

UK hosts Bahrain Joint Working Group, 17 October 2019

The twelfth UK-Bahrain Joint Working Group took place in London on 17 October, chaired by the Rt Hon. Dr Andrew Murrison MP, UK Minister of State for the Middle East, and His Excellency Shaikh Khalid Bin Ahmed Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bahrain.

Dr Murrison and His Excellency discussed a wide range of areas of bilateral co-operation, including recent political and security developments in the Middle East, economic growth, security, human rights, healthcare, education, and trade.

Speaking at the end of the Joint Working Group, Dr Murrison said:

It was a pleasure to welcome Shaikh Khalid to London for such productive discussions. The UK and Bahrain have always had a close and strong relationship – we reaffirmed our commitment and we work together on a vast range of issues, from defence to education, security to trade.

The UK will continue to support Bahrain as it continues on its journey towards reform, and we will work together to promote peace and security in the Gulf region.

Background

The UK-Bahrain Joint Working Group was established in March 2013. It is a forum for discussing issues of mutual interest across the bilateral relationship, including regional and trade issues, with a focus on reform and human rights.

Further information