

# Celebrating 1 Year Anniversary of the Comprehensive Security and Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA)

## Kingdom of Bahrain & the United States' Strategic Partnership

The Kingdom of Bahrain and the United States have strengthened its strategic partnership through September 2023 signing of the "Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement" (C-SIPA). This agreement develops a new framework for enhanced regional security, expansion of defense and security cooperation, guidance on strengthening trade and investment ties, and foster a new era of collaboration in science and technology.



“At the heart of the agreement is a shared goal: working together to build a region that is more secure, that’s more prosperous, and that’s more connected to the world economy.”

- U.S. SECRETARY ANTONY BLINKEN

## Key Principles

### Defense and Security Cooperation



Strengthen coordination between the Kingdom of Bahrain and U.S. military, including the integration of intelligence capacities to ensure improved deterrence and response to regional threats.

### Economic, Commercial, and Trade Cooperation



Develop new opportunities to strengthen economic resilience of both the U.S. and Bahrain by continuing to develop diversified supply chains as trusted partners.

### Science, Technology, and Network Security



The first binding U.S. international agreement of its kind to promote cooperation in developing and deploying trusted technologies, which are vital to protecting our critical systems and peoples' privacy from bad actors.

## C-SIPA 1 Year Developments

C-SIPA Defense Working Group met in July to coordinate on regional security issues and deepen the bilateral defense partnership.

U.S. EXIM Bank approves \$500M loan guarantee to Bahrain's Bapco Energies to support around 2,100 U.S. jobs in Texas for gas field development.

Resecurity, a U.S. cybersecurity company opens new office in Bahrain to serve Middle East market.



“This agreement will be the foundation for a new global architecture; we will be welcoming more members, and [through this agreement] we are reaffirming our direction for the future.”

- HRH CROWN PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFIA



## C-SIPA: 2025 and Beyond

**C-SIPA is a framework for other Middle East countries to join in strengthening regional stability, economic cooperation, and technological innovation.**

The Agreement offers an unparalleled opportunity to build out an integrated security and defense structure while simultaneously forming a network of trusted partners for economic development and technological integration.

C-SIPA is also enabling expanded cooperation and collaboration between the U.S. and Bahrain, aligning with the Kingdom of Bahrain’s goals to strengthen its partnership with the U.S. by fostering deeper ties across strategic sectors.:

- Elimination of Section 232 Tariffs on Bahrain steel and aluminum.
- Restoration of direct flights from the United States to Bahrain.
- Collaboration on advancing the Bahrain National Cyber Security Center and expansion of private sector partnerships, such as the Resecurity technology hub.
- Expanded research and development and technology transfer between Bahrain and U.S. universities, especially on semiconductor manufacturing and services.
- Opening of the U.S. Free Trade Zone.

## Historic U.S. – Bahrain Ties



Hosts the headquarters of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and the Fifth Fleet, including over ten thousand American military personnel



Attained formal U.S. recognition as a “major non-NATO ally” in 2002



Signed U.S.-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement with the United States in 2006



Anticipated to open U.S. Free Trade Zone in 2025



First Arab state to lead a Combined Maritime Forces Coalition Task Force to patrol regional waters



Participated in the coalition to defeat the Islamic State



Provided personnel for the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan



Became a founding signatory to the Abraham Accords with Israel