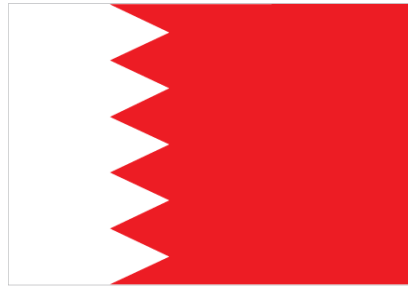




BAHRAIN



INTRODUCTION

In 1783, the Sunni Al-Khalifa family took power in Bahrain. In order to secure these holdings, it entered into a series of treaties with the UK during the 19th century that made Bahrain a British protectorate. The archipelago attained its independence in 1971.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

King HAMAD bin Isa Al-Khalifa

Head of Government

Prime Minister SALMAN bin Hamad Al-Khalifa

Government Type

constitutional monarchy

Capital

Manama

Legislature

bicameral National Assembly consists of the Consultative Council or Majlis al-Shura (40 seats) and the Council of Representatives or Majlis al-Nuwab (40 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 760 sq km
Land: 760 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate

arid; mild, pleasant winters; very hot, humid summers

Natural Resources

oil, associated and nonassociated natural gas, fish, pearls

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

heavily dependent oil/gas economy, has suffered due to lower prices and COVID-19 demand reductions; diversification struggles driven by unemployment and low-skilled labor force; deployed fiscal balancing efforts; emerging tourism industry hit hard by COVID-19 disruptions

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$69.65 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$40,900 (2020 est.)

Industries - petroleum processing and refining, aluminum smelting, iron pelletization, fertilizers, Islamic and offshore banking, insurance, ship repairing, tourism

Agricultural products - mutton, dates, milk, poultry, tomatoes, fruit, sheep offals, sheep skins, eggs, pumpkins

Exports \$27.64 billion (2018 est.)

refined petroleum, aluminum and plating, crude petroleum, iron ore, gold (2019)

partners: UAE 31%, Saudi Arabia 12%, Japan 8%, US 8% (2019)

Imports \$23.4 billion (2018 est.)

cars, iron ore, jewelry, gold, gas turbines (2019)

partners: UAE 27%, China 11%, Saudi Arabia 7%, US 5%, Brazil 5%, Japan 5%, India 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

1.5 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

0.9% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Bahraini 46%, Asian 45.5%, other Arab 4.7%, African 1.6%, European 1%, other 1.2% (includes Gulf Co-operative country nationals, North and South Americans, and Oceanians) (2010 est.)

Language

Arabic (official), English, Farsi, Urdu

Religion

Muslim 73.7%, Christian 9.3%, Jewish 0.1%, other 16.9% (2017 est.)

