

# Google doodle spotlights National Days

National Days celebrations continue in the Kingdom, around the globe

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Celebrations of National Days are continuing all across the Kingdom and abroad, with tech giant Google also joining the party yesterday wearing a red and white-themed livery.

The search engine joined the festivities by wearing a dedicated animated Google Doodle featuring the red and white flag and wrote: "Today's Doodle celebrates Bahrain National Day."

An explanation followed: "National Day celebrations span two days, as the sound of violins and rebabs fill the air with traditional Khaleeji music. Majestic fireworks, cultural concerts, acrobatic performances, magic, and laser shows entertain people until sundown. In the evening, colourful lights illuminate up to half a mile of city streets and walkways. Buildings across the country are decorated with national flags—like the one found in today's Doodle."

"Happy National Day, Bahrain!"

Google had also come up with doodles for Bahrain in 2021, 2020, 2019 and many other times, celebrating National Days.

In one such instance, Google termed Bahrain as the "Pearl of the Gulf" and said, "Bahrain commemorates over 6,000 years of history with two days of events including fireworks, vibrant decorations, and cultural parades filled with song and dance."

The doodle artwork illustrates the red and white flag, formally adopted by Bahrain in 2002.

"The flag's two-colour design traces its origins back to the 1820 General Treaty of Peace with the UK, when Bahrain added the white band to the existing red background to symbolise the harmonious relationship between the two countries," Google wrote in 2020.

In 2021, the tech giant appreciated the significant development of Bahrain along with a doodle. "Since achieving independence in 1971, Bahrain has undergone significant developments in its economy, education, and healthcare, transforming the nation into a key financial, commercial, and tourist centre of the Gulf."

## Drones enter

Things were interesting not in the cyber world alone. Just like in the online world, there was also no shortage of celebrations in the real world too, as in Manama where drones took matters up a level into the sky.

National slogans, wordings of love and artistic performance lit the skies, creating a splendid display for citizens and residents to enjoy.

As drones move out, lasers entered the stage, following which the Public Security Band handled the proceedings.

Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Capital Governor, said the national holidays present a good opportunity to express our deep affection and love for the nation and its leadership.

In the Northern Governorate, Ali bin Sheikh Abdul Hussain Al-Asfoor, Northern Governor, led the celebrations with an Arda organised in cooperation with the General Foundation

## Bahrain on track towards optimising landmark achievements: HM King



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday affirmed that Bahrain is on track towards optimising its landmark achievements, strengthening its leading status and meeting the aspirations of its loyal people.

HM said this while receiving members of the Royal Family

Council at the Al-Sakhir Palace in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Members of the council lauded the tremendous efforts exerted by HM King Hamad to enhance the kingdom's relations with brotherly and friendly countries.

HM King Hamad welcomed

and exchanged with them congratulations.

Separately, HM King received the Speaker of the Council of Representatives, Ahmed bin Salman Al-Musallam, the Chairman of the Shura (Consultative) Council, Ali bin Saleh Al-Saleh, and their deputies at the Sakhir Palace.

HM King Hamad expressed his pride in the top role played

by the legislative branch to develop national action, strengthen the democratic process, defend national interests and fulfil the aspirations of citizens.

King Hamad also commended the dedicated efforts of Bahrainis to serve the Kingdom in all fields and enhance its status at various international gatherings.



2022



2021



2020



2019

The evolution of Google doodle celebrating Bahrain's National Days

for the King Fahd Causeway and Bahraini Arda Society. Brigadier General Khaled Rabia Sinan Al-Dosari, Deputy Governor and a number of officials in the governorate and the General Corporation for the King Fahd Causeway were also present.

Meanwhile, making the festivities vibrant, with a global touch, were embassies of the Kingdom around the globe.

In a ceremony hosted by Ibrahim Mahmoud Ahmed Abdullah, Ambassador to Tunisia, prominent personalities including Fathi Al-Salouti, Minister of Education, representative of the Tunisian government and am-

bassadors representing brotherly and friendly countries took part.

Celebrations in Japan were led by the Ambassador of Bahrain to Japan, Ahmed Mohammed Al-Dosari. Festivities there also coincided with the 50th anniversary of the Bahraini-Japanese diplomatic relations.

The embassy organised an exhibition on the Bahraini natural pearl and gold industry.

## Abu Dhabi

In Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Ambassador of Bahrain to the Arab Emirates, led a celebration



The Russian Space Agency Roscosmos yesterday presented a picture of Bahrain taken from the Russian Spacecraft. The picture titled "This is how Bahrain looks from space" was presented by Russian astronaut Sergey Kudsvorckov to Ahmed Abdulrahman Al Saati, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the Russian Federation.

with the participation of Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence, and ministers, accredited ambassadors, senior military officials, prominent figures in the country and citizens.

## From Russia with Love

Ambassador Bahrain to the Russian Federation, Ahmed Abdulrahman Al-Saati, led festivities in Russia. Special Envoy of the Russian President to the Middle East and Africa, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Mikhail Bogdanov, congratulated the government and people of Bahrain.

He said, "Russian Federation is proud of the strength of bilateral relations and the bonds of cooperation that bind the leadership and people of the two friendly countries."

Mikhail Bogdanov also praised the continuous progress and growth witnessed by Bahrain, the establishment of democratic institutions and commitment to the principles of tolerance, peaceful coexistence and interfaith dialogue, praising the great success achieved by the parliamentary elections that took place in the Kingdom.

Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee in the Russian Parliament, Leonid Slutsky, said Russia is looking forward to strengthening and intensifying joint bilateral cooperation and coordination.

Besides, Moscow decorated its streets with Bahraini flags, including the bridges over the Moskva River near Kremlin in Central Moscow.

## Oman

Similarly, celebrations in Oman were led by Dr Juma Ahmed Al-Kaabi, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Sultanate of Oman.

## Students join hands

Another notable sight yesterday was the love for homeland expressed by people of determination in government schools across the Kingdom.

Student Fatima Ahmed Al-Khayyat from Al-Rawda Elementary School for Girls said: "The love of the homeland has always lived in my eyes."

Muhammad Fadl Halim from the Secondary Religious Institute, Abdul Rahman Al-Dulaimi from Hamad Town Secondary School for Boys, Fatima Al-Dairi from Fatima Bint Al-Khat-tab Primary School for Girls, Adam Moatasem Muhammad from Ammar bin Yasser Primary School for Boys, Farah

## His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday conferred medals on national work pioneers

The honourees are:

1. Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa
2. Faeqa bint Saeed Al-Saleh
3. Ali bin Mohammed Al-Romaihi
4. Ayman bin Tawfiq Al-Moayyed
5. Shaikh Hesham bin Abdulrahman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa
6. Eman Ahmed Al-Dossari
7. Osama Saleh Al-Alawi
8. Major-General Mohammad Abdulla Al-Noaimi
9. Brigadier-General Fahd Mohammed Al-Humaidan Al-Najdi
10. Brigadier-General Dr. Hassan Mohammad Noor
11. Brigadier-General Mohammed bin Mohammed bin Dinah
12. Colonel Tariq Ahmed Ali Al-Buflasa
13. Warrant Officer Ahmed Mohammad Ali Mohammad
14. Abdulla Jehad Abdulla Al-Zain
15. Faisal Mohammed Hassan Al-Mahroos
16. Ghassan Ali Muhanna Mohammed Al-Muhanna
17. Mark Joseph Thomas
18. Mazen Mohammed Ahmad Mattar
19. Ahmed Yousif Talib Abdulghani
20. Abdulla Ali Al-Binkhalil
21. Mustafa Mohammed Ahmed Mustafa
22. Nawaf Abdulla Hamza
23. Shaikha Mariam bint Abdulwahhab Al Khalifa
24. Chancellor Rashid Mohammed Bu Najma
25. Abdulla Khalid Ahmed Al-Nassar Al-Dossari
26. Mohammed Khalid Al-Fadhala
27. Hamad Ali Al-Mannai
28. Ambassador Ali Jassim Al-Arabi
29. Nada Ahmed Mustafa
30. Adnan Abdulwahhab Eshaq
31. Kefaya Habib Al-Anzoor
32. Akbar Jassim Ashour
33. Ziyad Adel Darwish
34. Fatima Abdulghani Ismail
35. Amna Ali Al-Arrayad
36. Huda Mirza Abbas Al-Salman
37. Mohammad Yusif Al-Binfalah
38. Ramzi Raisan Al-Badran
39. Najlaa Mohammed Qassim Al-Shirawi
40. Dr. Haitham Ali Jahrami
41. Dr. Abdulla Mohammed Al-Khan
42. Badriya Jassim Al-Kuwaiti
43. Marwan Fuad Salman Kamal
44. Alia Ali Al-Aali
45. Mustafa Aqeel Al-Shaikh
46. Lama Abbas Saeed Al Mahrouos
47. Abdullhussain Ibrahim Isa
48. Beshara Abdo Beshara
49. Hanan Ibrahim Al Emadi
50. Mohammed Salman Makki Habib
51. Ahmed Abdulghani Isa Ahmed Madan
52. Nabeel Abdulrahman Ajur
53. Hussain Jassim Mohammed Ali Al-Sakran
54. Khalifa Yacub Yousif Al-Amer
55. Mohammed Jassim Al-Amer.

Ahmed from Kairouan Preparatory School for Girls and several other joined hands in love for Bahrain.

The University of Bahrain also joined the festivities with several events with the participation of a large number of students. Art exhibition, Taekwondo performances, and productive families were part of the event.

## Legends at Al Dana

The live performances at Al Dana Theatre also added more colour to festivities yesterday.

"It was a pleasure to welcome an elite group of Gulf singers to our theatre to revive our celebrations of the National Day," said Shane Chalmers, CEO of Al Dana Theatre.