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## Firm Loyalty Stance

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The National Unity Gathering, the Islamic National Al-Menbar Society, and the Al-Asalah Islamic Society said they fully support the King's directives calling for a firm approach to issues of loyalty and national affiliation.

In a joint statement, the groups welcomed the decision to revoke Bahraini citizenship from individuals accused of expressing sympathy for or glorifying alleged hostile Iranian actions against Bahrain, or of collaborating with foreign entities, including their dependents.

The statement stressed that loyalty to Bahrain must be absolute and non-divisible, adding that allegiance to any entity other than the nation is "not acceptable nationally, religiously, or legally."

The groups also expressed support for legal measures aimed at strengthening national security and preserving social cohesion, development, and stability.

## School Victory

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Minister of Education Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma congratulated Ahmed Al-Omaran Secondary School for Boys for winning the Khalid bin Hamad Secondary Schools Handball Championship, praising both finalists for their performance and sportsmanship.

The minister also commended Naim Secondary School for Boys, highlighting its strong competitive display and resilience throughout the final match.

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King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa attended the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) consultative summit in Jeddah on Monday, where leaders of the six-member bloc discussed regional security, infrastructure integration and coordination amid escalating regional tensions.

The meeting, chaired by Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman, brought together GCC heads of state to review developments across the Middle East and the international arena.

### GCC Pushes Integration

GCC Secretary-General Jassim Mohammed Al-Budaiwi said leaders focused on strengthening strategic integration, including major

infrastructure and defence projects, amid growing regional instability.

The summit discussed recent security developments, including attacks that GCC states attributed to Iran against member countries and Jordan. Leaders condemned the incidents that targeted civilian infrastructure, describing them as violations of sovereignty and international law.

In a joint position, GCC leaders called for accelerating key regional projects, including a Gulf oil and gas pipeline network, a regional water interconnection system, and the development of strategic stockpile zones. They also urged faster progress on military integration, particularly an early warning system for ballistic missile threats.

The leaders reaffirmed that the security of GCC



states is "indivisible" under the bloc's joint defence framework, stating that any attack on one member is an attack on all. They also reiterated their right to individual and collective self-defence under Article 51 of the UN Charter.

Al-Budaiwi said the summit also stressed the importance of rebuilding trust, enhancing collective security, and strengthening long-term economic and strategic resilience.

## Cooperation under C-SIPA framework

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The Crown Prince and Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa met with the US Ambassador to Bahrain, Her Excellency Stephanie L. Hallett, at Gudai-biya Palace.

During the meeting, the Crown Prince highlighted the continued growth of Bahrain-US relations, describing them as a strategic partnership marked by ongoing development and mutual commitment.

He stressed Bahrain's interest in further strengthening bilateral cooperation, building on existing agreements and memoranda of understanding, including the recent Comprehensive



HRH Prince Salman receives the US Ambassador to Bahrain, H.E. Stephanie L. Hallett.

Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA.)

The Crown Prince also underlined the historical role of the United States alongside Bahrain in addressing regional security challenges, including responses to Iranian attacks.

The two sides also discussed regional and international developments, as well as issues of mutual concern, emphasizing the importance of continued coordination to support security and stability in the region and beyond.

Senior Bahraini officials, including Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and Minister of Cabinet Affairs Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, attended the meeting.

## Renewed Push for Two-State Solution

Bahrain Calls for Peace in Palestine

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The UN Security Council on Tuesday convened a high-level meeting focused heavily on the Palestinian issue and wider Middle East tensions, as Bahrain chaired the session during its presidency of the Council for April.

Opening the debate, Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani strongly emphasized the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, describing it as a central issue requiring an urgent and just resolution to achieve lasting regional stability.

Reaffirming Bahrain's position, he stressed what he called the "urgent need for a just and

lasting solution" to the Palestinian question.

He reiterated Bahrain's support for the "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people," including self-determination and the establishment of an independent state on the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, in line with international resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative.

### Resolutions

The minister underscored the importance of implementing UN Security Council resolutions related to Gaza, calling for sustained efforts to uphold ceasefires, improve humanitarian ac-

cess, and alleviate the suffering of civilians.

Al Zayani also highlighted the need to halt settlement expansion in the occupied West Bank and opposed any forced displacement, warning that unilateral actions undermine prospects for peace.

He stressed the importance of preserving the legal and historical status of Jerusalem and maintaining support for Jordan's custodianship of Islamic and Christian holy sites, as well as the role of the Jerusalem Committee chaired by Morocco's king.

While broader regional issues, including maritime security and tensions involving Iran, were



H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani speaks at the UN Security Council

also addressed, Al Zayani said remains "at the heart" of achieving stability in the Middle East.