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### News Release

#### **PGA HOLDS MEETING IN BAHRAIN TOMORROW**

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**MANAMA, MARCH 14 (BNA) THE THIRD MEETING OF THE ARAB MIDDLE EASTERN GROUP OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION (PGA) WILL BEGIN TOMORROW IN BAHRAIN.**

THE THREE-DAY MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE GULF HOTEL UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF REPRESENTATIVES COUNCIL CHAIRMAN KHALIFA AL DHAHRANI. OPENING REMARKS WILL BE GIVEN BY SECOND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE REPRESENTATIVES COUNCIL AND PGA MEMBER DR SALAH ALI AND MEMBER OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AT THE IRISH PARLIAMENT M J NOLAN. FOLLOWING THAT, LEGAL ADVISOR FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR AT THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC), ROD ROSTAN, WILL PRESENT A PAPER ON CHALLENGES FACING THE COURT AS FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION. THE DISCUSSION WILL BE RAN BY EGYPTIAN MP MOHAMMED SHERDI. THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WORKING ON THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE MEDITERRANEAN AND MPS FROM LEBANON, EGYPT, IRAQ, MOROCCO AND IRELAND. THE THREE-DAY MEETING WILL DISCUSS PAPERS ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE ICC TO ENHANCE HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ROLE OF ARAB STATES IN THAT, CURRENT CASES AS WELL AS UPCOMING ONES AND THOSE UNDER [INVESTIGATION](#) AT THE ICC, COOPERATION OF THE ICC WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, JOINING THE ROME STATUTE OF THE ICC AND CHALLENGES FACING THE ICC AND INVOLVED COUNTRIES. THE GPA MEETING WILL ALSO COME TO TACKLE GOALS OF IMPORTANCE TO PARLIAMENTARIANS IN THE REGION; UNDERSTAND THE SCOPE AND ROLE OF THE ROME STATUTE IN PROTECTING CIVILIANS; DISCUSS THE DOUBLE STANDARDS APPLIED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS THAT HARM THE NATIONAL INTEREST IN THE MAJORITY OF ARAB COUNTRIES. NTQ/

#### **AL BAHARNA RECEIVES PGA DELEGATION**

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**MANAMA, MARCH 18, (BNA)--MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS DR NIZAR BIN SADAQ AL BAHARNA RECEIVED TODAY A DELEGATION FROM PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION (PGA) ASSOCIATION AND DISCUSSED WAYS OF ENHANCING COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS.**

THE DELEGATION LAUDED SUCCESS OF THE ASSOCIATION'S 3RD MIDDLE EAST GROUP MEETING HELD IN BAHRAIN FROM MARCH 15 TO 17 TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE VITAL ROLE PLAYED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT IN ENFORCING THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW AND TACKLING VIOLATIONS AGAINST HUMANITY. BAHRAIN'S PIONEERING REGIONAL ROLE TO FOSTER PEACE THROUGH VARIOUS MECHANISMS WAS ALSO DISCUSSED ALONGSIDE OTHER REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE PARLIAMENT SECOND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN DR SALAH ALI AND LEGISLATIVE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEAD KHALIL AL MARZOUQ. AOQ 18-MAR-2009 18:09

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