

Bahrain Asserts Balance

UN seat cements Bahrain's global legal stance

● **Geneva forum highlights Bahrain's diplomacy**

● **Supports UN Charter, legal order**

● **Bahrain to join Security Council**

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Bahrain reaffirmed its unwavering support for global peace and legal order yesterday, as its parliamentary delegation addressed a high-level meeting on the sidelines of the 6th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament in Geneva.

The session, held under the theme 'Upholding the UN Char-

ter and International Law to Ensure Global Peace and Security,' was hosted by H.E. Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly of Iran, and convened by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

Representing Bahrain were H.E. MP Abdulnabi Salman Ahmed, First Deputy Speaker of the Council of Representatives, and H.E. Dr. Bassam Ismail Al Binmohammed, member of the Shura Council's Foreign Affairs, Defence, and National Security Committee.

Balanced Diplomacy

The Bahraini delegation underscored the Kingdom's principled foreign policy, rooted in respect for the UN Charter, pursuit of political solutions, and promotion of multilateral diplomacy. They reiterated Bahrain's belief in international law as the true guarantor of collective security and stability.



MP Abdulnabi Salman Ahmed speaks at the event

This approach, they noted, reflects the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the leadership of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, particularly in supporting peace, mutual respect, and regional

cooperation.

UN Council Role

The delegation highlighted that Bahrain's election to the UN Security Council for the 2026-2027 term is a direct result of its growing international standing and balanced engagement. They

described it as a rare opportunity to amplify voices of moderation and reinforce global legal norms from within the world's top decision-making forum.

The parliamentarians further stressed that the legislative authority, through its active parliamentary diplomacy, fully supports Bahrain's foreign policy and global peace efforts, including the incorporation of international legal principles into national legislation.

Parliamentary Presence

Bahrain's presence at such forums, they added, reflects its commitment to constructive global engagement and the strengthening of human values. The delegation welcomed initiatives that broaden parliamentary participation in international peacebuilding and reaffirmed Bahrain's support for legal multilateralism. The Geneva forum runs through July 31.

NIAD opens registration for Bahrain International Garden Show 2026 at EWB

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Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa the Bahrain International Garden Show 2026 will be held from April 1 to 5, 2026, at the Exhibition World Bahrain.

The event, organised by the National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD), serves as a global platform bringing together leading local and international companies, institutions, investors, experts, and stakeholders in the agricultural and environmental sectors.

Regional hub

It will showcase the latest innovations, technologies, and sustainable solutions that support the sector's development and reinforce Bahrain's position as a leading regional hub.

NIAD invites companies and organisations from Bahrain and abroad to participate in this prominent international event and seize opportunities for business expansion, strategic partnerships, and engagement in an interactive environment that fosters growth and contributes to the Kingdom's sustainable development goals.

For registration and further details, please scan the attached QR code or visit the official event website at www.bigs.com.bh.

Bahrain Amplifies Parliamentary Voice Globally

● **Delegation attends Geneva summit**

● **Sessions on youth, peace, rights**

● **Diplomacy backed by Parliament**

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Bahrain reaffirmed its growing commitment to global parliamentary diplomacy yesterday, as a high-level delegation from the Kingdom's legislative chambers joined the opening session of the 6th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament in Geneva.

Held under the theme 'Parliamentary Cooperation and Multilateralism for Peace and Justice for All', the conference is being organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in close



Bahraini delegation

cooperation with the United Nations from July 29 to 31.

The Bahraini delegation includes Jamal Mohammed Fakhro, First Deputy Chairman of the Shura Council, who is heading the team, along with MP Abdulnabi Salman Ahmed, First Deputy Speaker of the Council of Representatives, and Dr Bassam Ismail Al-Benhamad, member of the Shura Council's Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence, and National Security. Bahrain's Permanent Rep-

resentative to the UN Office in Geneva, Ambassador Abdullah Abdulatif Abdullah, was also present at the inaugural session.

Global Commitment

Speakers at the opening ceremony included Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General of the UN Office in Geneva, Tulia Ackson, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Courtenay Rattray, Chef de Cabinet to the UN Secretary-General, and IPU Secretary-General Martin

Chungong.

The delegation's participation underscores Bahrain's firm commitment to engaging constructively with the international community through parliamentary channels, and reflects the maturity of its democratic development.

Bahrain's presence at the forum also signals a broader diplomatic message: that parliamentary voices are key players in building peace, justice, and global cooperation.

Peace Through Dialogue

The upcoming sessions at the Geneva conference are set to address pressing global challenges, including youth and women's participation in parliaments during turbulent times, innovation for peacebuilding, and advancing the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals through new avenues of international cooperation.

Other sessions will tackle the role of parliaments in shaping the digital future and defending the rights of people living in vulnerable situations, as part of inclusive action against discrimination.

These discussions offer Bahrain's parliamentary bloc a platform to share its perspectives and extend its strategic engagement with legislative institutions worldwide.

Bahrain's engagement in Geneva affirms its belief in parliamentary diplomacy as a vital force for regional and global stability.

Bahrain-Serbia ties



His Excellency Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, Minister of Defence Affairs, received H.E. Tatiana Garcevic, Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to the Kingdom of Bahrain, yesterday. During the meeting, the Defence Minister welcomed Ambassador Garcevic and praised the ongoing and distinguished friendship between the two friendly countries.

Blood donation camp



The Pakistan Embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain organized a blood donation camp to support patients in need at King Hamad Hospital. His Excellency Mr. Kashif Sigre, Welfare Attaché, Pakistan Embassy, led this noble initiative.

Teej Festival



The women members of Rajasthanis In Bahrain (RIB) came together to celebrate the vibrant spirit of Teej with traditional attire, fun games, music and delicious food. With love, laughter and the bond of womanhood, the joyous celebrations were well attended by RIB women members with traditional flair and special memories to cherish.

Mandatory health cover for residents to be tendered in August

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A tender to select an insurance firm to run Bahrain's mandatory health package for residents, known as the Hakeem Programme, will open on 4 August.

The Tender Board will oversee the process, acting on behalf of the Supreme Council of Health (SCH).

The contract will run for five years and cover the insurance of medical services provided under the scheme. The chosen company will be responsible for managing payments and benefits for non-citizen residents.

Project

According to an earlier statement by the chairman of the Supreme Council of Health, the project is due to begin before the end of 2025.

The Hakeem Programme aims to provide full medical cover for residents through general practice, hospital care and emergency treatment. It is also designed to bring in private firms to offer competing services.