged Gaza yesterday in the war sparked by the October 7 attack and fought Hamas around several hospitals despite a UN Security Council demand for a ceasefire.

Talks in Qatar towards a truce and hostage release deal, involving US and Egyptian mediators, have brought no result so far, with Israel and Hamas blaming each other.

Tensions have risen between Israel and its top ally the US over the soaring civilian death toll.

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Royal Eid gifts for widows, orphans

HM King directs HH Shaikh Nasser to oversee distribution to all beneficiaries

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has issued an order to distribute Eid Al Fitr gifts to all widows and orphans who are registered with the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF).

HM the King directed the RHF, led by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, to oversee the distribution of the royal gifts to all beneficiaries.

HH Shaikh Nasser extended

sincere congratulations to HM the King on the order to distribute Eid Al Fitr gifts.

His Highness praised HM the King's constant support for RHF-sponsored families, keenness to engage with them on various occasions, including Eid Al Fitr, and his directives to provide distinguished services and care for those families to ensure their wellbeing.

On the occasion of Eid Al Fitr, HH Shaikh Nasser extended his congratulations to His Majesty the King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and



HM the King

Prime Minister, the people of Bahrain, and the Arab and Islamic nations.

HM the King's annual royal gesture shows his constant support for Royal Humanitarian Foundation-sponsored families, keenness to engage with them on various occasions, including Eid Al Fitr, and his directives to provide distinguished services and care for those families to ensure their wellbeing.

Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the RHF Secretary-General, affirmed that His Majesty the King's annual gesture, which brings joy to RHF-supported families, reflects a deep commitment to citizens' well-being. He extended congratulations to His Majesty the King, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, HH Shaikh Nasser, and the people of Bahrain and the Arab and Islamic nations on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr.

Bahrain vows to boost Japan, Korea ties



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister receives Japanese Ambassador, H.E. Okai Asako, left, and the Korean Ambassador, H.E. Heon Sang Koo

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, reaffirmed the longstanding Bahrain-Japan relations, which have grown over the years through robust multisector collaboration and strategic partnership.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted the Kingdom's commitment to furthering bilateral relations and coordination to meet mutual aspirations.

His Royal Highness was

speaking as he received yesterday the newly appointed Ambassador of Japan to Bahrain, Her Excellency Okai Asako, at Riffa Palace.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister welcomed Ambassador Asako to the Kingdom and wished her success in performing her diplomatic duties.

During the meeting, regional and global developments and issues of common interest were discussed.

Ambassador Asako expressed her gratitude for HRH Prince Salman's commitment to furthering Bahrain-Japan rela-

tions and wished the Kingdom further progress and prosperity.

HRH Prince Salman also received the newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bahrain, His Excellency Heon Sang Koo.

His Royal Highness affirmed the Kingdom's commitment to further bilateral relations and collaboration between the two countries to meet mutual aspirations.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister welcomed Ambassador Koo to the Kingdom and wished him success in performing his diplomatic duties.

BACA plays key role in Kingdom's development



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister with the BACA President
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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, emphasised the importance of continuing to strengthen Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities' role in achieving the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with the BACA President, His Excellency Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, and the Director of Antiquities and Museums at BACA, Dr Salman Ahmad Al-Mahari, at Riffa Palace.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted the Kingdom of Bahrain's rich culture and heritage, which is evidenced by its artifacts and antiquities.

His Royal Highness commended the efforts of those responsible for the culture and antiquities sector in promoting the history of the Kingdom of Bahrain and preserving its cultural identity, wishing them further success in achieving the desired goals.

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