

# THE GCC BRIEFING

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## Bahrain

**Politics:** Foreign Minister meets US National Security Chief. The meeting reviewed the historical ties between the Kingdom of Bahrain US and the will to develop close cooperation. Shaik Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Khalifa met with EU High Representative Federica Mogherini, he expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Mrs. Mogherini to develop relations between the GCC and the European Union.

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## Kuwait

**Politics:** Speaker Al-Ghanim meets his Sweden counterpart in Stockholm. Kuwait's FM meets Iraqi counterpart on side-lines of anti-IS meeting in US, it emerged the will of both the sides to boost their growth as country. Kuwait keen on continuing support Iraq.

**Economy:** Kuwait and Turkey have signed three agreements worth 15 million to contribute to the response plan on Syrian refugees.

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## Qatar

**Politics:** The Qatari Chief of Justice met Turkish Official for ensuring cooperation and coordination between the two judiciaries on Legal and Judicial matters.

Foreign minister Sheik Mohammed bin Abdoullrahman Al-Thani met with EU high representative for foreign affairs and security policy Federica Mogherini. The two-side discussed about the developments in Lybia and Syria and the effort to fight ISIS in Mosul and Raqqa.

On the 22/03/2017 Qatar participates in the fifth GCC e-Gouvernement Ministerial Committee Meeting.

On 16/03/2017 UN Commissioner for refugees met Qatar's Ambassador, they discuss way to strengthen and develop cooperation in protecting the rights of the refugees.

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## **Saudi Arabia**

**Politics:** The king of Saudi Arabia Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud receives the Chief of British Défense Staff, during the meeting they reviewed relationships of friendship and areas of defense cooperation between the two countries.

Crown Prince presides over Civil Defense Council Meeting.

There is satisfaction with the level of security stability and prosperity enjoyed by the country.

H.R.H: Prince Fahad bin Abdulla bin Jalawi Al-Said met H.R.H. Prime Minister of Bahrain.

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## **United Arab Emirates**

### **Politics:**

Gargash highlights UAE's counter-terrorism initiatives at anti-Daesh global coalition meeting in Washington

The UAE appreciates the United States administration's clear policy against extremism and terrorism, and its understanding of relevant regional consequences, said Dr. Anwar bin Mohammed Gargash, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

Mohammed bin Rashid and Armenian President discuss bilateral relations and regional currents  
On Tuesday 16/03/2017 UAE attends Interpol Heads of National Central Bureau conference.