



In celebration of the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the People's Republic of Bangladesh

At the outset, I would like to express deep happiness and appreciation on this 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the People's Republic of Bangladesh, officially announced on the 6th of June 1974. In doing so, may I convey the congratulations and blessings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

As we celebrate this historic diplomatic occasion on the 6th of June this year, let us reflect on the foundations of these bilateral relations: the fundamental principles of mutual respect, friendship and genuine cooperation between the two sides. From these clear and strong values, the past five decades have witnessed significant development across all levels, leading to tangible progress on political, economic, commercial, cultural and other fields.

Diplomatically, these relations were given a further boost with the establishment of a diplomatic mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in the Kingdom of Bahrain in 1983, and Bahrain and Bangladesh have maintained an excellent record of mutual support and cooperation in the United Nations and other multilateral assemblies on both substantive and electoral issues. Further, both countries are active members of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Asian Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), while also enjoying excellent bilateral relations based on shared outlooks, principles and traditions.

In conclusion, as we recognise and celebrate this historic milestone, I have the pleasure to express congratulations and appreciation to the leaderships and peoples of both countries for the friendship and brotherhood they have shown during half a century of diplomatic ties, looking forward to further achievements in the years ahead as we deepen and strengthen these friendly relations to reach even broader horizons, delivering further benefits to both countries and their peoples.

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