

# Kingdom joins global call to protect freedom of religions

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New York

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, participated in a high-level event entitled "Global Call to Protect Religious Freedom", hosted by the President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The minister expressed appreciation for the President of the United States for hosting the event, which reflects his keenness to reinforce international co-operation in order to guarantee religious freedom in all parts of the world.

He also stressed the importance of enhancing the efforts aimed at consolidating intercultural openness and communication. The event aims to support religious freedom, combat various forms of persecution, address attacks on places of worship, and ensure respect for the cultural and religious heritage of states.

Separately, Shaikh Khalid, met the President of the 74th session of the United Nations Gen-



US President Donald Trump addresses the session.

eral Assembly, Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, in the presence of the President of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa.

The minister extended his congratulations to Mr Muhammed-Bande on being elected as the President of the current session of the General Assembly, wishing him success in fulfilling his tasks in enhancing the role of the UNGA for the benefit of all countries.

Shaikh Khalid stressed the keenness of the Kingdom to further develop co-operation with the United Nations due to its vital role in establishing international peace and security and enhancing sustainable development.

For his part, the President of UNGA hailed the development of the Kingdom in various fields, commending its efforts in achieving the sustainable development goals.

He also noted the Kingdom's policy which focuses on support-

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ing global co-operation to overcome all challenges. The meeting also discussed the main issues and topics enlisted in the current UNGA agenda.

Shaikh Khalid also participated in the High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage and the United Nations Climate Action Summit.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed his sincere appreciation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres, for his role and efforts in holding such high-level meetings that discuss important issues to the international community.



Shaikh Khalid at the session.

Shaikh Khalid affirmed that the Kingdom of Bahrain attaches great importance to universal health coverage, which comes at the forefront of its strategic priorities to achieve the sustainable development goals related to health.

He added that the Kingdom has a distinct experience in providing primary health care services, and is keen to provide therapeutic and pre-

ventive health services of high quality and efficiency in accordance with the best international standards and practices.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs also pointed out that the Kingdom has launched many initiatives to protect the environment and preserve its natural resources, as it also strives to enhance co-operation with the countries of the world to achieve these goals.

## Seminar on fourth industrial revolution



Mr Anand

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The Bahrain Chapter of ICAI will be conducting a seminar on the Impact of Fourth Industrial Revolution on Finance and Auditing on Wednesday, 25th September 2019.

Commenting on it, Chairperson CA Maheshkumar Narayan said the seminar will discuss how artificial intelligence, robotics and automation will define the way in which finance and auditing professionals will function in the near future.

CA Anand Jangid, an experienced fintech enthusiast will be the speaker.

## Premier thanked

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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has received cables of thanks from the Kuwaiti Crown Prince, HH Shaikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah, in reply to the Premier's condolences over the demise of the late Shaikh Talal Nasser Athbi Al Sabah, and the demise of the late Shaikha Anwar Faisal Al Saud Al Sabah.

The Kuwaiti Crown Prince expressed sincere thanks and appreciation to HRH Premier for his heartfelt consolation and fraternal feelings.

HRH Premier also received a cable of thanks from his Kuwaiti counterpart, HH Shaikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah, in reply to his condolences over the demise of the late Shaikha Anwar Faisal Al Saud Al Sabah.

HH Shaikh Jaber Al Mubarak expressed pride in and appreciation of HRH Premier's sincere initiative and feelings, praying to Allah the Almighty to protect HRH the Prime Minister from evil.

## Conference to focus on universal health coverage



Lt General Shaikh Mohammed with the delegation from the International Health Co-operative Network.

Manama

Bahrain is set to host the annual conference of the Joint Learning Network for Universal Health Coverage from December 2 to 7, through co-operation between the Supreme Health Council, the Ministry of Health and the International Health Co-operation Network.

President of the Supreme Health Council Lieutenant General Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa yesterday

received a delegation from the International Health Co-operation Network.

He expressed the kingdom's pride in hosting the annual conference to discuss the best international experiences and practices in comprehensive health coverage. Representatives from 34 countries will participate in the event.

The Supreme Health Council President stressed that choosing Bahrain to host the conference is an international recognition of the kingdom's major health

achievements thanks to the tremendous support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier.

He emphasised Bahrain's keenness on upgrading the health system to ensure sustainability of comprehensive health coverage according to the best international standards.

## BJA to probe into complaints over 'non-credible news'

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The Bahrain Journalists Association (BJA) will soon launch a probe into complaints filed by many journalists over 'news theft' as well as fake news, especially on social media and other online platforms.

Journalists say that this theft of content is totally illegal, and goes against the existing laws governing the functioning of the media organisations in the Kingdom.

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"The press means the institutionalisation of work in accordance with the rules prescribed by the laws, including obtaining licences from the official authorities concerned, and the result is the establishment of a commercial company subject to the rules of business and to allow it to publish ads to finance its activity and the payment of salaries of its employees," the journalists observed.

"Some social media news accounts are stealing contents or quotes of personalities published in local newspapers without even giving a reference. The authorities should put an end to this practice," they urged.