

## **GCC NATO MEDIA CONFERENCE TO KICK OFF IN MANAMA**

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**MANAMA, MAY 28, (BNA) -- MEDIA IN A CHANGING WORLD BETWEEN GCC AND NATO VISIONS IS THE THEME OF A CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD IN MANAMA ON MAY 26, 2007 BY THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION IN COOPERATION WITH NATO MEDIA DEPARTMENT.**

A HOST OF MEDIA FIGURES, ACADEMICIANS AND DIPLOMATS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF CIVIL INSTITUTIONS IN BAHRAIN AND THE GCC ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF INFORMATION MINISTER DR. MUHAMMED ABDUL GHAFFAR ABDULLA. THE CONFERENCE IS TO DISCUSS GCC AND NATO VISIONS VIS--VIS MEDIA RESPONSES TO THE OVERALL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, FOCUSING IN PARTICULAR ON A NUMBER OF MAJOR ISSUES LIKE NATO AND GCC SECURITY, ISTANBUL INITIATIVE AFTER THREE YEARS, MEDIA COVERAGE OF INTERNATIONAL AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVITIES AND PROSPECTS OF NATO-GCC COOPERATION, THE MINISTER. THE CONFERENCE, THE MINISTER NOTED, TRANSLATES THE KEENNESS OF BAHRAIN AND THE GCC TO COORDINATE AND COOPERATE WITH THE NATO TO SET DOORS OPEN FOR LOCAL MEDIA TO PLAY THEIR KEY ROLE IN SPREADING THE CULTURE OF SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE REGION TO HELP SEEK PEACEFUL AND DIPLOMATIC SETTLEMENT OF CURRENT PROBLEMS. THE GCC AND NATO ARE MAKING STEADY STEPS ON THE PATH OF COOPERATION TO PRESERVE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE GULF WHICH REPRESENTS A REGION OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S TEXTURE, DR. ABDUL GHAFFAR EXPLAINED. THE CHANGES TAKING PLACE AT ALL SECURITY, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEVELS IN THE REGION ALONG WITH THE TENSION, VIOLENCE AND CONFLICTS TEARING THE WORLD AND THE DISEQUILIBRIUM AT THE MASTERY LEVEL OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR MEDIA TO COVER EXISTING DEVELOPMENTS AND PROPOSE NEW AND APPROPRIATE WORK METHODS IN DEALING WITH THEM. THE MINISTER SAID THE MINISTRY'S PATRONAGE OF THE CONFERENCE GOES IN LINE WITH ITS POLICY OPTING FOR INVIGORATION OF BAHRAIN'S COOPERATION TIES AND COORDINATION WITH REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND DEPLOYMENT OF MEDIA FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE AND STABILITY. THIS IN ADDITION, HE ADDED, TO THE MINISTRY'S CONTINUOUS ENCOURAGEMENT OF MEDIA PEOPLE AND EXPANSION OF THEIR ROLE IN APPROACHING REGIONAL AND GLOBAL CAUSES. MTQ 28-MAY-2007 22:30