

Solidarity in action

Bahrain dispatches humanitarian aid worth \$1 million to help Palestinians

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The first batch of Bahrain's humanitarian aid for Palestinian people was dispatched yesterday.

It was held under the auspices of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the guidance of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs.

This initiative was launched by the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) and the National Committee for Support



HM the King and Advocacy of the Palestinian People in Gaza, which has collected \$1 million worth of aid within 72 hours.

The first batch of aid was show-



HRH Prince Salman cased to the media at Awal Private Terminal, Muharra, which includes 40 tons of necessary medical supplies, disaster relief, and food for the people in Gaza.



The much-needed humanitarian aid on way to Gaza

Development programs

Speaking to the Daily Tribune, Dr. Mustafa Al-Sayed, Secretary-General of the RHF, said: "Our effort will continue. We are planning to launch development programs including hospitals and schools."

During a meeting held in Jordan, Dr. Al-Sayed assured the counterparts about Bahrain's tremendous support for the Palestinian people at this crucial moment.

Bahrain is ready to launch a few more campaigns to collect aid to Palestinian people, and it will send them immediately.

This is the first batch that Bahrain has provided humanitarian aid to Palestinian people, and it is a testament to the country's commitment to helping those in need.

The aid will provide much-needed relief to the people of Gaza, who have been suffering from a humanitarian crisis for the last couple of weeks.



Bahrain's representatives attend the event

A pioneering model worth emulating

MP Maryam Al Dhaen: Legislative rule in Bahrain guarantees women's rights and protection

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MP Dr. Maryam Al-Dhaen confirmed that the experience of women in the legislative authority in the Kingdom of Bahrain represents a pioneering model because it reflects a firm popular conviction and will that has been formed over the past years, reflecting growing societal awareness and the maturity of the political experience.

Addressing the Forum for Women Parliamentarians in the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Angola yesterday, the MP said the percentage of Arab women's participation in political life varies from one country to another and from one society to another according to the system of laws, values and ideas that prevail in society, with recent decades witnessing a clear increase in the pace of calls to empower women and make room for their participation in political life.

Dr. Al-Dhaen pointed out that although many women's voices were calling for the formation of a 'quota' in Parliament and allocating a percentage of parliamentary seats to women, the leadership believed in the awareness of the people, and succeeded in doing so, and Bahraini women were able to achieve direct, free election through the ballot boxes. During the last session, she had held the position of Speaker of the House of Representatives, the MP said.

She added, "Many statistics related to the extent to which Arab women are empowered to exercise their right to run and



Dr. Al-Dhaen speaks at the conference

New behaviours

Further, she noted that the practices in some societies need further change, as laws alone are not enough. "There is a need in some societies to adopt new behaviours towards women, which reject violence, believes in complete equality, and supports women's right to participate in politics effectively."

MP Al-Dhaen praised the achievements of Bahrain in terms of gender equality, as the principle of equal opportunities is a well-established doctrine and a fundamental pillar of the reform project.

The comprehensive plan brought by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has succeeded in bringing about important changes in civil, political, economic, social, and cultural life, especially with regard to equality between the segments of society, the MP said.

She continued, "The King-

"Bahraini women now are an active partner in supporting the wheel of economic development and sustainable economic growth through global partnerships."

- MP DR. MARYAM AL-DHAEN

dom of Bahrain launched the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women, which contributed to the advancement of Bahraini women, enhancing their role and expanding their participation in various aspects of life, through integration with partners and allies in institutional work so that the Supreme Council for Women becomes the national house of expertise in women's affairs.

"The Council launched an ongoing work programme, which is an integrated program for the political empowerment of Bahraini women that focuses on networking with all concerned parties and institutions to implement a training, qualification and awareness initiatives targeting women who want participate in public affairs."

Supporting vision

Dr. Al-Dhaen stressed that as women's nature tends towards security and peace, the role of Bahraini female parliamentarians evolved in support of this vision.

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