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BAHRAIN APPRECIATES KL'S SUPPORT OF ARAB CAUSES

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa of Bahrain has expressed deep appreciation for the important and effective role played by Malaysia on the Islamic and international levels.

The Bahraini head of government, who ended his two-day visit to Malaysia today, was also appreciative of Kuala Lumpur's firm support to just Arab causes.

In a farewell statement, Shaikh Khalifa said: "We were privileged to witness great economic and social achievements in Malaysia that could only be brought about by the strong will and determination of its people and a wise and visionary leadership."

He said the agreements signed during the visit would definitely help consolidate ties between Bahrain and Malaysia especially in the fields of oil and economy.

Kuala Lumpur and Manama signed two memorandums of understanding (MOUs), one on the establishment of a Malaysian Trade and Distribution Centre (MTDC) in Bahrain and the other on the development of Islamic banking and finance.

The two MoUs were inked by Shaikh Khalifa and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

In addition, national oil company, Petronas, signed two agreements with the government of Bahrain on oil exploration and production-sharing in respect of two blocks located on the eastern offshore area of Bahrain.

"I would like to thank Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his gracious hospitality that truly reflects the cordial links, the spirit of strong friendship and sincere ties of mutual cooperation linking our two peoples and countries together," Shaikh Khalifa said.

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