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Bahrain calls for peaceful solutions and stronger multilateralism at UN General Assembly

New York

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, delivered Bahrain's address before the United Nations General Assembly, reaffirming the Kingdom's commitment to peace, multilateral cooperation, and international law as guiding principles of its foreign policy.

Dr. Al Zayani underscored that Bahrain's election as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for 2026-2027 represents "a precious international trust that we appreciate and cherish," adding that the Kingdom is determined to play a constructive role in promoting global peace and security.

Central to his speech was the situation in the Middle East, particularly the war in Gaza.

Ceasefire

He called for "a comprehensive and permanent ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, the protection of civilians, the release of hostages and detainees, and the sustainable delivery of humanitarian aid."



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He warned of the repercussions of the conflict on regional and global stability, reiterating Bahrain's support for diplomatic solutions.

Dr. Al Zayani urged the inter-

national community to back the initiative adopted by the 33rd Arab Summit, held in Bahrain earlier this year, to convene an international peace conference.

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Priorities

Beyond the Palestinian issue, the minister highlighted Bahrain's broader foreign policy priorities.

The Minister stressed the importance of dialogue, coexistence, and tolerance, citing the "Kingdom of Bahrain Declaration" on freedom of religion and belief.

He also emphasised the need for global action to counter extremism and hate speech, calling for an international agreement to prevent the misuse of digital platforms for incitement.

Turning to security challenges, Dr. Al Zayani underlined Bahrain's call for a Middle East free of weapons of mass destruction and urged a return to US-Iran negotiations on the nuclear issue.

Hope Network Elevates Bahrain's Role



H.E. Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi with Amina J. Mohammed and Felipe Paullier

Bahrain promotes Hope Network at UN

UN commends Bahrain's youth initiatives

Talks focus on global youth cooperation

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Bahrain is emerging as a driving force in global youth diplomacy, with its Hope Network initiative drawing international attention at the United Nations' high-level meeting commemorating the 30th anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth.

Minister of Youth Affairs, His Excellency Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, met with Amina J.

Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations and Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Group, and Felipe Paullier, UN Assistant Secretary General for Youth Affairs, during the high-level week of the 80th session of the UN General Assembly.

Global spotlight

The minister discussed expanding cooperation with the UN to advance youth development and capacity building, while also exploring ways to strengthen youth participation in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. She spotlighted Bahrain's 'Hope Network' as a key initiative to connect young people globally and enhance their contribution to sustainable development.

During the talks, Tawfiqi outlined the network's objectives and shared achievements that have positioned it as an active

international youth platform. The meetings reflected Bahrain's firm commitment to empowering youth, reinforcing their role as contributors to both national and global progress.

She commended the outcomes of Bahrain's ongoing collaboration with the UN, noting that joint programmes have improved the skills and competitiveness of Bahraini youth, equipping them to meet future challenges and opportunities.

UN recognition

UN officials, including Mohammed and Paullier, praised Bahrain's consistent efforts to support and empower youth. They highlighted the innovative nature of Bahrain's initiatives and the international success of the Hope Network, describing it as a model for youth engagement that aligns with the UN's vision of empowering younger generations.

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