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## **U.S. Ambassador Thomas C. Krajeski's Statement on the Occasion of the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day**

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On behalf of President Obama and the people of the United States of America, I congratulate the people and government of Bahrain as you commemorate the Kingdom's 41st National Day. We see this important occasion as an opportunity to celebrate the history and achievements of the Bahraini people as well as the common values and interests shared between the United States and the Kingdom of Bahrain.

We thank His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for supporting and advancing the Kingdom of Bahrain's friendship with the United States of America. We also pay our respects to His Royal Highness the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and gratefully acknowledge their dedication to building a strong and mutually beneficial partnership. The United States values greatly our relationship with Bahrain, rooted in a history of personal, professional, diplomatic and military cooperation that dates to the early years of the 20th century. Our bilateral relationship has produced economic, social, political and cultural benefits for Americans and Bahrainis alike.. We are committed to building upon this vital partnership with the Kingdom and

strengthening the special US-Bahraini friendship, based on mutual respect and our long history of consultation and cooperation.

We look forward to working closely with the Government of Bahrain under the leadership of His Majesty the King, and to working with all Bahrainis to assure a prosperous, secure, and peaceful future for our nations.

Congratulations and best wishes on the 41st anniversary of Bahrain's independence.