top Bahraini official Atop Dalliam Survey yesterday called for creating a zone free of nuclear and mass destruction weapons in the Middle East.

This came Undersecretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa participated in the 22nd Conference of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention in Hague.

countries should join the conventions and treaties related to the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction and should remain committed to them." Dr Shaikha Rana told the conference which began on 27 November.

She told the conference participants that the destruction of chemical weapons by the Russian



Federation was a move in the right direction and urged the remaining member states to follow suit.

Earlier, Ahmet Üzümcü, Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, who inaugurated the conference stressed that the international community still faces the problem of the continued and systematic use of chemical weapons,

noting the need of chemical weapons users to shoulder their responsibilities for the benefit of all state parties to the convention.

conference also The discussed the progress made in the clearance of declared chemical weapons stockpiles.

Headed this year by Ambassador Abdelouahab Bellouki from Morocco, the conference will continue until December 1.

Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs Dep. Chairman gets top honour

Cairo

Egyptian Abdelfattah President El-Sisi bestowed on Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Khalifa, the Order of the Republic for Sciences and Arts-First Class in tribute for his role in serving religious and cultural issues and backing co-existence, moderation and peace.

The honour was conferred on Shaikh Abdulrahman during the annual celebration marking the birthday of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) which was patronised by the Egyptian President Al-Azhar Conference Centre.

The ceremony was held in the presence of Acting Prime Minister Dr. Mustafa Madbouli, Al-Azhar Al Sharif Grand Imam Sheikh Dr.



Egyptian President during the honouring ceremony

Ahmed Al-Tayyeb, Mufti of the Republic Dr. Shawqi Allam, Endowments Minister and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs Dr. Mohammed Mokhtar Juma'a, ministers, ambassadors of Arab and Islamic countries and scholars from the Endowments and Al-Azhar.

Shaikh Abdulrahman expressed thanks and

appreciation to the Egyptian President for the honour which is considered as a tribute to Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

He lauded deep-rooted historic relations between Bahrain and Egypt, stressing the pivotal role of Egypt in serving Arab and Islamic issues.

Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis Conference

Manama

regional The first region Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) Conference will be held at the Princess Al Jawhara Center on Friday featuring 17 participants representing countries including Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, Oman

To be held under the

patronage of Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council for Health in the Kingdom of Bahrain, the event will bring together Gulf experts who will showcase their experiences in the field of Reproductive Medicine and its latest technologies.

Dr Musallam bin Said

Al-Araimi, Head of Clinical Genetics and Counselling Department at the National Genetic Centre at the Royal Hospital of Oman, will present two papers. Dr Al-Araimi will address the case of a rare genetic disorder which was diagnosed in an Omani child by identifying a specific gene defect for the first time in the Sultanate.

Bahrain US Relations

BAPCO is established by Standard Oil Company of California

Naval support activity Bahrain was established - US Middle East Force

Diplomatic relations between Bahrain and US formally established

Bahrain and the US sign an agreement, to establish US naval and military facilities

Bahrain joined US-led coalition forces in First Gulf War

The US-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement enters into force on August 1

2006

Bahrain joins US-led coalition (ISAF) forces in Afghanistan

Mondelēz International, then known as Kraft Foods, opened its facility in Bahrain, one of the largest internationally owned snacks plants in the Middle East

Alba appoints Bechtel as **EPCM** Contractor for Line 6 Expansion Project

1929

1947

1971

1991

2010

2016

1893

1930

1964

1977

The US designates Bahrain a Major Non-NATO Ally

2002

2008

2014

2017

American missionaries establish healthcare facilities

American Mission School is established, later becoming Al Raja school

HH Sh. Isa Bin Salman Emir of Bahrain visited the US for the first time

The opening of Bahrain embassy in Washington

George W. Bush becomes the first US President to visit Bahrain

Bahrain joins US-led coalition in Syria to fight Daesh

Amazon Web Services launches first hub in MENA region based in Bahrain, amounting to \$1.5 billion of investment