

# 'Global peace, a collective goal'

Foreign Minister calls for international concerted efforts to secure the world from terror threats

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Dushanbe

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, has stressed that providing a secure and stable environment in light of challenges and dangers facing the region and achieving peace and prosperity is a collective responsibility.

This came as the minister took part, on behalf of His Majesty the King, in the Fifth Summit on Confidence Building Measures in Asia, held yesterday in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan.



Shaikh Khalid speaks at the summit.

In his speech, Shaikh Khalid expressed Bahrain's appreciation of efforts and the varied plans and proposals put forward by member-states to build confidence and face all challenges and threats.

The Kingdom recognises the summit's important role in promoting exchanges among the individuals and welcomes its efforts to establish the business and youth councils to involve all sectors of society in the process of co-operation for full achievement of the United Nations 2030 sustainable Development Plan, he said.

This, he continued, requires common visions and mutual understandings, based on prin-

ciples of respect for sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of states.

In this regard, he spoke of the attempts to destabilise brotherly countries such as the Republic of Yemen, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Lebanese Republic and the Republic of Iraq and the occupation of land and islands in the region.

He cited in particular the occupation of the Palestinian territories and the Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa islands of the United Arab Emirates, calling for effective cooperation and coordination to address issues and acts that undermine peaceful coexistence and well-being of the peoples



Shaikh Khalid with President Emomali Rahmon.

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through extremism and terrorism.

In the light of the recurrent terrorist attacks against oil tank-

ers and serious threat to international maritime traffic, the minister stressed the need for the international community to shoulder its responsibilities to ensure the safety, protection and freedom of maritime navigation and the flow of energy supplies in this vital water corridors in this important region for the global economy and international peace and security.

He reiterated Bahrain's unflinching position vis-a-vis the Palestinian issue that supports the brotherly Palestinians' legitimate rights to establish their independent state on the borders of June 4, 1967, with East Jerusalem as capital within the two-state solution and accord-

ing to the Arab Peace Initiative and the relevant resolutions of the international legitimacy.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs pointed out that as part of the Kingdom's keenness to develop the Middle East and to empower the Palestinian people in particular; it will host an economic workshop entitled "Peace to Prosperity" in partnership with the United States of America.

The workshop, he explained, will support the development efforts in the region and empower the Palestinian people in order to strengthen their capabilities and resources and achieve prosperity and wellness, through investments to benefit the region as a whole.

Earlier, Shaikh Khalid, conveyed greetings from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to President Emomali Rahmon of the Republic of Tajikistan. The minister also conveyed the greetings and good wishes of His Royal Highness Prime Minister, Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, to the Tajikistan President.

## Kingdom to attend global human resources conference

Manama

Board Chairman of the International Federation of Training and Development Organisations, Dr Ibrahim bin Khalifa Al Dosari will head Bahrain's delegation at the 48th 'Conference on Human Resources Development in light of Digital Transformation'.

The conference, which will convene from June 24 to 26 in the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, will shed light on digital transformation and advanced technology and their effect on developing human resources.

The Bahraini delegation will hold a big pavilion representing Bahrain and highlighting



Mr Al Dosari

its civilisational image and achievements.

**1,000**

participants from across the globe who are interested in human resources management and development, will attend the conference.

More than 25 keynote speakers and experts from all over the world will be lecturing at the conference, which will attract over 1,000 participants from across the globe who are interested in human resources management and development.

## New excom elected



The Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India has elected its new executive committee for the year 2019-20. The executive committee's new term will begin on August 1. Above, seated from left to right are: Sunita Gupta (Joint-Treasurer), Raghupathy Iyer (Treasurer), Sandeep Shah (Vice-Chairperson), Maheshkumar Narayan (Chairperson), Ajaykumar Chettuvetty (Secretary) and Raganathan P (Joint Secretary). Standing from left to right are: Bhavin Deliwala, Chetan Dongra, Garvita Shrivastava, Riya Bhansali and Jagadish Padmanabhan.

## Arab League voices solidarity with Saudi

Cairo

The Arab League has strongly condemned the terrorist attack targeting Abha International Airport with a projectile launched by Iranian-backed Houthi terrorist militias, which left 26 people injured, including women and children, from various nationalities.

Arab League Secretary General Ahmad Aboul Gheit affirmed full solidarity with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in confronting these heinous acts, condemning any attempts to

undermine the Kingdom's security and stability.

He condemned the attacks on civilian targets, in breach of the international law provisions.

He denounced the Houthi attempts to expand the crisis, which would have serious pitfalls on the regional security and stability.

The Arab League Secretary General reiterated full solidarity with Saudi leadership, Government and people in confronting these heinous acts, wishing the injured a quick recovery.

## GCC chief condemns Gulf tanker attacks

Riyadh

GCC Secretary General Dr Abdullah Al Zayani has strongly condemned attacks targeting two oil tankers, in the Gulf of Oman.

He described the attacks as a dangerous escalation, a violation of all international norms and laws and a direct threat to the freedom of navigation and world energy supplies, in addition to jeopardising regional and international security and peace.

Mr Al Zayani said that these attacks are terrorist acts that call for a firm, crucial and deterrent response by the international community to protect the international navigation routes,



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in this vital region of the world. Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump has blamed Iran for attacks on oil tankers near the strategic Strait of Hormuz, but he

also held out hope that implicit US threats to use force will yield talks with the Islamic Republic as the Pentagon considers beefing up defences in the Persian

Gulf area.

A day after explosions blew holes in two oil tankers just outside Iran's territorial waters, rattling international oil markets, the administration seemed caught between pressure to punish Iran and reassure Washington's Gulf Arab allies without drawing the US closer to war.

"Iran did it," Trump said on Friday on Fox News Channel's Fox & Friends. He did not offer evidence, but the US military released video it said showed Iran's Revolutionary Guard removing an unexploded mine from one of the oil tankers targeted near the Strait of Hormuz, suggesting Tehran wanted to cover its tracks.